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GLUCKSTADT

Aldermen hesitate to regulate nail salons

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GLUCKSTADT — An attempt to put a 90-day moratorium on new nail salons here failed to pass Tuesday night as objecting aldermen called it a “slippery slope” to start regulating specific businesses.

Bates first brought up the idea in January, saying there is an over-saturation of new nail salons coming to the city and they should explore possibilities such as space requirements.

Another is located slightly outside the city limits. He said a preliminary search of nearby cities showed only seven total nail salons in Madison and eight in Ridgeland.

Board Attorney John Scanlon said the moratorium would “press pause” and keep the status quo while the board determined if a need for any new zoning regulations existed.

Mayor Walter Morrison asked what steps would be taken in the 90 days to determine if any changes were to be made.

then pointed to pizza places and whether or not they would be next, calling it all a slippery slope. Alderman Jayce Powell concurred, saying coffee places and dentist offices could be next.

Alderman Miya Warfield

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RIDGELAND

Jacksonians arrested in weekend shooting

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RIDGELAND — Four people have been arrested and two charged as adults in connection with a shooting in the Hawthorn Green subdivision over the weekend.



Jazanae Johnson

Ridgeland Police Chief Brian Myers said the four have been charged in the shooting which occurred on Saturday, Feb. 3.



Marquerious Martin

“I would like to thank our officers and detectives for their dedication and determination as we responded, investigated, developed and pursued these suspects,” Myers said.



Moeshia Paige

He said two of those arrested will be charged as adults although they are under the age of 18.



Terrence Watson

Those two are Terrence Terrill Watson and Moeshia Tawana Tawana Paige.

Paige, 17, of 409 Houston Avenue, Jackson, was arrested and charged as an adult with shooting into a dwelling and conspiracy.

Terrence Terrill Watson, 16, of 1805 Hospital Drive, Jackson, was arrested and charged as an adult with shooting into a dwelling and conspiracy.

Authorities have also identified Jazanae Alondria Johnson and Marquerious Lecell Martin as suspects charged in the case.

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Crews tear down the former Ridgeland City Hall building located on U.S. Highway 51 weeks after a contractor accidentally tore down a section.

RIDGELAND

Rest of old city hall demolished

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RIDGELAND — A crew was working to complete the demolition of the old City Hall building here that was accidentally partially demolished earlier this year.

Public Works Director Alan Hart said the city could not discuss the issue due to pending litigation with the contractor, who has yet to be identified.

“We simply are not in a position to discuss while this is an ongoing legal matter,” Hart said.

The accidental demolition of the building at the corner of U.S. 51 and Lake Harbour Drive occurred on Monday, Jan. 15, while the contractor was demolishing an old shopping center behind the former government building.

Mayor Gene F. McGee said at the time. City officials would not say if the contractor seen finishing the demolition of the old city hall building earlier this week was the initial contractor or another company.

The city still owns the property and has had it up for sale.

According to Hart, the matter has been discussed privately during executive sessions at various city board meetings with city attorneys.

City officials have yet to identify the contractor, although the Journal submitted a public information request for that information on Wednesday.

“We will process the request ASAP,” Hart said.

Hart has said that the city accepted a contract for asbestos removal and demolition of the shopping center with the contractor for \$47,000. He said this was

the lowest of four bids received for that project. The contract did not have to go before the board of aldermen because it was below the \$75,000 threshold.

The city board approved an agenda item unanimously on the consent agenda at the Oct. 3, 2023, regularly scheduled meeting for the Public Works Department to advertise bids for asbestos abatement and demolition of the shopping center.

The shopping center was acquired by the city for demolition to allow for upcoming improvements at the intersection of U.S. 51 and Lake Harbour Drive. The property was purchased in late 2023 for \$1,165,000, Hart said.

The city is currently waiting to hear from the Mississippi Department of Transportation to finalize plans for the intersection improvement, according to McGee.

“It will be a little while,” he said.

The shopping center once had a liquor store, a coin laundry, and other businesses.

The Journal reported in July 2022 that city officials put plans for the coin laundry to expand on hold saying they were not sure what the future held for the building.

Ward 2 Alderman Chuck Gautier acknowledged the traffic issues at the intersection at the time. He argued that traffic coming in and out of the existing building was “horrible” and argued the building was “past its prime.”

“I think the city would benefit from that building not being there,” Gautier said. McGee agreed during that meeting that the building could soon become unusable.

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Ladd delivers opening prayer

Dr. Breck Ladd gave the opening prayer to the Mississippi House of Representatives recently. Dr. Ladd is the senior pastor of First Baptist Church Madison. He was invited by Representative Jill Ford (R – Madison) and Representative Andy Boyd (R – Columbus). Pictured, from left, are Rep. Jill Ford, Dr. Breck Ladd, Speaker Jason White and Rep. Andy Boyd.



Tate delivers opening prayer

Reverend Clyde Tate, Senior Pastor of St. James Missionary Baptist Church in Canton, and Greater Antioch Baptist Church in Jackson delivered an opening prayer to the Mississippi Senate on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at the invitation of Senator Joseph Thomas Sr., who led the Pledge of Allegiance before Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann guided lawmakers through the day's agenda.



Hurst speaks for first time in House chamber

Freshman Representative Celeste Hurst, who represents part of Madison County, introduced House Bill 634 to the Mississippi House of Representatives marking her first time speaking from the well in the House Chamber. The bill would authorize a government agency to determine the amount of a sidearm of a retired or deceased law enforcement officer. The bill passed by a vote of 117-1.

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Avenue, Jackson, and Johnson, 19, 4662 Kirkland Drive, Jackson, were both arrested and charged with shooting into a dwelling and conspiracy.

Ridgeland Police responded to the report of multiple shots fired into a home locat-

ed off of William Boulevard at about 12:14 a.m., Myers said.

"There was no one at home during the incident and there were no injuries," Myers said.

Investigators were called out and the scene was thoroughly processed for evidence, he said. This incident stems from an ongoing dispute between a juvenile resident of the home and another female, according to Myers.

Johnson and Paige were the first two arrested, according to Myers.

Jail records show Watson and Martin were arrested on Friday, Feb. 9.

"With the assistance of the US Marshals Fugitive Task Force we were able to safely arrest Martin and Watson this morning in Jackson," Myers said. "Valuable evidence has been recovered to link these suspects to this crime."

All will be held with no bond in the Madison County Detention Center. Preliminary Hearings are set for Tuesday, Feb. 27.

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Expanding school choice

School choice is winning from coast to coast. Last year, six states created programs offering every student a shot at the high-quality education once exclusive to the privileged. Even more are moving in this direction in 2024.

There are alternatives to the traditional public school system in most of the country, and this is driving renewed interest. The nonprofit National School Choice Awareness Foundation released a survey last month suggesting that nearly 2 in 3 parents are exploring options other than their assigned district public school. Some 43% of those surveyed have already gone in a nontraditional direction, such as a charter school, private school, magnet school or homeschooling for at least one child.

Sensing the popularity of school choice, the Missouri House of Representatives last month approved open enrollment legislation granting parents the option of sending their children to any public school in the state, regardless of where they live, liberating those who might be trapped in a failing or dangerous environment. The state Senate has also advanced a bill to expand the current school choice scholarship program.

In other states, lawmakers are taking defensive positions to resist the assault of teachers unions desperate to retain their iron grip over the K-12 classroom.

