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BLACK KIA SOUL SUSPECT VEHICLE

Madison man robbed in driveway

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MADISON — Police are searching for two suspects in a mugging in which a wad of cash in a bank envelope was ripped from a man's pocket in a Madison neighborhood. "The Madison Police Department is requesting assistance from the public in locating and identifying a sus-

pect vehicle used in a strong-armed robbery case," Madison Police Captain Kevin Newman said. Crime Stoppers has offered a reward for information that leads to an arrest in the case. Newman said Wednesday that investigators have no new information on the case. "No updates at this time," Newman said. "We are still actively investigating."

Newman said the incident occurred on Friday, June 11 reportedly between 2:40 and 2:45 p.m. after a Madison resident had cashed a check for \$300 at a bank in the metro area and proceeded to drive home with the money in a paper bank envelope, Newman said. After making a stop for gas at a station in the metro area, the victim arrived home in a

neighborhood near U.S. 51 and Madison Avenue. As he was exiting his vehicle in his driveway and was about to enter his home a subject came from behind him and took the envelope with the money out of his shirt pocket. The subject then fled on foot and entered a Black Kia Soul automobile driven by another subject, Newman said.

Madison detectives released a picture of a Black Kia Soul at a gas station that they believe to be the suspect vehicle. The vehicle was possibly displaying a white-colored paper dealer tag. No weapons were involved in the robbery. The suspect is described as a black male, short in stature with a thin build. The suspect was wearing white shorts and

an unknown type of shirt that has been reported to be dark in color. "Anyone with information that could help with this case would be eligible for a reward of up to \$2,500," Newman said. They may call Crime Stoppers at 601-355-TIPS (8477), or submit a tip online or with a mobile device at www.P3tips.com.



Newly-appointed Gluckstadt officials stand with Mississippi government officials. Pictured, from left to right: Alderman John Taylor, attorney John Scanlon, Secretary of State Michael Watson, Gluckstadt Mayor Walter Morrison, Alderman Jayce Powell, Alderman Lisa Williams and Alderman Miya Warfield-Bates.

MEGASITE Supervisors buy \$1.4M fire truck for Amazon

By AUDREY HALL news@onlinemadison.com

Madison County will buy a \$1.4 million ladder truck to help protect the new Amazon distribution facility under construction at the Megasite. What's more, the county will hold a June 30 public hearing to discuss the formation of a new fire district at the Megasite area near Canton. The action came during Monday's regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors when county Fire Coordinator Minor Norman presented plans for their new fire truck. After taking bids from vendors for high-quality affordable fire trucks, the county's bid was awarded to Bonaventure Company Inc. Norman described the truck model as "a very impressive ladder truck" that he was able to inspect in person. The truck includes a 500-gallon water tank and ladder. "We needed this new fire truck to cover the new Amazon building and match its magnitude," said Assistant Fire Coordinator Mack Pigg of the purchase. The fire truck will arrive in August, according to Karl Banks, president of the Madison County Board of Supervisors. Banks said the purchase will be paid for in part through financial mechanism within the Legislature and the Board of Supervisors will figure out the rest. Also at the meeting, Norman requested that a public hearing be scheduled on June 30 on the topic of the new fire district. The public hearing will discuss the district's development and answer residents' questions. "We want the public to be See TRUCK, page A2

Gluckstadt officials now official

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The new mayor called it both an end and a beginning during a formal certificate of incorporation signing ceremony for the city of Gluckstadt last week. In addition to the certificate of incorporation, Secretary of State Michael Watson officially recognized Mayor Walter Morrison and the five aldermen who will initially serve at-large terms, Miya Warfield-Bates, John Taylor, Jayce Powell, Wesley Slay and Lisa Williams during the ceremony June 9. Gluckstadt on June 6 became Mississippi's

newest city. Watson signed the commissions in the Gulf Coast Conference Room in the Capitol Towers building in downtown Jackson with the mayor and board of aldermen and others. The confirmation of Gluckstadt as a city is historic, Watson said. "Our oldest city is Natchez, which was established in 1803, so we have a rich history here in Mississippi. We're adding to that history today," Watson said. "These new aldermen and alderwomen have worked very hard for this, and we thank them for being willing to serve." Morrison said Gluckstadt becoming a city is the culmination of years of hard work by members of

the Gluckstadt community. "This is both an end and beginning," Morrison said. "It's an end to a big amount of arduous work to incorporation, but it's the beginning of trying to form a new city government." Morrison said the goal is to form a city government of which the citizens of Gluckstadt can be proud. "Going forward, we ask for community involvement and the prayers of everyone in the community to get things done and get them done correctly," Morrison said. The city's first official meeting will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 22 in the church hall at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 127 Church Road, Gluckstadt.

LEGENDARY CUSTOMER FOCUS

Paul Moak celebrating 75 years

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Paul Moak Automotive is celebrating 75 years with the same legendary focus on customers and service, from the heyday of in-person sales on Auto Row along south State Street in Jackson to today's web-driven model. Paul G. Moak Jr. can attest to the fact that keeping a business afloat and thriving for so long is tricky business but done with precision and care. "If you're not careful, you can find yourself on the wrong track," Moak Jr. said of operating a business. "My turn on the track, so to speak, is toward the

end. Somebody else is now driving the train. Hopefully whatever has been transferred — as well as the abilities that those people have — will allow us to continue to go forward." Incorporated in 1946, Paul Moak's automotive history began with the Pontiac franchise located on Pascagoula Street (currently where Thalia Mara Hall is located), operating under the name Madison Auto Sales. In 1957, Paul G. Moak, Sr. became a part owner in the dealership and the name was changed to Lane-Moak Pontiac, Inc. Moak would eventually buy the dealership. As the city of Jackson expanded its community and

cultural center, the Paul Moak Automotive dealership relocated to Jackson's Auto Row on south State Street. South State Street became the home to many of the Paul Moak brands over the next 50 years, including Pontiac, Honda, Volvo, and Subaru. A second GM dealership, Paul Moak of Ridgeland, featuring Pontiac, Buick, and GMC Trucks was purchased in Canton in 1991. Paul Moak Automotive has seen three generations of the Moak family members play a part in its operations in Jackson. Paul Moak Sr. gave the dealership its name. See MOAK, page A2



From left, John Scarbrough, Jeanne Moak-Scarbrough and Paul Moak, Jr.



Jacobs retires after 13 years on Madison board

By JOHN LEE
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Ken Jacobs attended his final Madison Mayor and Board of Alderman meeting as Ward 3 Alderman on Tuesday after deciding not to seek re-election to the seat he has held for 13 years.

Janis Jarvis, a Republican ran unopposed to claim the Ward 3 seat Jacobs is vacating, and during Tuesday's meeting board meeting Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler presented a proclamation to Jacobs honoring his time with the city and declaring June 15 "his day."

"I decided in the last eight months that I would be retiring and not seeking re-election," Jacobs said. "I knew the time for retirement was coming since I'm going to be 84 in November, and I also wanted to spend time with my family."

