Living With Children

By John Rosemond

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Q: I teach 3- and 4-year-olds in a childcare center in Australia. I always have a few difficult children in any group and the book in which you describe Alpha Speech [The Well-Behaved Child] has been very helpful. My disciplinary options are limited to separating a misbehaving child out of the group for a few minutes and talking, but I cannot isolate or take privileges away. Besides, it seems that the worst kids' parents undo at home what we accomplish in the classroom. Some of them even side with their children when they misbehave. Meanwhile, we walk on eggshells when it comes to discipline so that a parent doesn't file a complaint against us with child protection. What suggestions do you have for preschool teachers?

A: Go back to school and learn automobile repair. Better yet, learn baking. Hardly anyone ever sends dessert back to the kitchen.

American preschool teachers also complain to me that concerning classroom discipline, their hands are tied by their supervisors and they get little support from parents. Consequently, kids whose behavior problems could have been brought under control in preschool take them to elementary school where they are "identified," diagnosed, and medicated. Because dedicated people like yourself are unable to discipline effectively, Big Pharma profits.

Once upon a time, children were afraid of adults. I was afraid of adults, for example. I didn't quake in my sneakers around them, mind you, but I had a healthy respect for the life-changing influence they exercised in my life. In the late 1960s, mental health professionals began demonizing everything about traditional childrearing. Today, most children are not afraid of adults and child mental health is much, much worse. And if that's not sad enough, consider that many of the parents I counsel are afraid of their children.

Let's get something out of the way: I am by no means recommending that adults be frightening. Children should feel comfortable and secure around adults, but they should "fear" them. They should be clear that adults run the show and will enforce the rules. Children are "afraid" of adults who simply act like authority figures. They mind their P's and Q's around adults who embrace their roles as leaders of children.

Said adults don't bend over at the waist when they talk to children. They stand up, like people who possess confidence in their natural authority. They don't scream and yell. They tell children what to do in short sentences that don't end in "Okay?" When children misbehave, they don't become flustered and threaten, as in, "If you do that one more time…!" They act, calmly and with purpose, proving they mean what they say.

Children trust adults who fit that description. Obedience is an act of trust, and children benefit from it. Research finds that a child's sense of well-being is proportionate to his or her level of obedience. We don't even need scientists to tell us something so commonsensical.

Giving children reasons and choices and letting them express their feelings may sound wonderful, but what children truly need are adults who tell them what to do, set firm boundaries, and enforce rules…adults who act like adults.

LEGALS

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF ANTHEONTRE DEJOHNTAE THURMOND, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 20-135

VS.

HEIRS-AT-LAW OF ANTHEONTRE DEJOHNTAE THURMOND, DECEASED RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: HEIRS-AT-LAW OF ANTHEONTRE DEJOHNTAE THURMOND, DECEASED

You have been made a Respondent in the Petition filed in this Court by Shakisha Yulanda Thurmond, individually, and as the natural mother and next friend of Antheontre Dejohntae Thurmond, Deceased, and joined by Anthony Rogers, the natural father of Antheontre Dejohntae Thurmond and also joined by all known living siblings/heirs-at-law, seeking to Determine Heirship of said decedent.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on Thursday, January 28, 2021, before the Honorable Robert G. Clark III, **Chancellor, in the Chancery Courtroom, of the Holmes County Chancery Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Square, Lexington, MS 39095,** and then and there show cause, if any you can, why the ***Petition to Determine Heirship*** filed in this cause and exhibited against you should not be allowed and approved and the relief demanded therein granted.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT on December 21, 2020.

MRS. CHARLIE LUCKETT, CLERK
HOLMES COUNTY CHANCERY COURT
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NOTICE OF
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HOLMES

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated October 23, 2007, executed by DAVID CHAMBERS, conveying certain real property therein described to W. STEWART ROBISON, as Trustee, for WALTER MORTGAGE COMPANY, Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Holmes County, Mississippi filed and recorded November 19, 2007, in Deed Book 2007, Page 6090; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon, as Indenture Trustee, for Mid-State Capital Corporation 2010-1 Trust; and

WHEREAS, Rubin Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on **January 12, 2021** within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the north door of the Courthouse proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Holmes County, Mississippi, to wit:

A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING SITUATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND RUN SOUTH FOR 598 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH FOR 272 FEET; THENCE RUN EAST FOR 160 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF A PAVED PUBLIC ROAD FOR 272 FEET; THENCE RUN WEST FOR 160 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING (1) ONE ACRE, MORE OR LESS.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **401 COUNTY LINE RD, WEST, MS 39192**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
SARAH MARCH PLAINTIFF
VS. CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO: 2020-35W
JERRY BLAKES, DOROTHY DIXON, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF EVELEAN PATTON DEFENDANTS
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

WHEREAS BY ORDER entered on December 8, 2020, by the Chancery Court of Holmes County, Mississippi, in Civil Action, File No: 2020-35 W, styled Sarah March vs. Jerry Blakes, Dorothy Dixon, and the Unknown Heirs at Law of Evelean Patton, I, Daniel S. Spivey, Special Commissioner, was authorized to sell at Public Auction, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the aforesaid Order, certain real property located in Holmes County, Mississippi, which is more particularly described hereinbelow.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel S. Spivey, as Special Commissioner, will on the 29th day of January 2021, offer for sale at public sale and outcry, for cash, to the highest and best bidder, within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the North front door of the Holmes County Courthouse, Lexington, Mississippi, the following described property lying and being situated in Holmes County, Mississippi, to-wit:

From the Northwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 16 North, Range 2 East, on the East boundary of Mississippi Highway No. 17, run South along the East boundary of said highway for 700 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue south along East boundary of said highway for 200 feet; thence East approximately 703 feet to the center of the old Lexington-Carrollton Road; thence North 81/2 degrees East along old road for approximately 200 feet; thence West 736 feet to POINT OF BEGINNING and close; containing 3.1 acres, more or less, in the NW¼ of SE¼ of Section 24, Township 16 North, Range 2 East, Holmes County, Mississippi, and being the South side of the Old Pine Grove Colored School property and lying between Mississippi Highway No. 17 and the old road.