Nebraska enacted the Opportunity Scholarship Act last year to provide millions in public funds to help low-income families afford private schools. Lawmakers there began working this week on a proposal to sidestep a union-backed scheme to pull the plug on the program before it has a chance to help anyone.

Defenders of the status quo casually

toss around terms like "racist" to describe any who dare challenge their schoolhouse monopoly. The facts say otherwise. The Current Project, a nonprofit dedicated to creating upward mobility for Black single mothers, released a survey Monday suggesting these moms are tired of the "one size fits all" system. Some 86% responding to the nationwide poll said they're more likely to vote for political candidates who embrace school choice.

The new way of thinking about education isn't limited to K-12 schools. High school students who intend to go to college are no longer stuck with the standardized ACT or SAT admissions test, which have become increasingly politicized to fit in with the latest progressive fads.

Florida's state university system last year began accepting the Classic Learning Test as an alternative, and the number of students ditching the testing duopoly for CLT has grown tenfold. Instead of reflecting the fleeting ideologies of the present, the exam draws from the timeless texts of civilization's greatest minds to challenge students.

A similar appreciation for the timeless can be found at the University of Austin, a new private college offering a classically minded curriculum in a forum that, unlike most educational institutions, rejects today's cancel culture in favor of critical thinking.

It's a sign of the times that turning to the best minds of past generations for guidance has become a revolutionary idea. But the school choice revolution is exactly what's needed to escape the groupthink that has imprisoned so many young minds. And freeing those minds is the key to the long-term health of our republic.

— *The Washington Times*

Senate's broken border bill

The immigration overhaul proposed in the Senate seeks to fix that with a \$118 billion legislative spending package that would allow illegal border crossings by the millions to continue. House Republicans are right to declare the measure dead on arrival.

The 370-page measure unveiled Sunday would reduce the flow of illegal immigrants to an average of 5,000 per day before President Biden and his successors are empowered — but not required — to close the border. The president already has that power under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

It's a telling example of Washington's upside-down priorities that the Senate would consider a measure that gives a free pass to as many as 1.8 million people to enter the country illegally each year while increasing the annual number of legal immigrants by a mere 50,000. Negotiator Sen. James Lankford, Oklahoma Republican, insists that other expulsion provisions would keep the cross-border flow under control. In theory, at least.

The legislation, cooked up in the dark of night, contains provisions its supporters claim are essential to control immigration, including more funds for border barriers, Border Patrol officers and immigration adjudication. It also includes nearly \$87 billion the president wants to send to Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan as they struggle to fend off their respective foes.

Law-abiding Americans have marveled at the Biden-era spectacle of some 10 million foreigners skipping across the border, with a large number gaining asylum. The proper number of foreign nationals allowed entry without proper justification is zero.

That's because orderly civilization depends on the rule of law. Granting legal exemption to certain classes of foreign citizens doesn't simply invite disorder — it

institutionalizes it. Recently, televised images of young men from Venezuela attacking New York City police officers, then flashing a middle-finger salute after their arrest and release, serve as a jarring symbol of their disrespect for a nation they intend to call home.

To restore some semblance of decorum, Mr. Biden doesn't need new authority or the money for which he persistently begs. He merely needs to enforce statutes he has purposely trampled on from his first day in the Oval Office up to the present. If he has refused for three years to perform his duty to safeguard the nation, what assurance do Americans have that he would honor it now? Also zero.

Americans have a heart for human need, demonstrated by upward of \$500 billion they donate annually to all manner of charity — even in the economy-crushing pandemic year of 2022. The president's open-border policies, however, are triggering an understandable annoyance with foreigners who demonstrate their gratitude for our country's generosity by showing up unannounced on Main Street with palms outstretched.

A YouGov survey released last week is telling. Among U.S. adult citizens queried, 37% said immigration makes the U.S. worse off; 31% said it makes the nation better. And 18% said immigration doesn't make much difference. Notably, the question prompting the anti-immigration outcome didn't even mention the world illegal.

President Biden's unprincipled failure to safeguard the U.S. border while hectoring Americans to provide for the borders of Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan is driving Americans to distraction. The Senate bill is likely going nowhere, and that's as it should be.

— *The Washington Times*

CAL THOMAS

The unmaking of a president

Beginning with the election of John F. Kennedy in 1960 and through the re-election of Richard Nixon in 1972, political journalist and biographer Theodore H. White wrote books called "The Making of a President." Were he alive today he might title one about Joe Biden "The Unmaking of a President."

The deplorable state of the president is obvious to all but those who are desperately hoping they can drag him across the finish line in November.

The administration appears desperate, if not devastated, following the release of a report by Special Counsel Robert Hur that included Hur's observation that Biden could not be indicted for "willfully" keeping and sharing classified papers because he is an "elderly man with a poor memory."

At a hastily called news conference that seemed to underscore rather than refute Hur's observations, Biden called the president of Egypt the president of Mexico. He also kept fumbling at what appeared to be pages in a notebook. These pages usually contain anticipated answers to reporters' questions. He never got to the right pages.

As if this wasn't enough self-inflicted damage, the administration rolled out the equally inarticulate vice president to defend Biden. Kamala Harris, whose remarks have been called "word salads" by critics, tried to convince us that what we are seeing and hearing is not the Biden she knows. In this, she followed the example of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, who has repeatedly claimed the southern border is "secure." They want us to believe them instead of what our "lying

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eyes" are telling us.

The major media, until recently enablers of the president, are starting to show cracks in their alliance. Writing in the largely pro-Biden New York Times, columnist Bret Stephens emphatically states, "Democrats can no longer stay silent about Biden."

The equally fawning Washington Post: "Hair on fire": Democratic worries grow over claims about Biden's memory lapses."

Politico reported on remarks by longtime Democratic Party strategist Paul Begala: "I'm a Biden supporter. And I slept like a baby last night. I woke up every two hours and wet the bed. (The Hur report) is terrible for Democrats. And anybody with a functioning brain knows that." Speaking of the president's press conference, Begala said, "I think Biden made it worse, no question about it."

Ian Sams, the spokesman for the White House Counsel's office, called passages in the Hur report about Biden's mental state "gratuitous" and "inappropriate." Except they weren't. After spending five hours in two interviews with the president, Hur's statements are at the heart of why he thinks a D.C. jury would be sympathetic to Biden and never convict him. It reminds me of then-FBI Director James Comey's rationale for

not recommending Hillary Clinton be indicted for mishandling classified documents: "Although we did not find clear evidence that Secretary Clinton or her colleagues intended to violate laws governing the handling of classified information, there is evidence that they were extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information."

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No such absolution is granted to Donald Trump, because as Hur claimed, Trump's case is different. That is unlikely to go down well with Trump supporters. No wonder so many believe there are two-tiers in our justice system.

Reporters are starting to interview doctors to get them to speculate about Biden's mental state. While acknowledging they have not examined the president, some say he should be given a cognitive test. If he does take a test, the full results should be released. If he doesn't, the media should keep asking why not?

Questions are being raised whether the president is fit for a second term. I'm wondering if he can make it to the end of this term and whether America's enemies may see an opportunity to do things they would probably not do if a fully functioning president were in charge.

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RICH LOWRY

Biden should surrender at the border

Perhaps the most head-spinning statement of the Biden years came about a week ago when President Joe Biden endorsed an impending Senate immigration deal so he could "shut down" the border.

