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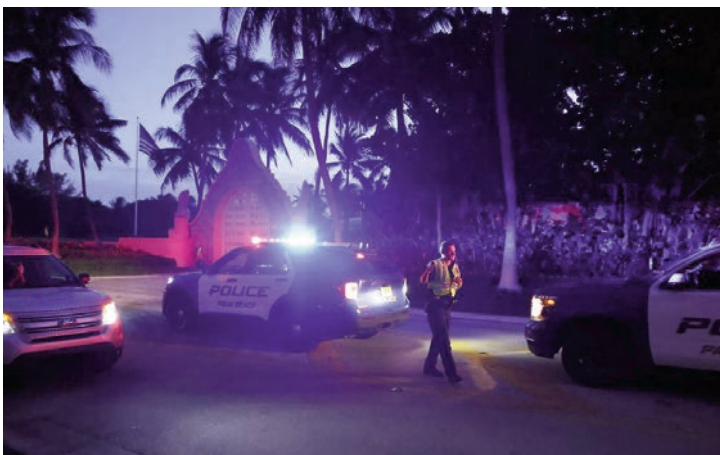
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GOP rallies around Trump following FBI search of his estate

By STEVE PEOPLES



Police direct traffic outside an entrance to former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, Monday, Aug. 8, 2022, in Palm Beach, Fla. (AP Photo/Terry Renna)

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI searched Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate as part of an investigation into whether he took classified records from the White House to his Florida residence, people familiar with the matter said Monday, a move that represents a dramatic and unprecedented escalation of law enforcement scrutiny of the former president.

Trump, disclosing the search in a lengthy state-

ment, asserted that agents had opened up a safe at his home and described their work as an "unannounced raid" that he likened to "prosecutorial misconduct."

The search intensifies the months-long probe into how classified documents ended up in boxes of White House records located at Mar-a-Lago earlier this year. It occurs amid a separate grand jury investigation into efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential

election and adds to the potential legal peril for Trump as he lays the groundwork for another run.

Familiar battle lines, forged during a four-year presidency shadowed by FBI and congressional investigations, quickly took shape again Monday night. Trump and his allies sought to cast the search as a weaponization of the criminal justice system and a Democratic-driven effort to keep him from winning

another term in 2024 — even though the Biden White House said it had no prior knowledge of it, and the current FBI director, Christopher Wray, was appointed by Trump five years ago and served as a high-ranking official in a Republican-led Justice Department.

"These are dark times for our Nation, as my beautiful home, Mar-A-Lago in Palm

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Star-Studded Voting Rights Celebration Encourages 10 million More Registered Black Voters

By Stacy M. Brown

Held at the Thurgood Marshall Center Trust in Washington D.C.'s historic Shaw District, the event also highlighted the "anti-democracy forces" that continue to threaten voting rights around the country.

The Transformative Justice Coalition (TJC) and the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) joined the Rainbow Push Coalition and others at a star-studded celebration of the 57th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The all-star program presented what organizers called a tremendous opportunity to educate the public regarding the significance of the Voting Rights Act and the dangerous threats from the Supreme Court.

Marshall Center Trust in Washington D.C.'s historic Shaw District, the event also highlighted the "anti-democracy forces" that continue to threaten voting rights around the country.

Participants included the Rev. Jesse Jackson, TJC President Dr. Barbara Arnwine and Board Chair Daryl Jones, National Urban League President Marc Morial, NNPA President, and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., Congresswoman

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Veterans health bill marks a personal victory for Biden

By CHRIS MEGERIAN

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FILE - President Joe Biden shakes hands with veteran John Caruso as Biden tours the Fort Worth VA Clinic in Fort Worth, Texas, March 8, 2022. Biden will sign veterans health care legislation on Aug. 10, that ends a long battle to expand benefits for people who served near burn pits. It's a personal issue for Biden. His son Beau was a major in the Delaware Army National Guard, and he died of cancer after his service in Iraq. (AP Photo/Patrick Semansky, File)



Motown songwriter-producer Lamont Dozier dead at 81

By HILLEL ITALIE

FILE - Songwriter/producer Lamont Dozier appears at the 40th Annual Grammy Awards in New York on Feb. 25, 1998. (AP Photo/Richard Drew, File)

NEW YORK (AP) — Lamont Dozier, the middle name of the celebrated Holland-Dozier-Holland team that wrote and produced "You Can't Hurry Love," "Heat Wave" and dozens of other hits and helped make Motown an essential record company of the 1960s and beyond, has died at age 81.

Dozier died "peacefully"

Monday at his home near Scottsdale, Arizona, according to a statement issued by his family. The cause of death was not immediately determined. Duke Fakir, a close friend and the last surviving member of the original Four Tops, called Dozier a "beautiful, talented guy" with an uncanny sense of

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what material worked best for a given group.

"I like to call Holland-Dozier-Holland 'tailors of music,'" he said Tuesday during a telephone interview. "They could take any artist, call them into their office, talk to them, listen to them and write them a top 10 song."