I will convey only such Title as is vested in me as Special Commissioner.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 30th day of December 2020.

/s/ Daniel S. Spivey
Daniel S. Spivey,
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Outdoor Truths

BY GARY MILLER

Each morning I walked about three-fourths of a mile to get to my stand. I had cut limbs and bushes out of the way and yet there was one area where I had to navigate around several tree-laps and weeds. I could have gone another way, but this seemed to be the best direction if I was to leave the smallest footprint.

The problem was not maneuvering the fallen trees; it was dodging those little cockleburs that attached themselves to my clothes. Every morning, while watching deer, I found myself picking off burr after burr without ever getting them all.

One evening, after a hunt, I had the great idea of just putting the infested clothing in the wash and letting an agitator get rid of my agitation. It didn't work. Those little things hung on like a kid at a water park. They say these were the inspiration behind Velcro. I can't help but believe this to be true. When you think about the real reason for these clingers, it is pretty simple to understand. This is the way these nasty weeds spread to other areas. They produce a seed, the cocklebur, and when some animal comes by; the seed attaches itself to the fur and is carried away to another area. The burr is then picked off and left to germinate – if it has attached itself to the right source that is. Otherwise, as I later found out, the seed just remains on the source and ultimately dries up, dies, and then is easily brushed off.

The moral of the story? Be careful, what or who, you attach yourself to.

As I look toward a new year, I want to be reminded of this lesson. I want to be attached to the things that will help me be the most fruitful. Not that it is all about me, but it's about being all that God made me to be. It's about reaching my full potential. It's about getting the most out of my gifts and talents. And in order to do that, I must continually attach myself to the things God has placed there just for me. Sometimes that means I must say no to really good things in order for me to focus on what I have been called to do. But there is one thing I always need to remember – the goal or the accomplishment is not the end; it is the means to an end. The end is always the people that God puts in my life.

My gifts, talents and resources are not meant for my enjoyment, but for my employment. I am to employ them in the lives of people. For without people, I would be like a cocklebur seed that's only along for the ride.

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Opinion: Our 2021 goal, investing in Mississippi's greatest asset, our citizens

by Delbert Hosemann
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Last year, the Legislature provided computers to every Mississippi student, increased connectivity to unserved areas, provided additional ICU bed capacity, and contributed to the cost of personal protective equipment for healthcare workers, cities and counties, and much more.

The New Year is a time for setting new resolutions and paving a path to accomplishing them. Our 2021 goals in the Lieutenant Governor's Office center around investing in Mississippi's greatest asset: our people.

Equipping our citizens with the skills and resources they need to obtain a quality education, secure a meaningful career, and engage in their communities is the single-best way to assure our state's future success. When the number of people employed increases, our health outcomes improve, our state becomes more attractive for developers and investors, and we have more money circulating through our economy for our schools, roads and bridges, and other critical services and infrastructure.

In terms of the driving creators of jobs, our bench is deep in Mississippi. We have worked with our local economic developers to bring forward an incentive for small-to-medium businesses which is competitive with neighboring states, easy to calculate and understand, and transparent with taxpayer money. The plan, tentatively called "MFLEX," allows flexibility while requiring reporting and accountability. If the business seeking the incentive does not meet their stated goals, they do not receive the incentive. We look forward to introducing this innovative proposal, and to eliminating tax incentives which are seldom used or have generated a negative return.

On education, research shows the number of people who are employed is directly correlated with educational attainment levels. This starts with supporting our citizens who are most closely connected with growing the next generation of Mississippi leaders: our K-12 teachers.

This session, we will push legislation to raise teachers' salaries and attract more licensed professionals to our K-12 classrooms. We are also interested in increasing dual enrollment and dual credit programs for 11th and 12th graders. Providing these opportunities for secondary students increases the likelihood that they will be career or college ready by graduation day.

Finally, thousands of people who were previously incarcerated are released every year and reenter our working-age population. Neglecting to provide these individuals with the tools they need to succeed, like a driver's license or workforce training, only ensures recidivism.

We are working now with our sheriffs, district attorneys and citizen advocates on a bill to address some of these issues and to safely expand parole eligibility.

There are other initiatives including tax reform, the continued streamlining of government, and access to healthcare, to name a few, which will also be critical as we move forward.

From a flood covering our capital city, horrific tornadoes and hurricanes, a corrections crisis, and a worldwide pandemic which continues to threaten our citizens' safety and ravage our economy, 2020 has been one of the most challenging in modern history.

By keeping our eye on the prize — helping more Mississippians find a meaningful job — our state is certainly headed for brighter days.