This, after the president had dismantled all the Trump policies that had secured the border; after Biden and his minions had refused for years to call the chaos at the border a "crisis"; after doing all he could to re-direct illegal immigrants to newly created legal channels to launder them into the country through different means.

Then, all of a sudden, when the calendar flipped from 2023 to the election year of 2024, Biden sounded like a Donald Trump-style border hawk.

The Senate deal represents Biden's best chance to try to escape the border morass of his own creation. The latest NBC News poll highlights the president's dilemma — he trails Trump by 35 points on who would do a better job securing the border.

The way out for Biden isn't passing the bill and immediately shutting down the border. The fact of the matter is that the deal is unlikely to pass given fierce opposition in the Republican-held House, and the border shutdown isn't quite as advertised (it is triggered only when there are elevated levels of illegal immigration and asylum-seekers would continue to come through ports of entry).

No, what Biden and the Democrats are hoping is that they can turn the politics of immigration on its head by

Give Biden the border shutdown authority he wants. This, after the president had dismantled all the Trump policies that had secured the border.

blaming Republicans for rejecting a solution to the border out of sheer partisan cussedness and loyalty to Donald Trump, who vociferously opposes deal.

"We need help," Biden said after the bill was released. "Why won't they give me the help?"

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, a Democrat from New York, asked: "Will the senators drown out the political noise from Trump and his minions and do the right thing for America? It's a crucial question. History is looking down on every one of us right now."

It's not obvious when Democrats began to think that cracking down on the border is the way to be on "the right side of history," but clearly a memo went out sometime over the last month.

It's not as though Biden has been trying his utmost to control the border — using executive orders, creative interpretations of the laws and any other tool at hand — and then in frustration came to Congress for new authorities because he's exhausted every one he already has.

He's ignored the pleas for help from border states, disregarded the distress of big city Democrat mayors, and looked away from the damning

images of long lines of illegal immigrants from all over the world walking into the country.

His position now is, effectively, that Congress has to stop him from continuing on his current course lest things truly get out of hand.

If this doesn't make much sense, at the very least he's, for now, divided the GOP on an issue that had united them.

It's unclear how much Biden can get from this, given that he's president and the border failures have been on his watch. Still, it behooves Republican opponents of the deal to try to limit any potential political damage. The GOP House should counter by offering a simple, easy-to-understand bill to give Biden the clear, immediate authority to shut down the border without any of the triggers or limits of the Senate deal, or other complex provisions.

The GOP's posture should be, "You, Mr. President, say you want to be a border hawk. Well, we think you already have the ability to do much more than you're doing now, but regardless, here's a new, unmistakable codification of your ability, nay, responsibility, to exclude all illegal immigrants. Have at it."

If Biden took that deal, it would represent a complete surrender. If he rejected it, as is likely, it would once again show his lack of seriousness about border security.

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LETTERS

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BIBLE SELECTION

it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

— 1 Corinthians 13: 6-7 (ESV)



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OBITUARIES

Claude Shelby Cain

Claude Shelby Cain, of Ridgeland, MS, beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother, passed away peacefully in his sleep on February 8, 2024.

"Skip", as he was known to family and friends, was born in Monticello, MS on February 2, 1937 to Claude and Margaret Fairman Cain.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Gerry Bell Cain; his daughter Carrie Cain McMahon (John) of Birmingham, AL; three grandchildren, Shelby McMahon Hunter (John) of Chattanooga, TN, John James McMahon IV of Atlanta, GA, Andrew Crawford McMahon of Birmingham, AL; a sister, Mary Claire Cain Norsworthy (Ralph) of Birmingham, AL; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two younger brothers, Charles Fairman Cain and Eugene Price Cain.

A memorial service was held February 10 at Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church.

Memorial donations may be made to French Camp Academy or the charity of your choice.

Dr. Glyn Roy Hilburn

Dr. Glyn Roy Hilburn passed away peacefully on February 3rd at St. Dominic's Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi after a brief illness.

Dr. Hilburn was born in Lucedale, MS, on May 16, 1938, to B.J. Hilburn and Evelyn Marie Griffin Hilburn. He graduated from Lucedale High School in 1955 and attended Mississippi State University before transferring to the University of Mississippi Medical School in Jackson.

He graduated from medical school in 1962 and did a fellowship at the University of Texas Medical Branch (John Sealy) in Galveston, Texas. He returned to the University of Mississippi Medical School and completed surgical residency in 1967.

While obtaining this residency, Dr. Hilburn was chosen by Dr. James D. Hardy, who was head of the Department of Surgery and his mentor, to be part of the organ transplant team.

On January 23, 1964, Dr. Hilburn was part of the team that transplanted the first heart to a human.

He was in private practice and served as a staff member of Singing River Hospital in Pascagoula, Mississippi for 38 years. During this time, he was Chief of Staff of Singing River, Chief of Surgery, a member of the Executive Committee of the hospital, and Medical Director of the Surgical Intensive Care Unit. He was also a member and past President of the Singing River Medical Society, a member of the Mississippi State Medical Association, as well as the Southern Medical Association.

He was a fellow in the James D. Hardy Society. Dr. Hilburn served his country as a Colonel in the United States Army Reserve and reported for active duty during Operation Desert Storm where he was a commander of a Medical Detachment located in Saudi Arabia and Iraq. He was a member of the 114th Evac Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, which was the medical unit that provided support for rapid deployment.

He was a member of Dantzer Memorial United Methodist Church in Moss Point and First Baptist Church of Madison. He was a longtime member of the Young Men's Business Club of Moss Point. He was honored to be the King of their Carnival Ball in 1978. After Hurricane Katrina flooded their home in 2005, he and Elizabeth decided to move north to Madison where they have spent the last 18 years.

Dr. Hilburn was preceded in death by his parents, B.J. and Marie Hilburn of Lucedale, his brother Dr. Benton Hilburn of Tupelo and his nephew Kevin Hilburn.

He is survived by his wife

of 58 years, Elizabeth Judge Hilburn of Madison, his daughter Hayley Hilburn Lundy (John) of Ridgeland, and his son Glyn Roy Hilburn, Jr. (Lisa) of Moss Point, four grandchildren: Laura Elizabeth (Eliza) Lundy of Washington, D.C., Anne Marie Lundy and Mary Gibson Lundy of Ridgeland, and Jantzen Brady Hilburn of Moss Point.

He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Brenda Parker Hilburn, his nephew Benton Hilburn (Jenni) and his niece, Parker Hilburn Spees (Shane) all from Tupelo and a nephew, Jason Roy (Carla) of Ocean Springs, and seven great nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Life was held February 9, 2024 at Parkway Funeral Home.

Memorials may be sent to The University Transplant Guild at 2500 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39216, umc.edu/Transplant-Guild/Donate-Online, or Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency - Public Education Fund at 4400 Lakeland Drive, Flowood, MS 39232, or online at MSORA.org.

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We will tell the next generation

If you have your Bibles, I'd invite you to turn with me to Psalm 78 as we continue to work through the Third Book of the Psalms together. This is one of the longer Psalms in the Psalter, but the outline provided will give some sense of where Asaph is going in this Psalm. He begins in verses 1-8 by calling us to pay heed to the instruction of God's word, and then to pass on that truth to another generation. In verses 9-64, we are given a description of the Northern Kingdom of Israel that went the way of idolatry. And then finally in verses 65-72, we see God's faithfulness to the Southern Kingdom, and especially as it is typified in the tribe of Judah.