Jacobs was born in Madison in 1937 and graduated in 1955 from Madison-Ridgeland High School. He has lived in the city most of his life, except for a period when served in the U.S. Navy for three years before attending Ole Miss for pre-pharmacy and ultimately earning a pharmacy degree at Samford University in Birmingham in 1963.

He then moved back to Madison and took ownership of Jacobs Drug Store in 1964 with

his wife, Polly Jacobs. They have three children and four grandchildren.

Jacobs said he has enjoyed serving on the Madison Board of Alderman, and the board has worked hard together.

"Janie Jarvis will be taking my place," he said. "She is very oriented with the city, and I wish her the best of luck. I hope people will treat her as nicely as they did me."

Jarvis, who has served on various city boards and has been involved in the school system and community as a Madison resident for 35 years, ran unopposed as a Republican to fill Jacobs' Ward 3 seat.

"I'm just looking forward to seeing the downtown square being developed and being involved," Jarvis said of her upcoming role as Ward 3 alderman. "I look forward to supporting what the mayor has in store."

Hawkins-Butler said a few words about Jacobs' service to the city before presenting him with the proclamation in Tuesday's meeting.

"You have from day one served this city with respect and dignity, and it's not going to be easy to let you go," Hawkins-Butler said. "We know that God has more plans for you, and you came as a giver to this city."

Ward 6 Alderman Guy Bowering said he was fortunate to



The Madison Mayor and Board of Alderman recognized Alderman Ken Jacobs' retirement after 13 years of service. Pictured, from left: Alderman Pat Peeler, Mayor Mary meet Jacobs during his first work session and became friends with him quickly.

"Ken, you're a good friend, and you've been a great guide to me as I've been here," Bowering said. "You have shown me the way here in Madison."

Ward 1 Alderman Tawanna

Hawkins-Butler, Jacobs, Alderman Tawanna Tatum, Alderman Sandra Strain, Madison Fire Chief Derrick Layton, and Alderman Paul Tankersley.

Strain said Jacobs will be missed and has been an asset to the Board of Aldermen.

"We wish him nothing but the best in this next season of life for him and Mrs. Polly," Strain said.

Polly Jacobs said she is proud of her husband and the service provided to the city.

"Ken has done an excellent job as an alderman and businessman in Madison," Polly Jacobs said. "We met a lot of good Mississippi families during our time at Jacobs Drug Store. We have many happy memories, and we've met a lot of great people."



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Moak

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In 1971, Paul Moak Jr. joined the business, followed a decade later by brother Alan.

Now, Moak Sr.'s granddaughter, Jeanne Moak-Scar-

brough, and her husband, John Scarbrough, carry on the Paul Moak Automotive legacy.

The Paul Moak organization to this day is wholly family-owned and operated, with a member of the Moak family present daily.

"In a lot of businesses," said John Scarbrough, general manager of Paul Moak Automotive, "the family passes it on, one to the other, but one distinction, I think, about us is that we really want our company to reflect the owners and our values and who we are."

Speak to any Paul Moak Automotive team member, and they will emphasize the dealership's dedication to integrity, attention to detail, or care for customers and employees alike — as highlighted by Corporate Communications Director Rebecca McCarty.

"We use the phrase, 'The Friendly Folks at Paul Moak,'" McCarty said. "I like to think that's also a secret of the success of this company: the employees, the care that the Moak family puts in."

The dealership was incorporated in 1946 as Madison Auto Sales Inc. by Collin Lane. Lane named Paul G. Moak Sr. his general manager in 1951. Soon, Moak, Sr. became a partner, and the dealership was dubbed Lane-Moak Pontiac.

Lane retired two decades later, leaving the dealership in Moak Sr.'s hands. By 1971, Paul Moak Jr. had joined the business,

making the dealership a full-fledged family operation. it was in 1972 that the dealership took on the Paul Moak name.

At that time, it was Paul Moak Pontiac.

"If you're a long-time Jacksonian, you know about Paul Moak Pontiac," Scarbrough said.

That very decade, though, the dealership was contacted by both Honda and Volvo and began offering their vehicles, becoming the first dealership in the state to offer either brand.

In 2001, the dealership added Subaru to their inventory. Paul Moak Automotive is still Mississippi's exclusive dealer of both Volvo and Subaru vehicles.

"The car business is a complicated business," Scarbrough said, "and the economy is never really forgiving — sometimes it is, but most times it's not — so making decisions so you know you can withstand the ups and downs of the economy is what you're trying to do, as a business owner. I guess we've done pretty good."

Paul Moak Automotive has certainly withstood trials and triumphs in its 75 years of service.

According to members of the Paul Moak team, the secret to the company's success lies in the intentionality and focus behind every element of the business — hiring employees, designing showrooms, making sales and every step in between. "Small interactions matter," McCarty said.

Moak Jr. said, "While it may have my dad's name on the building, or people associate my name with the business or John and Jeanne with the business, the reality is it's the people. It's the people who are here that really make the difference in how we interact with the customers."

For the remainder of 2021, sales events like "Too Hot to Haggle" and a new website overhaul are under way.

"Clear, to-the-penny pricing; simple to deal with; respect for your time; confidence in your decision," Scarbrough said of the company website's new interface. "All that is wrapped into our new software that we're rolling out in the next few months, to allow the shopping experience to be easier for customers, so we're excited about that."

Navigating a large influx of online demand is a challenge Paul Moak Automotive has scarcely faced in its 75 years of service.

No matter the shape its business takes, though, the Paul Moak Automotive team hopes to continue serving customers with the same care and deliberation the dealership has valued since 1946.

"Hopefully," McCarty said, "over the past 75 years, a lot of families and generations within families are loyal to Paul Moak, because they know it's just an honest place to do business."

Truck

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involved," Pigg said.

As part of getting the public involved, county fire services members have gone door-to-door to get a minimum of 25 residents signing in support of the district, Norman said. By randomly knocking on doors to take opinions, the

county was able to reach 61 residents who signed in the district's favor.

Those signatures were submitted as part of the establishment process.

"A new fire district will lower property fire insurance and improve quality of life with better coverage," Pigg said. The fire district will also provide protection for the Amazon Megasite, an incoming source of industry for the

county, Banks said.

"We tried to create county-wide fire protection," Banks said. "We want to get rid of every hole in the map. The fire district will cover a 5-mile radius going out from Canton's city limits like a horseshoe."

The public hearing will be held in the board room at 9 a.m. June 30.

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Danks remembered for service

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Dale Danks Jr. of Madison is being remembered by the cities of Madison and Jackson for his years of service to both after he died June 9 at the age of 81 following complications from a stroke.

Danks was elected Hinds County Prosecutor in 1972. During his time in that office, he and two assistants handled more than 3,000 cases, covering a wide range of criminal activity.

During the time he was the prosecuting attorney for Hinds County, he was voted Jackson's "Outstanding Young Man" by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Danks, a Democrat, was elected mayor of Jackson in 1977 and served for 12 years. During his time as mayor, Danks led Jackson through extended Pearl River flooding between 1979 and 1983. He later lost re-election for his fourth term in 1989 to Democrat Kane Ditto.