In Motown's historic, self-defined rise to the "Sound of Young America," Holland-Dozier-Holland stood out even compared to such gifted peers as Smokey Robinson, Stevie Wonder and Barrett Strong. Over a four-year period, 1963-67, Dozier and brothers Brian and Eddie Holland crafted more than 25 top 10 songs and mastered the blend of pop and rhythm and blues that allowed the Detroit label, and founder Berry Gordy, to defy boundaries between Black and white

music and rival the Beatles on the airwaves.

For the Four Tops, they wrote "Baby I Need Your Loving" and "Reach Out (I'll Be There)," for Martha and the Vandellas they wrote "Heat Wave" and "Jimmy Mack," for Marvin Gaye "Baby Don't You Do It" and "How Sweet It Is (To Be Loved by You)." The music lived on through countless soundtracks, samplings and radio airings, in cover versions by the Rolling Stones, Linda Ronstadt, James Taylor and many others and in generations of songwriters and musicians influenced by the Motown sound.

"Their structures were simple and direct," Gerri Hirshey wrote in the Motown history "Nowhere to Run: The Story of Soul Music," published in 1984. "Sometimes a song barreled

to number one on the sheer voice of repetitive hooks, like a fast-food jingle that lurks, subliminally, until it connects with real hunger."

Brian Wilson, Ronnie Wood and Mick Hucknall were among the many musicians offering tributes Tuesday. Carole King, who with then-husband Gerry Goffin was another leading hitmaker of the '60s, tweeted that "striving to keep up with them made us better songwriters."

The polish of H-D-H was ideally suited for Motown's signature act, Diana Ross and the Supremes, for whom they wrote 10 No. 1 songs, among them "Where Did Our Love Go," "Stop! In the Name of Love" and "You Can't Hurry Love." Expectations were so high that when "Nothing But

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Veterans health bill marks a personal victory for Biden

By CHRIS MEGERIAN



President Joe Biden hugs his grandson Robert Biden, son of the late Beau Biden, after signing the "PACT Act of 2022." (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Joe Biden rattled off policy proposals in this year's State of the Union address, he hit an emotional note when talking about veterans who suffer from cancer after serving on military bases where toxic smoke billowed from burning trash. "One of those soldiers was my son Maj. Beau Biden," he said. The president was careful to avoid drawing a direct line between the burn pits and his son's fatal cancer, but he left no doubt that he believes there's a connection. The tragic death from seven years ago makes a ceremony Wednesday, when Biden plans to sign legislation expanding federal health care for veterans, among the most personal moments for him since taking office.

Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., who chairs the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, said Biden was a driving force behind the

measure, which passed last week. "He was continually pushing because whether Beau died of this or not, I think Joe thinks that it had some impact, and so he wanted this fixed," Tester said. "And because he thinks it was the right thing to do. So different president, different set of priorities, this would have probably never happened." Burn pits were used in Iraq and Afghanistan to dispose of chemicals, cans, tires, plastics, medical equipment and human waste. However, 70% of disability claims involving exposure to the pits were denied by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The legislation will direct officials to assume that certain respiratory illnesses and cancers were related to burn pit exposure, helping veterans get disability payments without having to prove the illness was the result of their service.

"Veterans who have been sickened to the point of being unable to work, unable to take care of their families, won't have to spend that time fighting the government to get the healthcare they earned," said Jeremy Butler, head of the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. "This is monumental."

Although the provision involving burn pits has garnered the most attention, other health care services will be expanded as well.

Veterans who have served since the Sept. 11 attacks will have a decade to sign up for VA health care, double the current five years.

And there's more help for veterans from the Vietnam War. The legislation adds hypertension to list of ailments that are presumed to be caused by exposure to Agent Orange, a herbicide used by the U.S. military to clear vegetation.

In addition, veterans who served during the war in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Guam, American Samoa and Johnston Atoll will also be considered to have been exposed to the chemical.

The legislation is considered to be the largest expansion of veterans health care in more than three decades, but it became an unlikely political football shortly before it passed.

On the day that the Senate was expected to grant it final approval, Republicans unexpectedly blocked it. Veterans who had traveled to Washington for a moment of triumph were devastated.

"All the veterans were down there because they were expecting to celebrate," Butler said. "And then they were absolutely stabbed in the back."

Republicans said they were concerned about technical changes to how the legislation was funded. Democrats accused them of throwing a fit because they were unhappy about a separate deal to advance Biden's domestic agenda on climate change, taxes and prescription drugs. Instead of going home, some veterans began holding what they called a "fire watch" outside the Capitol, an impromptu vigil to keep public pressure on the Senate. They stayed around the clock, despite the stifling summer heat and torrential thunderstorms. Jon Stewart, the comedian who has advocated for veterans, joined them as well. Biden wanted to go but couldn't because he was isolating with a coronavirus infection, so he spoke to the demonstrators in a video call when VA Secretary Denis McDonough dropped off pizza.