I. The Call to Instruction

The first section of the Psalm is broken into two parts. In verse 1-4 we see the opening exhortation to hear this instruction and to pass it along. In verses 5-8 we see an explanation of what the law is for and what we are to learn from God's word. Verse 5 says, "For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should teach them to their children." Very often when we hear the word "law" the first thing we think of is a law that is made by a civil governor. But in Israel, the first thing that would have come to mind when hearing the word "law" was instruction. It's a far broader category than the way we typically think of law. And God commanded our fathers that they should teach it to their children so that they might know and study God's instruction.

And, according to verse 7, there are three positive things which are to result from the study of God's instruction. The first thing is that we would put our confidence in God. Rather than trusting in ourselves or the world, we are to trust in God. When we do not have faith it either leads to despair or carnal security. We will either come to the point where we realize that there is no security in the things that we are trusting, or we will get comfortable trusting in those things even though they are chimeras. So, the first thing the law teaches is for us to trust in God.

The second thing that the law is to teach us is that God is sovereign, and so our thinking about Him

should be humble and grateful. Notice what it says, "They should put their confidence in God and not forget the works of God." The works of God are listed over and over in the Psalm. Those works are mighty acts whereby He brought the children of Israel out of Egypt and provided for them miraculously while they were in the wilderness, so that their minds would be dominated by the realization of God's sovereign grace.

Thirdly, notice that the law is to move us to obedience. In other words, when we realize the greatness of God's grace, we are to respond to that in obedience. We are to show our gratitude to God for His mercies by keeping His commandments.

II. The Northern Kingdom

The Psalm then provides a negative example of something that was not to be followed, and that was the unfaithfulness amongst the people of God who had not truly trusted in Him. The first part, in verses 9-16, shows how the wonders of the Exodus were quickly forgotten by the people of God. They had failed to remember what God had done for them. This generation forgot the wondrous works of God. And so it makes perfect sense that this Psalm would open up with an exhortation to us: Don't let your children fail to hear the wondrous works of God.

And then in verses 17-31 we see a further sin: a lack of faith. God's providence in the wilderness was questioned by His people. They didn't have faith that He would provide for them. They had a contempt for His promise to give them what they needed. Now, that lack of faith, which started with the failure to remember the works of God, will end up in idolatry.

The third accusation that's brought against Ephraim you see in verses 32-39. God's punishments and warnings are unheeded, and we see God's judgment and then their remorse (not really repentance). And then, even in light of their lack of repentance, we see God patiently showing mercy to them.

Then again in verses 40-55 we go back to the Exodus and their failure to realize the power of God displayed in the plagues. Six of the ten plagues are recorded, and it's a reminder of how God in

His power had secured their release. But that message had been missed. And what does it lead to? Well, that is described in verses 56-64.

Here we see the final judgment on that Northern Kingdom for their sin. Their idolatry had finally come to seed. This is the morality tale that is told by the psalmist. We were told ahead of time, in verse 8, that we should not be like our fathers: to forget the works and power of God; to fail to trust in God; and, thus, to commit the sin of idolatry. That's the warning lesson to us from this part of the Psalm.

III. The Southern Kingdom

But then the Psalm ends on a glorious high note, and you see it there in verses 65-72. It recounts God's faithfulness to the Southern Kingdom, His provision for Judah, His promises to Judah. We then see the mercies of God in His provision and in guidance through His shepherd David. And so what are we to learn from this? No matter what we are tempted to put our confidence in, God alone deserves our faith and trust. As we remember the works of God, we respond to Him in gratitude by obeying His commandments.

Ultimately this Psalm points to God's provision for His people in David's greater Son who would come to shepherd His people. May we tell that story to the next generation. May we remind that generation not only of God's works which He has revealed to us in His word, but may we remind them of God's works for us in our lives.

Our young people have been told that this God that they have been taught about is not true, that this God that they have been taught, this religion they have learned is not reality. They're told, "That's okay for you to believe, but you shouldn't impose that on other people." It's undermining their confidence in the word of God, and the psalmist is reminding us that we must be ready to meet them with the recounting of His marvelous works and of His trustworthiness. May God bless us as we do so.

The Rev. Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III is Chancellor and CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary. He can be reached at 601-923-1600 or by email at jhyde@rts.edu.



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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEAN DELORIS JACOBS, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 23-1025 B

DORIS JACOBS THOMAS PETITIONER

VS.

THE KNOWN AND UNKNOW HEIRS AT LAW OF JEAN DELORIS JACOBS, DECEASED RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: THE KNOWN AND UNKNOW HEIRS AT LAW OF JEAN DELORIS JACOBS, DECEASED, WHOSE POST OFFICE AND STREET ADDRESS AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY REMAIN UNKNOWN

You have been made Respondents in the Petition filed in this Court by Doris Jacobs Thomas, Administratrix of the Estate of Jean Deloris Jacobs, deceased, seeking to determine heirship. Respondents other than you in this action are not known, if any.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Determine Heirs filed herein against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 15th day of March, 2024, at the Madison County Chancery Court House located in Canton, Mississippi, before the Honorable Cynthia Brewer, Chancellor, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money and other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 1st day of February, 2024.

Ronny Lott Madison County Chancery Clerk By: Kim Sreveil D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: A. J. S., A MINOR BY AND THROUGH HER MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND, ELISE SUMMERS CAUSE NO.: 23-1005

RULE 81 summons BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Alexander Frazier 201 Bradford Road Joliet, IL 60433

You have been made a Respondent in the matter filed in this Court by Petitioner Elise Summers, mother, and next friend of A.J.S., a Minor seeking authority to settle and compromise a doubtful claim of said minor. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 1:00 p.m. on the 25th day of March 2024, at the Madison County Chancery Court, 146 West Center Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for money or other things demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 24th day of January 2024.

RONNY LOTT, Chancery Court Clerk MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: KELSEY RODRIQUEZ, D.C.

Submitted by: MALLORY M. STREET (MSB# 014488) CORY L. RADICIONI (MSB# 101761) WISE CARTER CHILD & CARAWAY, P. A. Post Office Box 651 Jackson, Mississippi 39205 T: (601) 968-5525 F: (601) 968-5593 mms@wisecarter.com clr@wisecarter.com

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE DETERMINATION OF HEIRS OF TOMMY LEE DAVIS, DECEASED

CAUSE NO.: 2023-1304W

RULE 81 SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

To: The Heirs at Law of Tommy Lee Davis, Deceased You have been made a party/respondent to a Petition for Determination of Heirship filed in this Court by Jasmine Jones. The only known Respondent other than yourself in this action is True Legend Davis. All heirs at law of Tommy Lee Davis, deceased, are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 8:45 a.m. on the 7th day of March, 2024, in the courtroom of the Madison County Chancery Court-house, 146 W. Center Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046, before the Honorable James C. Walker, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the relief requested in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED under my hand and the Seal of said Court, this the 23rd day of January, 2024.