Following his time as Jackson mayor, Danks became a Republican and moved to Madison. He served as a Madison municipal judge for approximately eight years, said Penny McElroy, deputy court clerk for Madison.

"He was on the bench about eight years, and he's been off the bench about three years," McElroy said. "He was always a fair judge, and we became very good friends."

Hundreds of people attended a memorial gathering Tuesday at Natchez Trace Funeral Home in Madison to pay their last respects to the former mayor and municipal judge.

Danks also was recognized by the Madison Mayor and Board of Aldermen during the board's Tuesday meeting.

Madison Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler dedicated the first few minutes of the meeting to remembering Danks.

"It's been a long day today and a day of sadness," Hawkins-Butler said. "He was a very wonderful person, and we are blessed that Dale chose to move to the city of Madison to be part of this wonderful community."

Madison Alderman-at-Large Sandra Strain said she and the rest of the board consider Danks an icon.

"He was a remarkable human being and a very dear friend of my family," Strain said.

"He was an influential pros-



Dale Danks Jr.

cuting attorney, and I remember being his golf partner," said Ken Jacobs, outgoing Madison Ward 3 alderman.

Danks was born on August 27, 1939, to the late Alney Dale Danks and late Anna Marie Ross Danks.

He was educated in the Jackson Public Schools and attended Millsaps College.

He is a graduate of the Jackson School of Law, which is now Mississippi College Law School. Before he entered into the field of law in 1964, he worked for the City of Jackson, first in the sanitation department and later in the water department office.

Danks is survived by his wife of 17 years, Janet Webb Danks; daughter, Lori Ann Spreafico and her husband, Tony; grandson, Michael Dale Long and his wife Meg Gordon Long; two stepdaughters, Candace Hailey Battaglia and her husband Anthony Battaglia and Camille Hailey; granddaughters, Addilena Battaglia and Hazel Battaglia; grandson Marc Anthony Battaglia and his pets, FeFe, Dede and Crystal.

Truly wins 3rd term as Canton mayor

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CANTON — Democrat Mayor William Truly won reelection for a third term last week fended off a challenge from Republican Charles "Chip" Matthews.

Truly garnered 739 votes to Matthews' 497 votes, according to unofficial returns from Tuesday's election.

All other candidates in Canton ran as Democrats and those races were settled in the April Democrat Party primary.

In a lawsuit filed by three Democrat Party incumbent candidates who lost their seats in the April 6 primaries, however, a June 4 status conference hearing before Special Mad-

ison County Circuit Court Judge Jeff Weill Sr., resulted in a July 27 trial date on the process by which Democratic candidates were placed on the ballots.

The candidates — Ward 1 Rodriquez Brown, Ward 2 Fred Esco Jr. and Ward 5 Tim C. Taylor — had filed individual suits that were later consolidated into one suit, questioning, among other things, the Democrat Party candidates list submitted to the Mississippi Secretary of State's office and the legitimacy of the city's Democrat Party Executive Committee which certified the primary results.

Depending on the outcome of the pending trial or rulings on any pre-trial motions, Tues-

day's election results could be challenged along with the primary results.

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EDITORIALS

Facebook censors truth

Unalloyed fact is hard to come by, and only individuals with an overabundance of self-regard apply for the job of minister of truth. Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg and immunology's Anthony Fauci recklessly assumed the role when they teamed up to craft the official word about the COVID-19 pandemic. Their coronavirus collusion serves as a warning to beware of those so assured of their own rectitude that they would silence opposing views.

Americans are currently learning how the powerful duo worked together to establish a narrative on Facebook that shaped perception of the pandemic. Through Freedom of Information Act filings, Buzzfeed obtained email communications between the two that detailed their plans to dispense government-approved information, aka propaganda.

"This isn't public yet," wrote Mr. Zuckerberg in March 2020, "but we're building a Coronavirus Information Hub that we're going to put at the top of Facebook for everyone (200+ million Americans, 2.5 billion people worldwide) with two goals." He described these goals as the dispensing of "authoritative information" and the encouraging of the practice of "social distance."

Dr. Fauci, head of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, readily agreed: "Your idea and proposal sound terrific. I would be happy to do a video for your hub." Innocuous in tone, their collaboration became collusion when Facebook distributed Fauci-approved disease doctrine worldwide, and quietly mustered an army of fact-checkers to squelch dissent.

Conflicting instructions about mask-wearing and social-distancing caused

bewilderment, but a deeper mystery confounded the public: how the virus came to be. The Washington Times' national security reporter Bill Gertz related recently in these pages how Facebook made his well-researched January 2020 report on links between the Wuhan Institute of Virology, the suspected source of the coronavirus' origin, and the Chinese military simply vanish from the Internet. Why? Because a "fact check" by USA Today labeled it "false information."

Facebook had whipped up a catalog of supposed "false claims" worthy of censorship. Topping the list: "COVID-19 is man-made or manufactured." As the White House's top adviser on disease, Dr. Fauci asserted early and often that the deadly coronavirus was almost certainly a natural occurrence. Thus, the idea that the virus must have seeped out of a wet market became media orthodoxy.

Americans have discovered recently that U.S. taxpayer funds flowed through intermediaries to the Wuhan lab, which has conducted "gain of function" experiments to render coronaviruses more virulent. Surprise — three lab employees developed COVID-like symptoms shortly before the pandemic exploded. Now that the most likely source of the virus that has killed nearly 4 million worldwide is the Wuhan facility, the "authoritative information" peddled by Dr. Fauci and Mr. Zuckerberg appears false.

Facebook has recently lifted its ban on claims that the virus was man-made, but only because information it tried to suppress broke into public view. The Zuckerbergs and Faucis of the world must not be allowed to censor the search for truth.

— *The Washington Times*

Biden's energy irony

When President Biden jetted off Wednesday for his first major foreign policy journey, the drag of his burdensome energy policy was such as to evoke wonder that Air Force One was able to get airborne. In less than five months, he has given his blessing for a valuable natural gas pipeline for Europeans but has condemned a similarly essential oil conduit for Americans. The irony of the president's energy policy indicates to foreign competitors that in the Biden book, U.S. interests carry less weight than their own.

The president has joined with fellow Group of 7 leaders in Great Britain's historic Cornwall to game-plan ways of boosting economic recovery from the deadly COVID-19 pandemic. Burning a hole in his pocket was a letter received Monday from 68 House Republicans urging him to reconsider his decision to waive sanctions that have hampered the completion of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, designed to carry natural gas from Russia to Germany.

Signers, who included Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, warned that allowing the Russian pipeline to proceed as, in the words of Secretary of State Antony Blinken, "a fait accompli," would amount to "a gift to [Vladimir] Putin and his efforts to increase geopolitical influence in Europe."

"Furthermore," the letter read, "given your open hostility to domestic pipelines like the Keystone XL pipeline, which also was a top priority for our Canadian allies, it is baffling that you are willing to green-light Russia's Nord Stream 2 pipeline."

Worse than baffling, the pipelines' juxtaposition amplifies the America-last principle that has guided Mr. Biden since the moment he became "Mr. President."

