



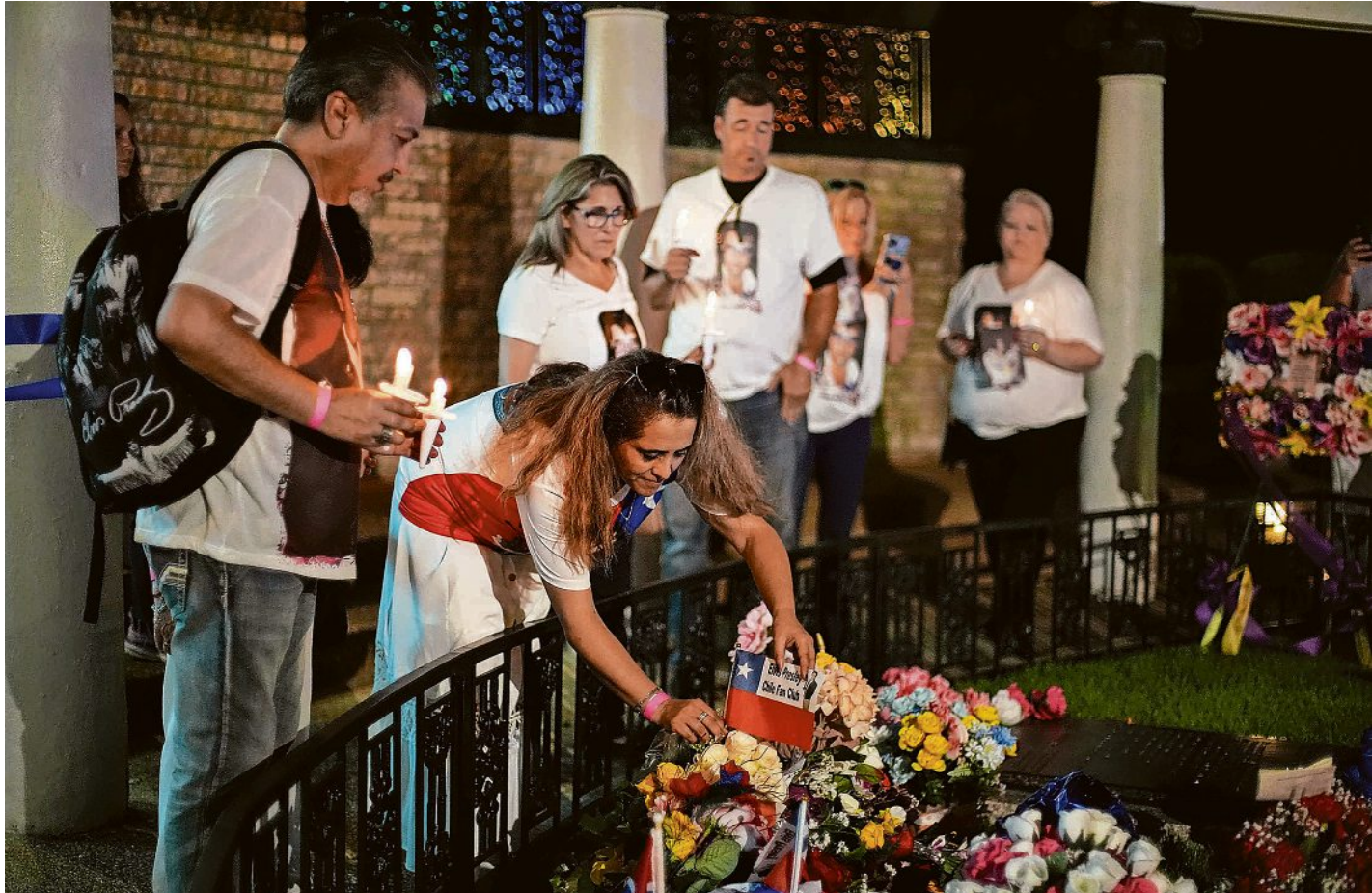
## Column: Not taken Ward long to endear himself

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Isabel Silva reaches down to place an “Elvis Presley Chile Fan Club” flag onto the grave of Presley within the Meditation Garden at Graceland during the Candlelight Vigil on Aug. 15. PHOTOS BY CHRIS DAY/THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

## Fans from around world honor Elvis

### Candlelight Vigil held at Graceland to commemorate legend

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Sonya Reid, 62, who has come from London to Memphis for the Candlelight Vigil at Graceland every year since 2012, is covered in Elvis ink.

The photorealism of her Presley tattoos is startling.

On Reid’s right arm is an image of Elvis from the late 1960s. On her left arm is a reproduction of a famous Elvis semi-profile portrait from the 1950s.

On one forearm is the image of Elvis’ only child, Lisa Marie Presley. On another forearm is Elvis’ comic book hero, Captain Marvel Jr.

And on her back is a copy of the earliest known photograph of Elvis, taken when he was a child of about 2, in Tupelo. This is the country boy Elvis, in overalls and a floppy wide-brimmed hat, looking like a future farmer, not a future singing sensation and Hollywood star whose talent and appeal would continue to bring thousands of people to his Memphis home every year, even almost a half-century after his death.

Why has Reid done this? Why has she made her body a gallery for Elvis art?

“Because the only thing you can take to the grave is — *that*,” she said, extend-



Fans light their candles from a torch before they walk up to the Meditation Garden and see the grave of Elvis Presley and other Presley family members during the Candlelight Vigil on Aug. 15 at Graceland in Memphis.

ing an arm an etched with the sideburns and curled lip of the King of Rock ‘n’ Roll, to demonstrate that her skin is a canvas of Elvis portraiture. “I want to keep him close to me.”

Outside the gates of Graceland on the night of Aug. 15, Elvis art was every-

where: on bodies, on T-shirts, on dresses, and on the street, as fans constructed shrines honoring Elvis Presley on the asphalt and concrete of Elvis Presley Boulevard.

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## Online age verification laws under scrutiny

### Protecting kids or restricting speech?

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Much like the bridge trolls of children’s fairy tales, websites and apps across the country are starting to require an answer to one specific question before users can access their services: What is your name?

Online age verification laws are sweeping apps and website services across the country as lawmakers seek to crack down on children’s access to adult content.

Some 24 states across the United States, including Tennessee, have enacted a form of age-verification laws for certain websites, requiring that users provide a form of identification, like a state ID or a facial scan, to access websites that have 33% or more adult content.

Tennessee, however, is the only state

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## NY nonprofit wiping \$142M in medical debt for 73K Tennesseans

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Nashville residents who open their mailboxes to find a white envelop from Undue Medical Debt may think it’s a scam — but think again.

Allison Sesso, president and CEO of Undue, said the non-profit organization based in New York, sent letters in August to an estimated 73,000 women and men across Tennessee. In total, Undue is wiping away \$142 million in medical debt across the Volunteer State.

“This is a surprise letter,” Sesso said. “There’s no application. You can’t apply for this debt relief.

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