By: Kelsey Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk Ronny Lott Madison County Chancery Clerk 146 W. Center St. Canton, MS 39046

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

In the Matter of the Estate of JOLEEN KAY CASE, Deceased CAUSE NO.: 22CV-00789 DAVID ALAN CASE PETITIONER

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW JOLEEN KAY CASE, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the Petition filed in this Court by DAVID ALAN CASE, Petitioner in the above-captioned matter, seeking to establish heirs at law of JOLEEN KAY CASE, Deceased. You are summoned to appear and respond to the Petition filed against you in this action at 8:45 A. M. on the 19th day of March, 2024, in the Chancery Court of Madison County, in Canton, Mississippi, located at 146 W Center St., Canton, MS 39046, and in case of your failure to appear and respond, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 19th day of January, 2024.

RONNY LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: /s/ Stacey T. D.C.

Publish: 02/12, 02/22, 02/29/2024

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, EX REL. MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF NARCOTICS PLAINTIFF VS. NO. CO-2023-1371-JH

ONE GLOCK 43 X 9MM SEMI-AUTO SN BWL363 DEFENDANT

S U M M O N S

TO: Qwazorious Bouldin 428 N. Union St. Canton, MS 39 110 or Any Unknown Owners

NOTICE

A Complaint for Forfeiture has been filed in this Court by the State of Mississippi, by and through the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, seeking the forfeiture of the above-described property, which was seized September 7, 2023, in Madison County, Mississippi.

If you are the owner of the defendant property and you wish to contest the forfeiture of said property then you are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint for Forfeiture to Morton W. Smith, General Counsel, Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, P. O. Box 720519, Byram, MS 39272.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DAY OF 2024, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR HAND DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE PROPERTY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORFEITURE.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within the aforesaid time. Issued under my hand and the official seal of this Court December 28, 2023. CIRCUIT CLERK, by Monica Henderson D.C.

MORTON W. SMITH, MSB #101646 General Counsel Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics P. O. Box 720519 Byram, Mississippi 39272-0519 mosmith@dps.ms.gov Telephone: (601) 371-3696 Publish Three (3) Times: 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2024

In the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi

In the Matter of the Estate of Diane Willis Jones, deceased CAUSE NO. 2024-73

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 29th day of January 2024 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Diane Willis Jones, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the clerk of this court for probate and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 7th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Cody S. Jones CODY S. JONES ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF DIANE WILLIS JONES, DECEASED

Of Counsel:

Bob Waller (MSB 6912) Waller & Waller P.O. Box 4 Jackson, MS 39205 (601) 354-5252 bobwaller@wallerandwaller.com

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: A. R. S., A MINOR BY AND THROUGH HER MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND, ELISE SUMMERS CAUSE NO.: 23-990

RULE 81 summons BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Alexander Frazier 201 Bradford Road Joliet, IL 60433

You have been made a Respondent in the matter filed in this Court by Petitioner Elise Summers, mother, and next friend of A.R.S., a Minor seeking authority to settle and compromise a doubtful claim of said minor. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 1:00 p.m. on the 25th day of March 2024, at the Madison County Chancery Court, 146 West Center Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for money or other things demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire.

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Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 24th day of January 2024.

RONNY LOTT, Chancery Court Clerk MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: KELSEY RODRIQUEZ, D.C.

Submitted by: MALLORY M. STREET (MSB# 014488) CORY L. RADICIONI (MSB# 101761) WISE CARTER CHILD & CARAWAY, P. A. Post Office Box 651 Jackson, Mississippi 39205 T: (601) 968-5525 F: (601) 968-5593 mms@wisecarter.com clr@wisecarter.com

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES M. LONGINO, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 24-28

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 30th day of January 2024 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned, upon the Estate of James M. Longino, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

Witness my signature, this the 31st day of January 2024.

/s/ William Durham William Durham, Co-Executor of the Estate of James M. Longino, Deceased

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 31st day of January 2024.

/s/ T. McCall Stern NOTARY PUBLIC My Commission Expires: 6.5.27

Counsel for Co-Executors: McCall Stern, PLLC Post Office Box 5173 Brandon, Mississippi 39047 Telephone No. (601) 345-3001 mccall@mccallstern.com

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: WAYNE SCOTT SANDIFER, DECEASED

ROBERT ANDREW LASETER, PETITIONER NO. 23-01350

EXECUTORS' NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 24th day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Wayne Scott Sandifer, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present same to the clerk of said court for probate and registration, according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. THIS 24th day of January, 2024.

/s/ Robert Andrew Laseter Robert Andrew Laseter, Executor of the Estate of Wayne Scott Sandifer

Prepared by: /s/ John D. Moore John D. Moore, MSB No. 10610 217 Draperton Drive, Suite 100 (39157) Post Office Box 3344 Ridgeland, MS 39158-3344 601-853-9131 Fax: 601-853-9139 E-Mail: johnd@johndmoorepa.com

Attorney for Petitioner

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

CARL WHITTINGTON & DIONNE WHITTINGTON PLAINTIFF VS.

CAUSE NO. 2023-1141 C ALICE DENTON; DELORES HARBOUR; LINDA MAGEE; ALVIA AGNEW OR THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ALVIA AGNEW; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BEATRICE G. GRIFFIN; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF SALLY G. HARRIS; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS: TRACT 1: SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 29, 2016, PARCEL NO. 1051-32-010/02.00, PPIN 36226; 1 ACRE OUT LOT WBL OFF E/S LYING S OF HWY 16 AND LYING IN, SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 10N, RANGE 05 E; MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI TRACT 2: SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 29, 2016, PARCEL NO. 1051-32-010/01.05, PPIN 36225; 2.85 ACRES LYING IN N1/2 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 10N, RANGE 05E; MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND DOES 1-75, INCLUSIVE DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: LINDA MAGEE

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Carl Whittington and Dionne Whittington, Plaintiffs, seeking the Court to confirm the tax title of property in Madison County, Mississippi (the "Property"). Defendants other than you in this action are Alice Denton; Delores Harbour; State of Mississippi; Madison County, Mississippi; District Attorney for Madison County, Mississippi; and unknown Defendants, all other persons, firms and corporations having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in and

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to the following described lands: Tract 1: sold for taxes on August 29, 2016, Parcel No. 1051-32-010/02.00, PPIN 36226; 1 acre out lot WBL off E/S lying S of Hwy 16 and lying in, Section 32, Township 10N, Range 05E; Madison County, Mississippi; Tract 2: sold for taxes on August 29, 2016, Parcel No. 1051-32-010/01.05, PPIN 36225; 2.85 acres lying in N1/2 of Section 32, Township 10N, Range 05E; Madison County, Mississippi. You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Andrew Hammond, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is Young Wells Williams P.A., Post Office Box 6005, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39158 or 141 Township Avenue, Suite 300, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 15th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 9 day of February, 2024. RONNY LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: Kim Sievers D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF ALICIA NOHEMY MARAVILLA-GONZALEZ, A MINOR, BY PETITIONER, ALMA LIZET SERVIN GUTIERREZ CAUSE NO. 23-986

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: Marta Alicia Gonzalez Martinez, WHOSE POST OFFICE AND STREET ADDRESS ARE UNKNOWN TO THE PETITIONER AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY.

You have been made an interested Party in a civil action filed in this Court by Alma Lizet Servin Gutierrez, seeking to become the guardian of minor child Alicia Nohemy Marvilla-Gonzalez.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or amended petition filed in this action at 8:45 a.m., on the 4th day of March, 2024, before the Honorable James C. Walker, in the courtroom located in the Madison County Chancery Courthouse in Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or amended petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 29th day of January, 2024.

RONNY LOTT MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK

BY: Stacey Totem, D.C.