Before his first Oval Office coffee break, Mr. Biden asserted the Keystone XL pipeline "disserves the national interest" and yanked its permit. Apparently, the Biden policy is "energy for thee, but none for me."

Consequently, Americans are already paying more to power their lives. Former President Trump lamented that fact in a phone call to Fox News Monday. "We had energy independence when I left," Mr. Trump said. "Gasoline was \$1.87, now it's going to be double that. It's going to be triple and quadruple that."

In fact, the average price of a gallon of gasoline nationwide is currently \$3.07, up more than a dollar over the same time in 2020. The cost has risen an average of 28 percent since Inauguration Day, with tax-tormented Californians paying about \$4.25 a gallon.

It's unsurprising, then, that 23 states are suing the federal government over the Keystone XL pipeline cancellation. The proposed route traverses only three states — Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska — but the economic impact of lost jobs and energy damages the entire nation.

Mr. Biden has, in effect, boosted opportunities for abundant energy abroad while running U.S. prospects for affordable energy into the ground. When they meet in Geneva on June 16, the irony of it all may tempt Russia's Mr. Putin to chortle in Mr. Biden's face.

— *The Washington Times*

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Biden-Putin summit hype

History repeats itself, first as tragedy, then as farce.

Karl Marx's comment came to mind as President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Boris Johnson sought to equate their tete-a-tete at the G7 confab in Cornwall, England, to the Atlantic Charter conference of 80 years ago.

Those were historic days, to which these days cannot compare.

In August 1941, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Franklin D. Roosevelt met secretly on warships off Newfoundland to confer and commit to a set of principles that were to govern the world after the defeat of a then-triumphant Nazism.

Aboard HMS Prince of Wales, the battleship that brought Churchill across the Atlantic, Americans and British sang together, defiantly and movingly, an old and venerable hymn.

"Onward, Christian Soldiers!

Marching as to War,
With the Cross of Jesus,
Going on Before."

Four months later, hours after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Prince of Wales was sunk by Japanese fighter-bombers along with its sister ship, the battlecruiser Repulse, in the South China Sea.

When Churchill arrived in Placentia Bay off the Canadian coast, the Battle of Britain had been won, Adolf Hitler had turned on his former ally Joseph Stalin, and German armies were advancing from victory to victory in the USSR.

The danger then was that the Nazis might win the war.

And what did Biden, landing at Royal Air Force Base Mildenhall, identify for the U.S. troops there as the "existential threat" facing today's world?

Said Biden: "When I first was elected vice president with President Obama, the military sat us down to let us know what the greatest threats facing America were — the greatest physical threats. ... You know what the Joint Chiefs told us the greatest threat facing America was? Global warming."

"This is not a joke," Biden assured the troops.

RICH LOWRY

Not a cent more for defense

Joe Biden isn't known for his austerity, except when it comes to the nation's defense.

As part of his welcome emphasis on competition with China, the president cajoled reluctant European countries at the G-7 summit into releasing a statement critical of China, on top of the announcement of an infrastructure program meant to counter China's Belt and Road Initiative.

That's all fine as far as it goes, but a glaring omission from Biden's campaign is a defense budget that reflects the growing challenge from Beijing.

Indeed, Biden justifies almost any increased domestic spending as designed to check China's ambitions, at the same time he neglects what is most needful to keep China from dominating its region and waging war on our allies or perhaps the U.S. itself.

If we can deter China from taking Taiwan with subsidies for electric cars, Biden is inarguably the Churchill of his time.

If we can counter China's defense buildup with more funding for affordable housing, Biden deserves to take his place beside Alfred Thayer Mahan or George Kennan as great strategic thinkers.

Otherwise, his approach is lacking, and disturbingly so.

Biden's infrastructure plan, a sprawling proposal that would spend \$2.3 trillion on everything from roads and bridges to affordable housing and elder care, is about the "global competition with China," the president insists.

By Biden's way of think-

From the signals Putin has been sending, he intends to disagree firmly with Biden.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Army Gen. Mark Milley told Congress the following day that, over at the Pentagon, they had a somewhat different ranking of threat assessments.

Said Milley: "Climate change does impact, but the president is looking at a much broader angle than I am ... from a strictly military standpoint, I'm putting China, Russia up there."

Kicking off the first day's discussion of the seven leaders from the U.S., U.K., Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Japan, Johnson laid out his vision for the post-COVID-19 world.

Building on Biden's theme to "build back better," Johnson said that we should ensure that "we're building back better together. And building back greener. And building back fairer. And building back more equal ... perhaps in a more feminine way."

Johnson knows his media audience.

In the 12,400-word closing communique, the G7 accused Russia of threatening Ukraine while China was guilty of human rights abuses in Xinjiang and Hong Kong. The anti-China commentary was said to have been inserted at the request of President Biden.

But no concrete action was agreed upon in the communique that would unduly upset either Chinese President Xi Jinping or Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Indeed, the Chinese embassy in London dismissed the whole G7 exercise, with Reuters quoting a spokesman as saying, "The days when global decisions were dictated by a small group of countries are long gone."

That Chinese diplomat came as close to describing the reality at the Cornwall confab as anyone present.

For the G7 meeting — of the heads of government of seven of the world's 10 largest

economies — and the gatherings this week of NATO and the European Union in Brussels appear designed more to send messages than to portend action.

What are those messages?

"America is back!" The prodigal son has come home. The bad old days of The Donald are over. We are united again and agreed we must stand together and raise our differences behind closed doors, not raucously in open forums.

And the struggle for the future lies in competition, not conflict, between autocrats and democrats, to determine which system works better for its people.

To show solidarity, the G7 agreed to contribute 1 billion COVID-19 vaccine shots to poor and needy nations by the end of 2022. Half will come from the USA.

And what are the geopolitical realities largely left unaddressed?

Russia continues to hold Alexei Navalny in prison, to stand behind the dictator Alexi Lukashenko in Belarus and to support the pro-Russian rebel resistance in the Donbas.

China is not surrendering any of the reefs it claims in the South China Sea. Beijing continues to squeeze the political life out of Hong Kong, and its persecution persists in Xinjiang.

And the Chinese military exercises in the Taiwanese waters and air space will continue and grow more aggressive.

Wednesday's meeting between Biden and Putin is the event toward which these preliminary meetings — the G7, NATO and EU gatherings — have been pointing.

And from the signals Putin has been sending, he intends to disagree firmly and frankly with Biden, who has called him a "killer."

Following the Putin summit, Biden will hold his own separate press conference, by himself. What, one wonders, are the Americans afraid of?

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six years.

Given all that, one might expect the openhanded Biden to invest substantially in a stronger, more advanced U.S. military, but his profligacy doesn't extend so far. He increased defense budget spending by about 2%, which won't even keep up with inflation.

This doesn't come close to what we realistically need. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Mark Milley said at a U.S. Naval Institute event late last year, "We're going to have to have a much larger fleet than we have today, if we're serious about great power competition and deterring great power war." He called for a 3-5% increase in the budget every year but didn't think that was plausible because of fiscal constraints (little did he know, the \$6 trillion blowout to come in every other area of the budget).

We should be spending more on defense, and spending differently. With an eye to deterring conflict with China, we need to recalibrate in a serious way to focus on advanced technologies and weapons systems for the Navy and Air Force, and in space. Hypersonics, directed energy, and control of the electromagnetic spectrum should be particular priorities.

Biden has no excuse for not pursuing this. It's not as though he can say we can't afford it.

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BIBLE SELECTION

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

— **Philippians 3:20 (ESV)**

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OBITUARIES

Dale Danks Jr.



Dale Danks Jr.

Honorable Dale Danks, Jr., 81, of Madison, passed away on June 9, 2021 at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland, MS. A memorial gathering is being offered on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Natchez Trace Funeral Home in Madison, MS. In Lieu of flowers, memorials in Dale Danks name may be made to: Cops Pops P.O. Box 2489 Madison, MS 39130, Webster Animal Shelter P.O. Box 40 Madison, MS 39130 or to an animal shelter of your choice.

Dale is survived by his wife of 17 years, Janet Webb Danks, daughter, Lori Ann Spreafico and her husband Tony; grandson, Michael Dale Long and his wife Meg Gordon Long; two step-daughters, Candace Hailey Battaglia and her husband Anthony Battaglia and Camille Hailey; granddaughters, Addilena Battaglia and Hazel Battaglia; grandson Marc Anthony Battaglia and his beloved pets, FeFe, Dede and Crystal.

Dale was born on August 27, 1939 to the late Alney Dale Danks and late Anna Marie Ross Danks. Dale was

educated in the Jackson Public Schools and attended Millsaps College. He is a graduate of the Jackson School of Law; now Mississippi College Law School. Prior to the entry into the field of law in 1964, he worked for the City of Jackson, first in the Sanitation Department and later in the Water Department office.

Nearly fifteen years of law practice in the firm of Danks, Craig and Moss was coupled with six years of service as County Prosecuting Attorney. He was first elected to this office in 1971 and was re-elected in 1975 where he served until assuming the

office of Mayor in 1977. While County Prosecuting Attorney, Danks, with his two assistants, handled in excess of 3,000 cases, covering the widest possible range of criminal activity. In 1973, during the time he was the prosecuting attorney for Hinds County, he was voted Jackson's "Outstanding Young Man" by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

First elected Mayor of Jackson in 1977, Dale was returned to office in 1981 and 1985. During twelve years as Mayor, Danks was instrumental in revitalizing downtown Jackson and has encouraged the economic development of the city through bringing new industries to the city. Dale has received numerous awards, accolades, and recognition for his work.

Dale's career most recently included serving as the city Attorney for Madison City and served as the city's Municipal Court Judge. He also served as a partner in Danks, Miller and Cory, where he continued to be engaged in general trial practice.

Jeannie LaRue Murphy Brinkley

Jeannie LaRue Murphy Brinkley, 74, departed this life peacefully to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on June 8, 2021.

A graveside service was held June 15, 2021 in Natchez Trace Memorial Park.

Jennie was born July 30, 1946, in Grenada Mississippi to George Holmes Murphy and Addie Helen Murphy. She graduated from John Rundle High School in Grenada. She received an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education from the

University of Southern Mississippi and a master's degree in Elementary Education from Ole Miss.

She was a devoted teacher for 31 years in schools in Charleston, Grenada and Madison.

Jeannie is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Bill; sister, Martha Lynn Bailey (Ford); nephew, Kevin Bailey (Valerie); nieces Meredith Bailey Scott (Brandon) and Mallory Bailey Strode (Raymond); great-nieces, Eliza Bailey, Clara Bailey, and Henley Scott;

great-nephew, Baby Scott, who is expected in October; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives by marriage. Jeannie was a devout Christian from an early age and currently a member of First Baptist Church of Madison.

Memorials may be made in memory of Jeannie and in honor of Evelyn Rose Robinson to LeBonheur Children's Hospital. Memorials may also be made to Hospice Ministries of Ridgeland, MS, 450 Towne Center Blvd, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

Susan Jane Helms

Self-taught bookkeeper and retired computer programmer, Susan J. Helms', of Canton love of life didn't come to an end with her death.

Sue passed away on June 10, 2021, at the age of 81 after a courageous battle with heart disease. She was surrounded by loved ones who will continue to honor her

legacy by living their lives to the fullest.

Sue is survived by her daughters, Pam Helms Rigby (Mamie) of Canton, Patsy Helms Crenshaw (Bill) of Larose, LA; son, James William Helms III of Madison; grandchildren, Susan Rigby (Anna), Robert Hugh Rigby (Lindsay), Sarah McGahan (Ryan), William

Crenshaw; and great grandchildren, Christopher, Kameron, Maddox, and Pierre.

A funeral service was held June 14, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Canton, MS.

Memorial donations may be made to your favorite Catholic charity or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Margaret Mary Ford Campbell

Margaret Mary Ford Campbell passed away on May 26, 2021 at St. Catherine's Village in Madison.

Born on July 14, 1925 in New Orleans, Louisiana, she was the daughter of the late Francis Bennett and Anna Mae (Brechtel) Ford. Because her father worked in shipping, she was raised in New Orleans and several cities along the east coast. She was a graduate of Dominican College in New Orleans and later worked as a medical technologist at Hotel Dieu hospital when she met the love of her life Guy D. Campbell.

They were married in May 1950 and a year later had one child. Together they lived in

the Mississippi TB Sanatorium and New Orleans where her husband finished his Medical Residency and in 1955 they moved to Jackson to join the faculty of the newly opened University of Mississippi School of Medicine. For the remainder of her life she was a resident of the Jackson area. She was quite active in numerous organizations including the medical auxiliaries at St. Dominic and UMMC.

A longtime member of her beloved St. Richard Catholic Church, she served in numerous capacities including helping to build to 20 of the first 21 homes for Habitat for Humanity.

In addition to her parents,

she is preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Guy Douglas Campbell, Sr.

She is survived by her son, Dr. G. Douglas Campbell, Jr. (Lynda), of Ridgeland; her older sister, Elaine Ford, of Metairie; step grandchildren, Heather Filbeck, of Dallas and Suzanna Rula (Stephen), of Ridgeland; step great grandchildren, Sara Kate Rula and Nicholas Rula; step in-laws, Richard and Sherry Rula; and a host of other relatives.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Richard Catholic Church on June 15, 2021. Memorials may be made to Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area. HabitatMCA.org

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

The rule of Christ in the workplace

Please turn in your Bibles to Colossians 3:22-4:1. As we look at chapter three, we see Paul applying the principle of the Lordship of Christ in a variety of our relationships. Specifically, Paul addresses our personal piety and walk with God, our relationship to one another in the congregation, and our relationships in our homes and in our family life. In this passage, Paul applies the principle of the Lordship of Christ to how we live and operate in our work relationships. Specifically, Paul gives us four important things to consider. First, Paul says that Christians should do all of their work as if they were doing it for the Lord. Secondly, he tells us that Christians should do all of their work from the heart. Thirdly, Paul says that Christians should realize that their work will be rewarded. Fourthly and finally, Paul tells us that Christian employers should treat their workers with justice and fairness.