SUBMITTED BY: David Ford Berry, IV (MSB # 102990) J. Michael Duncan (MSB #102959) Deaton & Berry, PLLC 229 Katherine Drive Flowood, MS 39232 Telephone: (601) 988-0000 Facsimile: (601) 988-0001 Email: dberry@dg-law.com

2023-08077-MS Substituted Trustee's Notice Of Sale Whereas, on 2/28/2018, Megan V Davis, a single woman, and Keith O Davis, a married man, executed a certain deed of trust to Donald G. Griffin, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for Community Bank of Mississippi, its successors and assigns, which Deed of Trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, State of Mississippi as Instrument No 834950, in Book 3579, Page 407; subsequent to the subject Deed of Trust was modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded as Instrument 973912, in Book T-4287 at Page 804 on 12/19/2022 and Whereas, said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned Freedom Mortgage Corporation and recorded 11/17/2021 as Instrument No. 944431, in Book T-4134, Page 111; and Whereas, Freedom Mortgage Corporation has heretofore substituted Nestor Solutions, LLC, as Trustee by Instrument recorded on 1/18/2024 in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office as Instrument No. 997466, in Book T-4402, Page 396 and Whereas, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, Freedom Mortgage Corporation, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale. Now, Therefore, Nestor Solutions, LLC, Substituted Trustee in said Deed of Trust, will on 3/14/2024 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the County Courthouse of Madison County, Mississippi, located at the South Door of the Madison County Courthouse, 128 West North Street, Canton, MS 39046, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Madison County, State of Mississippi, to-wit: Commencing at the intersection of the North line of Cooksey Lane with the East line of Wheatley Street said point being 20.0 feet North and 20.0 feet East of the approximate center lines of said streets; thence North 340 feet to an iron pin on the East line of Wheatley Street and the North line of public street and the point of beginning; thence East along the North line of said public street 200 feet to an iron pin; thence North 80

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feet to an iron pin; thence West 200 feet to an iron pin on the East line of Wheatley Street; thence South along the East line of Wheatley Street 80 feet to the point of beginning Wellill Convey only such title as vested in us as Substituted Trustee. Witness My Signature on this 8th day of February, 2024. /s/ Sylvia Weiss, its Sr. Trustee Sale Officer Nestor Solutions, LLC, Substituted Trustee 214 5th Street, Suite 205 Huntington Beach, CA 92648 Publication Dates: 2/15/2024 2/22/2024 2/29/2024 3/7/2024

EN EL TRIBUNAL DE LA CANCELERIA DEL CONDADO DE MADISON, MISSISSIPPI

EN RE:

EDISSON GERARDO LAZARO RAMOS, MENOR CAUSA NO. 2024-2W

MAYRA NOEMY RAMOS IC DE LAZARO, PETICIONARIA

REGLA 81 CITACION POR PUBLICACION

EL ESTADO DE MISSISSIPPI

PARA: Fredy Orlando Lazaro Tupul Cuyotenango, Guatemala

AVISO AL DEMANDADO

LA QUEJA ADJUNTA A ESTA CITACION ES IMPORTANTE Y DEBE TOMAR ACCION INMEDIATA PARA PROTEGER SUS DERECHOS

Usted está convocado para comparecer y defenderse contra la Petición para Nombrar Tutor radicada en su contra en esta acción a las 9 a.m. el día 18 de Marzo, 2024, en el Tribunal de la Cancillería del Condado de Madison en Canton, Mississippi, ante Su Señoría James C. Walker, y en caso de que usted no aparezca y se defienda, un fallo será dictado en su contra por el dinero u otras cosas exigidas en la Petición para Nombrar Tutor Verificada. No es necesario que presente una respuesta u otro alegato, pero puede hacerlo si lo desea.

Emitido bajo mi mano y el sello de dicho Tribunal, este día 8th de Jan., 2024.

Ronny Lott Secretario de la Cancillería del Condado de Madison, Mississippi

[SELLO] por: Ivy Stephens D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BILLY STOKES, DECEASED No. 24-91 B

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: The unknown heirs-at-law of BILLY STOKES, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of BILLY STOKES, Deceased, whose last post office addresses and street addresses are unknown to the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law:

You have been made a Defendant in the Petition to Administer Estate, for Appointment of Administrator and to Determine Heirship filed by Terri Stokes Livingston, Administrator, seeking to obtain a judicial determination of the heirs-at-law of Billy Stokes. The Petition asserts that the only heirs-at-law of Billy Stokes are Terri Stokes Livingston and Kimberly A. Stokes.

You are summoned to appear and give testimony establishing your rights as an heir-at-law of the Decedent before the Honorable Cynthia Brewer, Chancellor of the 11th Chancery District at 9:00 a.m. on April 12, 2024, at the Madison County Courthouse at 146 West Center Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046, and in case of your failure to appear a judgement will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 12th day of February, 2024.

RONNY LOTT, Chancery Clerk Madison County, Mississippi By: Kim Sievers, Deputy Clerk

Prepared by: Sara M. Fox, MSB # 8992 FOX LAW GROUP, PA Post Office Box 310 Brandon, Mississippi 39043 Telephone Number: (601) 825-6111 sara@foxlawgroup.ms

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2009 CHEVY TRAVERSE, VIN # 1GN-ER33D69S121653, \$2782.00, a 2006 CHEVY HHR, VIN # 3GNDA29P96S530964, \$2889.00, a 2006 HONDA ACCORD, VIN # 1HGCM56836A055736, \$2889.00, and a 2015 KIA SOUL, VIN # KNDJN2A2XF7186678, \$4012.50. Public sale of these abandoned/unclaimed vehicles and their contents will be held on Friday February 23, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at Gilmore Towing & Recovery, 124 E. State Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF THE MADISON COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: SANAMPREET SINGH, A MINOR CAUSE NO. 2023-1324W

GURJANT SINGH, PETITIONER

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Parkash Singh Pipaltha, Haryana, India

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT THE COMPLAINT WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Appoint Guardian filed against you in this action at 8:45 am on the 18 day of March, 2024, in the Madison County

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ty Chancery Courthouse in Canton Mississippi, before the Honorable James C. Walker, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Verified Petition to Appoint Guardian.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 9th day of February, 2024.

Ronny Lott Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi

[SEAL] by: Stacey Totem, D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF THE MADISON COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: SANAMPREET SINGH, A MINOR CAUSE NO. 2023-1324W

GURJANT SINGH, PETITIONER

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Harpinder Kaur Pipaltha, Haryana, India

Producers team with Twain Capital to launch agency

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Twain Capital, John Lawrence, Tom Davis, and Griffin Willson proudly announce the launch of Twain Insurance Agency, which is set to redefine insurance solutions with a focus on comprehensive services tailored to clients' needs.

Together, these experienced leaders plan to usher in a new era of comprehensive and customer-centric insurance solutions.

Twain Insurance is headed by Lawrence, who is president, along with Davis and Willson, who are executive vice presidents.

Twain Insurance Agency is signaling its impending success in the sector with a new, unique approach that features a flat organization devoid of traditional corporate hierarchy, which in turn will empower producers to excel in their core sales strength.

"In an industry experiencing unprecedented consolidation,

Twain aims to chart a different course," Lawrence said. "Our goal is to return to a culture of client-focused service, benefiting both our producers and, most importantly, our customers."