I. Christians Should Do All Of Their Work As If They Were Doing It For The Lord.

In verse 23, Paul says "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men." In this passage, Paul is bringing to bear the great principle of the rule of Christ which brings freedom. In relation, Christian freedom leads us to certain things. First, Christian liberty strengthens our motive to work. Thus, Paul is saying, "Christian liberty has freed you to work more effectively. It has not lessened your motive for working. You are free in Christ, therefore do your work better than anyone else." Secondly, Christian freedom frees us from man pleasing. Paul tells the Colossian Christians to obey "not with external service as those who merely please men" but to work "as for the Lord rather than for men." Paul is concerned that our work not be done simply for the estimation that will be put on it by the one for whom we work. Paul is telling us that our work should be done as if it were before the eyes of God. Thirdly, Paul says that we must "fear the Lord in our labor." It is to the Lord that we will give an account. We often think of the account that we will give to those to whom we answer on earth. However, Paul tells us to remember the One that we are ultimately to give an account to about our

work. He is saying here that work is valued in the sight of God, and that means that our work is valuable. Whatever you do, whatever area of legitimate labor you engage in, it is valued in the sight of God. It has dignity attached to it as you do it well. We live in a day and age where certain professions are honored above others, and yet if you do what you do for the glory of God, it has eternal value in His sight. God cares how you labor and He cares about the way you treat those with whom and for whom you labor.

II. Christians Should Do All Of Their Work From The Heart.

In verses 22 and 23, Paul says obey with "sincerity of heart," and "whatever you do, do your work heartily." In these verses, Paul teaches the principle that Christian liberty frees us to work wholeheartedly for those who employ us. In other words, he is saying, "Work from the soul. Throw yourself into this work that the Lord has given to you." He is waging war against half-hearted service, and is that not the tendency of those who are underappreciated or underpaid? Is it not the tendency to become half-hearted? Is it not the tendency to have a drudging attitude towards the work itself, to not have our hearts in it? Whatever God has called you to do, He wants you to throw your heart into it, to do it as unto the Lord, with sincerity. This, my young friends is why it is so important as you choose your profession to remember that all work is a result of the Lord's calling. Paul is looking for whole-souled service in the workplace, and how we need that in our own day and time.

III. Christians Should Realize That Their Work Will Be Rewarded.

In verse 24, Paul says, "you will be rewarded" and then he adds this phrase, "with the inheritance." Paul is speaking to bondservants initially here. In the Roman world, bondservants were not rewarded with great remuneration for their labors. They had food and shelter and other basic forms of care, but they were not paid for their labors. But here, Paul says "you will be rewarded with the inheritance." Now that must have been special to the ears of those bondservants because under Greco-Roman law no bondservant could inherit. Yet

Paul is saying, "You will be rewarded with your inheritance." He was reminding them that they serve the Lord who is in heaven, and He will not fail to give them their inheritance, even if men do not. Thus, Paul here is setting forth the principle of God's remunerative justice which is the principle that God will reward His children's well-doing. Did you know that God cares about your work, and as you do your labors faithfully for Him under the Lordship of Christ, He promises a reward to you? He says, "You will not fail to receive the inheritance which I am preparing for you." God rewards His children. What an encouragement for us.

IV. Christian Employers Must Treat Their Workers With Justice And Fairness.

In verse 1 of chapter 4, Paul says, "Masters, grant to your bondservants justice and fairness, knowing that you, too, have a Master in heaven." Paul is reminding us that God cares how we conduct ourselves as employers. He cares that we treat people justly and fairly, and that we, above all people, are seen to be fair and equitable in our practices, both in our business relations and in our treatment of those who work for us. Sinclair Ferguson once said, "Man was made to work, because the God who made him was a working God." All work has dignity in the sight of God, and He cares about the work that we do and how we do the work that we do. These principles are set down as gospel principles to direct Christians in the way we go about our vocations, and they are universally applicable whether we worship and work in the church, or whether we are working somewhere outside of the church. The rule of Christ brings freedom, and that freedom that the rule of Christ brings, leads us to greater and deeper and richer obedience, not to less obedience in the realm of our work relations. May God, by His grace, help us to do well in our work and so honor the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Summer reading program underway

By JOHN LEE

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The Madison County Library System's 2021 Summer Reading Program is underway with the theme of "Tails and Tales."

The program kicked off on Tuesday and will run through July 31. Each branch of the library system is offering virtual and in-person programs. All of the programs are free of charge.

The program will have several different activities such as storytime, arts and crafts, and STEM challenges for children. Dawn Zimmerer, youth services director for the Madison County Library System, said children attending should be excited because the program will be interactive and in person.

Zimmerer said the MCLS branches are planning hybrid calendars of virtual and in-person programming, and all in-person programming will be outdoors.

"Our youth librarians are going to make it special since they have such a passion for serving the community," Zimmerer said. "They've been so excited since we decided to do programming in person."

Zimmerer said attendees have much to look forward to, including a Golden Ticket prize if they take the summer reading challenge. They can redeem the ticket in the last two weeks of July for a free new book of their choice from the library's selection, she said.

Zimmerer said she is excited to see everything in the pro-



Youth Specialist Jill Swan at the Ridgeland Public Library organizes books next to library patron Rebekah Andrew as prepares to continue the summer reading program, "Tails and Tales," happening at all branches of the Madison County Library System until July 31.

gram but is most excited about the Summer Lunch Program and the finale, and that the library gets to give away 1,500 brand new books for all ages who agree to accept the summer reading challenge.

She said for the challenge, the library asks people to mindfully read something each day. It can be anything, including a book, a magazine article, a newspaper article, an audio-book, a blog post, recipe, etc.

"We want to encourage reading for pleasure and encourage conversation," Zimmerer said. "We've missed the community as much as they've missed us. When we announced to the youth staff that they would be able to

in-person programming this summer, they were in tears. All of our hearts are with the community and we encourage everyone to stop by your branch and check out a book for fun."

Jill Swan, youth specialist at the MLCS Ridgeland Branch, said she is looking forward to being in person again and interacting with the community.

"I've really missed spending time with the people here and I'm excited to be outside and take part in this program," Swan said. "I'm happy things are starting to look a little more normal."



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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

For God so loved the world

John 3:16 is probably the most well-known Bible verse: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This passage shows us how Saul of Tarsus found room in the "whosoever" word the Lord used, and how he turned it into great zeal to proclaim the name of the Lord who saved him.

After his conversion on the road to Damascus, Saul spent some time with the Christians in the city, and then immediately began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying "He is the Son of God (Acts 9:20)."

In verse 22, following the example of the apostles, Saul used scripture to prove that Jesus was the Christ. In Peter's sermons we find constant references from the Old Testament prophets who wrote of the coming Messiah. Jesus fulfilled the words of the prophets in his birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension. He continues to do so in his building of his church.

Jesus had told Paul how much he would suffer for Jesus name (Acts 9:16), and in this passage Paul's life is threatened both in Damascus and then in Jerusalem. Many sought to end his life. Nevertheless, we read that as Saul persevered in proclaiming Christ, he grew in strength (verse 22). It is a strange thing to hear of one under such threats growing in strength.

In verse 31, Luke gives us a summary statement of how the church was doing after all the activity of the converted Saul: "The church had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit it multiplied." There are some important applications for us here.

Christians have peace walking in the fear of the Lord. Psalm 85:9 says, "Salvation is near to those who fear the Lord." The fear of the Lord is a right reverence, a regard for the majesty, authority, holiness, and love of the Lord. John Bunyan called this "a blessed confusion."

Plainly, after his conversion Saul feared the Lord in a good way. The Lord supplied

him with comfort and strength. He was joyful because of the unfailing love of the Lord. We need the Spirit of God to give us a right fear of the Lord. What can we do to stir up the Spirit to this end?

We can follow the example of probably the two most zealous preachers of the Lord's wrath against sin and his great love in giving the Son of God as Savior; Isaiah and Paul. Both were put in the presence of the exalted and holy God. Both knew the meaning of Psalm 130:3-4: "If you O Lord should mark iniquities, O Lord who could stand? But with you is forgiveness that you may be feared."

The fear of the devil has of the Lord is mingled with bitterness. The fear of a redeemed soul has is mingled with knowledge of forgiveness of sin by a great Redeemer. If you put yourself in the presence of God knowing you are exposed with all your sin, the knowledge of atonement for sin is a great thing; greater than anything in the world. The fear of the Lord is such as that.

So it was with Paul and Isaiah. How they revered and loved the Lord! Paul is held out to us as an example to follow. The grace of Christ altered him in a great way. It allowed him to see his misery in sin, that death and the devil laid claim to him. Christ gave balm to his soul: thy sins are forgiven thee.

He learned of the love of God. It was from love the Father sent the Son, when he was equal with the Father. It was love that drew Christ to the virgin's womb, not only to be man, but a suffering man: one who would be stricken, smitten, and afflicted. One who suffer the wrath of God as atonement for sin.

How could God convey his love to us any better? While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. To be awakened to sin and the offer of salvation is a great mercy. We do not deserve salvation, but we are offered it freely in Christ. Psalm 107:43 says, "Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the Lord."

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Gluckstadt mayor ready to launch new city

By DUNCAN DENT
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GLUCKSTADT — The new mayor has a hefty task ahead of him launching Mississippi's newest city practically from scratch.

"We have been tasked with setting up a city government," said Gluckstadt Mayor Walter Morrison. "Our goal is to put in place a municipal government that provides services that people who live in a city are accustomed to having."

Morrison said he and the board currently do not have a schedule for bringing services online for the city nor do they have a finalized budget but said that those things will be the product of a lengthy process that will go on in public meetings.

Morrison said one of his first goals will be to establish a regular monthly meeting for the city board.

All other local municipalities meet on the first and third Tuesday of every month.

Morrison said that schedule is not required by state law, so



Gluckstadt Mayor Walter Morrison and Secretary of State Michael Watson talk during the commissioning of newly-appointed Gluckstadt government officials last week in Jackson.

they are not sure when their regular meeting will be set.

Morrison said he anticipates a lot of specially held meetings in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings as the city gets started.

The new long process formally starts at the board's first

meeting on at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22 in the church hall at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 127 Church Road, Gluckstadt.

Morrison said the church was "gracious" in offering the city a meeting space as the city has no offices or city hall at this time.

Another deadline facing the city will be to have wards drawn and the infrastructure in place to hold the city's first election in the next round of municipal elections set for 2025.

Morrison was appointed to the position by a citizen's com-

mittee along with the five aldermen.

Gluckstadt's appointed aldermen are Miya Warfield-Bates, John Taylor, Jayce Powell, Wesley Slay and Lisa Williams, all of whom will initially serve in at-large capacities.

They were all selected by a citizens committee headed up by longtime Gluckstadt resident Kerry Minninger and others some years back as part of the filing process for incorporation. At this time, all city officials are serving their duties without pay.

Minninger said that he has known Morrison for well over 20 years.

"He is a great guy and a down-to-business type of guy," Minninger said. "I think people will see in the way that he conducts the meetings that he wants to get things done in a timely manner and I think that is good for the city. I am confident he will do a great job."

Minninger said Morrison's work as an attorney shows he has an understanding of the law, which he said the commit-

tee found valuable. Minninger also said that Morrison has a "genuine interest in the community" and has no further political aims, which he described as an "important aspect" for their "citizen-driven" city government.

"We didn't want to pick someone that might forget what the people want," Minninger said. "We are excited to see what his board will do. This is a long time coming and I think the city has a bright future."

Morrison was sparse on personal details.

"I don't want to get into personal stuff," Morrison said. "This is not about me. I want to keep the limelight off of me as much as possible."

Morrison did, however, give a few personal details. He now lives in the New Colony Neighborhood with his family. He has lived in the area since 1998 and is regionally from New Roads, Louisiana.

Morrison is an active sportsman. In his free time, he enjoys hunting, fishing and is an "avid" clay shooter.

2 Jackson teens arrested by Ridgeland police for carjacking

By DUNCAN DENT
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RIDGELAND — With two men in custody and a third suspect still at large, police are investigating an armed carjacking that occurred at a Lake Harbour Drive apartment complex early Monday morning.

Montavious Shundell Wilson, 18, 1420 Cox Street, Jackson, was arrested and charged with armed carjacking, receiving stolen property worth more than

\$1,000, and fleeing arrest, all felonies.

Ridgeland Police Lt. Brian Myers said Wilson was also charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana in a motor vehicle.

Dajuan Deshaun Reed, 19, 18488 Wisteria Drive, Jackson, was arrested and charged with armed carjacking, receiving stolen property and fleeing arrest.

Myers said that Reed also had misdemeanor charges of disorderly

conduct and contempt of court against him.

Neither man had been issued bond as of Wednesday morning. Jail records show both have a court date scheduled for July 13.



Montavious Wilson



Dajuan Reed

Myers said the arrests stemmed from an incident reported before just 6 a.m. Monday, June 14 and occurred at approximately 5:53 a.m. when Ridgeland police units responded to

the report of an armed carjacking at the Mark Apartments, 711 Lake Harbour Drive.

The initial report said that two unidentified males had taken a Honda Civic at gunpoint from a resident of the apartment complex. The victim gave officers information on a suspect vehicle, Myers said.

The vehicle was later located and a pursuit ensued that led the officers into Jackson.

The suspects wrecked the vehicle on Shady Lane in South

Jackson. Myers said three suspects then fled on foot and two were apprehended.

A third suspect from the pursuit was not located and remained at large early Monday afternoon.

No other vehicles were involved in the accident and no one was injured.

The vehicle the suspects were traveling in was stolen out of Jackson on June 12.

The stolen Honda Civic had not been located as of Monday.

Homeowners, developer reach agreement over subdivision

By AUDREY HALL
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An attorney representing homeowners in the Lake Grey Castle area called off a public hearing they had requested for the June 7 Madison County Board of Supervisors meeting after the homeowners reached an agreement with the developer of a new subdivision known as Mipitou.