The firm already has an extensive list of clients and carrier relationships across the country, Lawrence said, adding that Twain Insurance has capabilities in the real estate, construction (including surety), energy, healthcare, waste, financial, dis-

tribution, manufacturing, non-profits and education sectors.

Between the third quarters of 2022 and 2023, there were 843 mergers and acquisitions in the U.S. insurance industry. In 2021 alone, there were 869 transactions totaling \$57.5 billion with 70 percent of them private equity-backed or hybrid deals, according to industry research.

Twain Insurance is set to reshape the insurance industry landscape by:

- Combining the cutting-edge

tools and technology of today with a service ethos reminiscent of the past. "Our commitment goes beyond offering personalized service; it involves seamlessly integrating technical expertise into every interaction," Willson said.

- Pioneering a high-touch boutique insurance experience by delivering tailor-made property and casualty solutions that meet evolving customer needs.

"Our agency pillars rest upon the promise of delivering a tailored,

boutique experience for our clients," Lawrence said. "We aim to build relationships, prioritizing individualized attention and crafting solutions that resonate with each client's unique needs."

Twain's market entry is expected to be disruptive through its combination of personalized service and a commitment to using advanced technology to provide unparalleled customer service.

Holmes hosting spring career fairs in March

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Holmes Community College will host a Spring Career/Transfer Fair on each campus in March. The Goodman Campus Career Fair will be on March 7, the Ridgeland one on March 21 and the Grenada fair on March 26. Every event will be held from 9-11 a.m., and representatives are invited to begin setting up at 8:15 a.m.

These fairs allow representatives in attendance to share industry, company and employment information. Universities are also invited to come and share higher education opportunities to upcoming Holmes graduates.

A table and two chairs will be provided for all representatives, and they will bring their tablecloth, handouts, giveaways, etc.

There is no charge to companies and universities who participate in the fairs. Holmes students also may attend the Career/Transfer Fair free of charge. Anyone interested in signing up for a table can visit <https://forms.office.com/r/ddZhHrNPCM> to RSVP. All details are on the form.

"I look forward to the career and transfer fairs every year," said Holmes Ridgeland Campus Career-Tech Counselor Jovonna Parker. "There's a ton of excitement from students, industry part-

ners and the campus community. The event meets the needs of students in different phases of their educational and career journey. Some students are still exploring career options, some will graduate soon so they are seeking full-time employment opportunities, and many are planning higher education opportunities beyond their associate in arts and associate of applied science degrees. We are pleased to highlight the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree programs that allow career technical students to use their technical courses toward a bachelor's degree."

In addition to the fair, Holmes also offers a virtual

career center called College Central. Employees who register with College Central have the ability to post job opportunities, view resumes and schedule interviews with potential employees. The virtual career center allows current students, alumni as well as community members to view these job opportunities and submit resumes. All of these services are provided free of charge. To register, visit <https://holmescc.edu/virtual-career-center/>.

For more information on the event, contact Career Technical Administrative Assistant Jessica Leverette at jleverette@holmescc.edu or (601) 605-3386.

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Madison Avenue Upper Elementary 2nd Nine Weeks Honor Roll

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appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for money or other things demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 24th day of January 2024.

RONNY LOTT, Chancery Court Clerk
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

RE:
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SUSAN LINDA RIDDELL, DECEASED
NO. 2023-1347-C

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 5th day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Susan Linda Riddell, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice, or they will forever be barred. This the 1st day of February, 2024. Thomas Allen Riddell, Executor of the Estate of Susan Linda Riddell, Deceased

John B. Dongieux, Attorney
933 S. College St.
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601-825-8696

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD S. LYBARGER, DECEASED
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2024-0005 (W)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO: 2024-0005 (W)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD S. LYBARGER, DECEASED

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 23rd day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of RICHARD S. LYBARGER, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons or parties having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred. The 24th day of January, 2024. S/ Houston M. Powers
HOUSTON M. POWERS
Executor of the Estate of Richard S. Lybarger, Deceased

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Date of Sale: February 28, 2024
Time: 9:30 am
Place: 308 N Wheatley Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on or about November 20, 2020, Eazy Rider Trucking, LLC, by its Member Ernest White, executed a Correction Deed of Trust to Granville Tate, Jr., Trustee for the benefit of Trustmark National Bank, as recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, as Instrument # 918206 in Book 3989 at Page 453; and,

WHEREAS, Trustmark National Bank, the holder of said Deed of Trust and the Note secured thereby, substituted

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J. Mark Franklin, III as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument dated January 3, 2024, and recorded as Instrument # 996922 in Book T-4399 at Page 551 in the office of the Chancery Clerk aforesaid; and,

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the Trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustee's fees and expenses of sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned J. Mark Franklin, III, being the Substitute Trustee, do hereby give notice that on March 7, 2024, between 11:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m., being the legal hours of sale, I will proceed to sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the Madison County Courthouse in Canton, State of Mississippi, the following real property described and conveyed in said Deed of Trust, lying and being situated in Madison County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

That certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the West half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24 of Township 11 North, Range 4 East, Madison County, Mississippi, more particularly described below.

Commencing at the intersection of the West line of Section 24 and the South side of Cooper Rd Section 24, Township 11 North, Range 4 East, Madison County, Mississippi; said point also being the Point of Beginning.

Thence along the South side of said road, N 89°59'10" E for a distance of 1348.80 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod

Thence, S 00°14'25" E for a distance of 942.88 feet to a fence post

Thence, S 89°59'10" W for a distance of 1348.66 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod

Thence, N 00°14'55" W for a distance of 942.88 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing a net total of 29.19 acres, more or less.

I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 30th day of January, 2024.

/s/ J. Mark Franklin, III
J. MARK FRANKLIN, III
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE

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I, Jason Dean intend to make application for an On-Premise Retailer permit as provided for by the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, §67-1-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. If granted such permit, I or We propose to operate as a Sole Ownership under the trade name of Parlor 1886 located at 4840B Main Street Flora Madison. The name(s), title(s), and address(es) of all owners/ partners/ officer(s)/ members and/or majority stockholders/ trustee of the above are as follows:

Name: Jason Dean
Address: 4840B Main Street Flora, MS 39071
If any person wishes to request a hearing to object to the issuance of this permit a request for a hearing must be made in writing and received by the Department of Revenue within (15) fifteen days from the first date this notice was published. Requests shall be sent to:

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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”
 — 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

“With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.”
 — Ephesians 4:2 (ESV)

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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

Christ died for sinners

In Revelation 1:1, we are told that the book of Revelation is “the revelation of Jesus Christ.” God gave him this revelation, so the first thing we learn is that the source of the book is God and that it is primarily about Christ. The Lord Jesus gives it to the apostle John in order that his people may know the things that will take place.

The book is about Christ because he is the Mediator God appointed between God and man. In Revelation, Christ has conquered sin, death, and the devil. As the conqueror, He has been exalted to the throne of God and executes the plans and purposes of God symbolized by the sealed scroll in God’s hand (Revelation 5).

Though the Lord Jesus Christ has conquered and been exalted, there is still great opposition from the world and the devil toward his people. So, the book is given to the saints to give them the vision of Christ exalted above to assure them that, as Martin Luther said, “though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us, we will be still because God has willed his truth to triumph through us.”