The public hearing was intended to discuss the possible use of Dover Lane as a connector road for the Mipitou development owned by Peter Debeukelaer.

John Nisbett, a resident of Greystone and partner with Heilman Law Group, told supervisors during the June 7 meeting the issue had been settled amicably between the neighboring subdivisions' homeowners and Debeukelaer.

Nisbett had filed an appeal letter on April 19 representing the Lake Grey Castle Homeowners Association, the New-castle Homeowners Association, and homeowners in Greystone

requesting the hearing over the board's decision to allow the Mipitou developer to use Dover Lane as a connector road.

"Once the project opens, unless the Board of Supervisors denies this access to Dover Lane, all of the traffic from the first 65 lots and the majority of the traffic from the total 135 lots (1,300 vehicles per day/135 vehicles per hour per ITE Trip Generation, 10th Edition) will use Dover Lane," states Nesbitt's April 19 letter requesting the public hearing to appeal of the board's decision to let Debeukelaer use Dover Lane as a connector road. "At completion, this development is anticipated to (more than) double the traffic through Dover Lane/Normandy Circle, as Robinson Springs Road is heavily congested during peak hours at MS Hwy 463. There is a 0.25 mile section of Normandy Circle that is only 12 ft in width, which would not function safely under heavier (two-way) traffic volumes and higher speeds."

During the supervisor's June 7 meeting, however, before the public hearing began, Nisbett

said the resolution agreement reached between homeowners and Debeukelaer was for Gus Green Road and Robinson Springs Road to function as connector roads instead.

After instituting a restrictive covenant into the land records to put concerned citizens' minds at ease, Nisbett withdrew his appeal letter from the board, ending the need for a public hearing.

In other matters during the supervisors' June 7 meeting, the board:

- Approved James Freshwater's reappointment to the Southwest Madison County Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners.
- Approved Saint John Baptist Church's property tax exemption on church property, upon which they intend to build a youth recreation center.
- Approved advertising for on-site natural gas improvements as part of prepping for Amazon's megasite with funding from the Mississippi Development Authority.
- Approved Waggoner Engineering Inc.'s task order to

administer an Environmental Infrastructure Needs Analysis in West Madison County for \$96,500.

• Approved Neel Schaffer's design services contract to draft the part of Bozeman Road from Reunion Parkway to Gluckstadt Road for \$469,500.

• Approved a site plan for a

new C Store on Highway 16 and old Highway 16 in Farmhaven.

• Approved site plans for new businesses on the corner of Old Jackson Road and Church Road, near Church Road, and between Thomas Johnson Road and Interstate 55.

• Approved a preliminary plat for Katherine Lake of Caroline.

• Approved the purchase of platform ladder fire truck from Bonaventure Company for \$1,363,278.

• Approved, on the advice of a fisheries biologist, a Lake Management Plan for Sulphur Springs.

Madison County receives Entergy grant

In the competitive world of economic development, everyone is looking for that extra edge. Madison County Economic Development Authority, along with nine other Mississippi economic development groups, will get help with that in the form of a 50/50 matching grant from Entergy Mississippi's Excellerator Competitive Communities program.

In its fifth year, the program helps county economic development organizations pursue projects that make them more attractive to companies looking to expand or locate new facilities.

This year, Entergy has awarded nearly \$95,000 in grants, bringing the company's five-year total to more than \$423,000.

"The efforts our communities have put into qualifying sites and improving their readiness is paying off, and the Excellerator program has helped," said Ed Gardner, Entergy Mississippi director of business and economic development. "Amazon, Premium Waters, Google and Biewer Lumber are a few recent projects announced in our area, and they amount to projected investments of nearly \$400 million dollars and will lead to the creation of more than 1,800 jobs."

"We're excited our community and economic development organizations have participated so well in the program," he added. "It's our intent to continue providing this assistance to our communities."

Entergy awards grants in four categories: marketing, industrial building enhancements, site readiness and strategic planning. This year's winners are:

- Marketing Grants:**
 - Natchez, Inc.
 - Greater Grenada Partnership
 - Madison County Economic Development Authority
- Industrial Building Enhancements:**
 - Montgomery County Economic Development Authority
 - Vicksburg Warren Partnership
- Strategic Planning:**
 - Cleveland – Bolivar County Chamber
- Qualified Sites Grants:**
 - DeSoto County Economic Development Council
 - Hinds County Economic

Development District

• Rankin First Economic Development

• Tate County Economic Development Foundation

"Site readiness has proven to be a significant benefit for counties participating in the program and for Entergy's service area," said Gardner. "Site qualification grants totaled nearly \$300,000 in the five years since the program began. These matching funds have been leveraged with approximately \$3.1 million in other funds, including Mississippi Development Authority Site Development grants, Delta Regional Authority States Economic Development Assistant Program (SEDAP) grants and others for a total impact of more than \$3.5 million."

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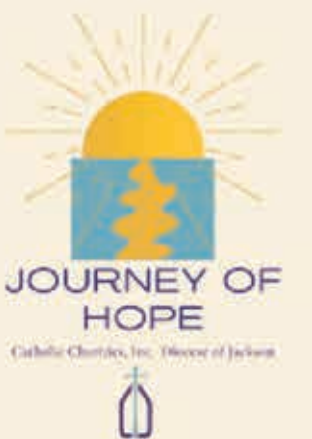
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Clark receives Choral award

Lisa Clark (center), Director of SATB and SSA Madrigals and the SSA Choir at Madison Central and Choral Director at Rosa Scott High School, has been awarded the Ernestine Ferrell Award for Excellence in Choral Music in Mississippi. Pictured with Clark are Angie Rawls, choral director at Pearl High School and Bobby Sims, retired choral director. Both are former recipients of the Earnestine Ferrell Award. This is a prestigious award established to honor the memory of Mississippi's longtime State Supervisor of Music. To be selected, one must have been active in Choral Music in Mississippi for at least 20 years, should have made significant contributions to the choral art, and should have the respect and admiration of colleagues and students alike. The nominee must hold active membership in the American Choral Directors Association.



Thompson speaks to Business League & Foundation

The Madison County Business League & Foundation Diversity & Inclusion and Government Affairs Committees hosted "Coffee With The Congressman" on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at the Two Museums in Jackson. Special guest and keynote speaker was US Congressman Bennie G. Thompson. Congressman Thompson represents the 2nd congressional district in Mississippi which includes part of Madison County. Congressman Thompson was introduced by Madison County Board of Supervisors President Karl Banks. The Madison County Business League & Foundation has been the voice of business in Madison County since 2008. Madison County's most valuable resource is our people. The Madison County Business League & Foundation stands united with our business community to help create a better and brighter future for Madison County. Pictured are (Front L-R) Bobby Morgan, Charlotte Seals, Shan Montgomery, Kimberly Hardy, Jan Collins (Back) John Geary, Krystal Minor, Arnel Bolden, Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, Barney Daly, Brian Johnson, and Phil Buffington

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