However cryptic or confusing some of the vision and symbols are in the book of Revelation, it is a revelation we have great need of. The book sheds light and clarity on truths in the Bible and the gospel. The book depicts two humanities; one confesses the blood of the Lamb (Christ’s death), even to the point of dying for his name; the other humanity is under the power of sin, death, and the devil.

We are shown two destinies; one is the certain judgment of God, the other a new heaven and earth of righteousness prepared for Christ’s people. We understand more clearly why Jesus said such things as, “Blessed are they who are persecuted for my name’s sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” And “they who lose their life for my name will save it.” Revelation points us to eternity.

The prophets anticipating the gospel also become clearer to us. If you read through the book of Revelation and then go to Isaiah 55, you understand how gracious God is in appealing to sinners with such statements as, “Incline your ear and

come to me. Hear that your soul may live. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked man forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts. Let him return to the Lord and he will have compassion upon him.”

In Revelation 1:3, John speaks of the blessedness of those who hear and keep the words of the book, “for the time is near.” The next great event in redemptive history is the return of Christ in glory. Revelation not only prepares Christ’s people for his coming, but it also teaches them to look for it and long for it. It is not only certain, but also a blessed day for them.

Someone told me of a man who prepared for disaster at the approach of Y2K. The man quit his job, invested in survival supplies, and made all kinds of sacrificial preparations. If we believe in the coming of a great event, we look to it and prepare for it. The reason many do not prepare for Christ is they don’t believe it. It seems as farfetched as something like Y2K.

But the word of Christ, the revelation of Christ, is for his sheep. He says, “Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes.” He means spiritually awake, looking for and longing for the day of Christ. The apostle Paul says the same about Christ’s coming: “We are children of the light, so let us keep awake and sober, having the hope of salvation” (1st Thessalonians 5).

If you aren’t prepared for Christ’s coming, you aren’t prepared to leave this world either. It is Christ you must make sure of. His first and second coming are connected, yet differ much.

Thomas Manton says the following: “His first coming was obscure; he came in the form of a servant. Now he will come in power and glory. Then Christ occasionally showed his glory, now he will come in the glory of his Father. Then he raised a few from death, now he will raise all the dead. Then Christ came not to judge but save. He submitted to the tribunal of men, to die for sinners. Now he will come to judge all, kings, rulers, all men great and small.” Even so, come Lord Jesus.


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Ortiz signs with Hinds CC

Madison Central High School senior Diego Ortiz signed a national letter of intent to play soccer at Hinds Community College. Seated left to right are Ruby Ortiz (sister), Ortiz, and Maria Ortiz (mother). Standing left to right are Madison Central assistant soccer coach Seth Male, Madison Central head soccer coach Cecil Hinds, Madison Central assistant soccer coach Brad Campbell, and Madison Central assistant soccer coach Simòn Barinas.



Bourg signs with MGCCC

Madison Central High School senior Conner Bourg signed a national letter of intent to play soccer at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Seated left to right are Christy Bourg (mother), Bourg, and Collins Bourg (father). Standing left to right are Madison Central assistant soccer coach Seth Male, Bennett Bourg (brother), Alice Bourg (grandmother), Madison Central head soccer coach Cecil Hinds, Annie Broussard (aunt), Mary Frances Bourg, Madison Central assistant soccer coach Brad Campbell, and Madison Central assistant soccer coach Simòn Barinas.



Smith signs with Holmes CC

Madison Central High School senior Sawyer Smith signed a national letter of intent to play soccer at Holmes Community College. Seated left to right are Thomas Smith (father), Smith, and Lucretia Smith (mother). Standing left to right are Madison Central assistant soccer coach Seth Male, Madison Central head soccer coach Cecil Hinds, Madison Central assistant soccer coach Brad Campbell, and Madison Central assistant soccer coach Simòn Barinas.



Mosley signs with Northeast CC

Madison Central High School senior Jamekia Mosley signed a national letter of intent to play football at Northeast Community College. Seated left to right are Maurice Mosley (father), Mosley, and Maurice Mosley II. Standing left to right are Cleo Mosley, Beverly Mosley, Aiden Mosley, Chelsea Mosley, and Sharon Mosley.



Jacobs signs with Holmes CC

Madison Central High School senior Akala Jacobs signed a national letter of intent to play soccer at Holmes Community College. Seated left to right are Landon Jacobs (brother), Robert Jacobs (father), Jacobs, and Rhonda Jacobs (mother). Standing left to right are Madison Central assistant soccer coach Seth Male, Madison Central head soccer coach Cecil Hinds, Cariel Ellis (sister), Keevon Jacobs (brother), Madison Central assistant soccer coach Brad Campbell, and Madison Central assistant soccer coach Simòn Barinas.



Banks signs with Northeast CC

Madison Central High School senior Rickey Banks signed a national letter of intent to play football at Northeast Community College. Seated left to right are Shaketta Banks (mother), Banks, and Rickey Banks (father). Standing left to right are Sierra King, Ryan Banks, Kendarious Thomas, and Carolyn Cooper.



Mitchell signs with SIU

Madison Central High School senior Denym Mitchell signed a national letter of intent to play football at Southern Illinois University. Seated left to right are Laquita Mitchell (mother), Mitchell, Damiaun Mitchell (father), and Kensley Mitchell (sister). Standing left to right are Tommy Marshall, Joanna Marshall, Carolyn Williams, and Tevis Mitchell.



Seal signs with MDCC

Madison Central High School senior Hayden Seal signed a national letter of intent to play football at Mississippi Delta Community College. Pictured left to right are Valerie Seal (mother), Seal and Matt Seal (father).



McCall signs with Northeast CC

Madison Central High School senior Ryan McCall signed a national letter of intent to play football at Northeast Community College. Pictured left to right are Tonya McCall (mother), McCall, and Rick McCall (father). Standing is Laila McCall (sister).



Taylor signs with USM

Madison Central High School senior Lorilee Taylor signed a national letter of intent to play soccer at the University of Southern Mississippi. Seated left to right are Kevin Taylor (father), Taylor, and Mary Beth Taylor (mother). Standing left to right are former club coach Andrew Brower, Madison Central assistant soccer coach Seth Male, Madison Central head soccer coach Cecil Hinds, Madison Central assistant soccer coach Brad Campbell, and Madison Central assistant soccer coach Simòn Barinas.



Sutterfield signs with Hinds CC

Madison Central High School senior Emma Sutterfield signed a national letter of intent to play soccer at Hinds Community College. Seated left to right are Joe Welch, Sutterfield, and Selena Sutterfield (mother). Standing left to right are Madison Central assistant soccer coach Seth Male, Madison Central head soccer coach Cecil Hinds, Madison Central assistant soccer coach Brad Campbell, and assistant soccer coach Simòn Barinas.



Walberg signs with Holmes CC

Madison Central High School senior Morgan Walberg signed a national letter of intent to play soccer at Holmes Community College. Seated left to right are Chad Walberg (father), Walberg, and DeAnne Walberg (mother). Standing left to right are Madison Central assistant soccer coach Seth Male, Madison Central head soccer coach Cecil Hinds, (grandfather), Madison Central assistant soccer coach Brad Campbell, and Madison Central assistant soccer coach Simòn Barinas.



Griffin signs with Northeast CC

Madison Central High School senior John Griffin signed a national letter of intent to play football at Narmya Community College. Pictured left to right are Juanita Griffin (mother), Griffin, and Janya Griffin (sister). Standing is James Griffin (father).

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