Days after the demonstration began, the Senate held another vote, and the measure passed with overwhelming bipartisan support. Veterans were in the gallery watching the vote take place.

"Every single person I was with was bawling. Just bawling," said Matt Zeller, a former Army captain who was among the demonstrators.

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ACTS 19:1-41

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith



Having returned again to Ephesus, Paul encountered some disciples, and “said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?” That question may be more accurately translated: “Did ye receive the Holy Spirit when ye believed” (vv. 1-2). According to verse 3,

these people were baptized, but they had not experienced salvation. Then the Apostle Paul explained to them that they must believe in Christ to be saved (vv. 4-5). The baptism of John was a “baptism of repentance.” John’s baptizing ministry was a preparation for the coming of

Jesus Christ. As a result of Paul laying his hands on these disciples, the Holy Spirit came on these disciples and they spoke in tongues and prophesied, and the number of men was twelve (vv. 6-7). With Paul having to separate from the synagogue due to the opposition against

him, Paul moved his place of ministry to the school of Tyrannus for a period of two years. Paul had made an impact in Asia, for both the Jews and the Greeks heard the word (vv. 8-10). In reference to verses 11-12, God’s hand of blessing and endorsement was on Paul as he healed peo-

ple with diseases, and even evil spirits departed. The incident in verses 13-17 proved that the miracles of Paul cannot be duplicated; in addition, through the miracles of Paul, the Lord Jesus was magnified. Furthermore, many Christians who had been involved in sorcery and spiritism openly confessed their evil deeds and burned their manuals of sorcery (vv. 18-17). In verse 20, Dr. Luke gives a beautiful progress report of the word (Acts 6:7, 12:24, 13:49). In

verses 21-41, Paul has decided to travel to Jerusalem and then on to Rome. However, before Paul leaves Ephesus, there is a riot, led by Demetrius, a silversmith, whose idol-making business is being ruined by the mass conversion of the population! (vv. 23-28). The magistrates finally quiet the crowds, insisting that if anyone has a grievance, it should be handled through the courts or in a legal assembly (vv. 35-41).

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Beach, Florida, is currently under siege, raided, and occupied by a large group of FBI agents," Trump wrote. "Nothing like this has ever happened to a President of the United States before."

"After working and cooperating with the relevant Government agencies, this unannounced raid on my home was not necessary or appropriate," Trump said in his statement.

Justice Department spokesperson Dena Iverson declined to comment on the search, including about whether Attorney General Merrick Garland had personally authorized it.

Trump did not elaborate on the basis for the search, but the Justice Department has been investigating the potential mishandling of classified information after the National Archives and Records Administration said it had received from Mar-a-Lago 15 boxes of White House records, including documents containing classified information, earlier this year. The National Archives said Trump should have turned over that material upon leaving office, and it asked the Justice Department to investigate.

There are multiple federal laws governing the handling of classified records and sensitive government documents, including statutes that make it a crime to

remove such material and retain it at an unauthorized location. Though a search warrant does not suggest that criminal charges are near or even expected, federal officials looking to obtain one must first demonstrate to a judge that they have probable cause that a crime occurred.

Two people familiar with the matter, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing investigation, said the search happened earlier Monday and was related to the records probe. Agents were also looking to see if Trump had additional presidential records or any classified documents at the estate.

Trump has previously maintained that presidential records were turned over "in an ordinary and routine process." His son Eric said on Fox News on Monday night that he had spent the day with his father and that the search happened because "the National Archives wanted to corroborate whether or not Donald Trump had any documents in his possession."

Asked how the documents ended up at Mar-a-Lago, Eric Trump said the boxes were among items that got moved out of the White House during "six hours" on Inauguration Day, as the Bidens prepared to move into the building.

"My father always kept press clippings," Eric Trump

said. "He had boxes, when he moved out of the White House."

Trump emerged from Trump Tower in New York City shortly before 8 p.m. and waved to bystanders before being driven away in an SUV.

In his first public remarks since news of the search surfaced, Trump made no mention of it during a tele-town hall on behalf of Leora Levy, the Connecticut Republican he has endorsed in Tuesday's U.S. Senate primary to pick a general election opponent against Democratic U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal. Trump gave his public backing to Levy late last week, calling her on Monday the best pick "to replace Connecticut's joke of a senator."

But in a social media post Monday night, he was much more unguarded, calling the search a "weaponization of the Justice System, and an attack by Radical Left Democrats who desperately don't want me to run for President in 2024."

Other Republicans echoed that message. GOP National Committee Chair Ronna McDaniel denouncing the search as "outrageous" and said it was a reason for voters to turn out in November.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, a Republican who is considered a potential 2024 presidential candidate, said in a statement on

Twitter that it was "an escalation in the weaponization" of U.S. government agencies. Kevin McCarthy, the House Minority Leader, said in a tweet that the Justice Department "has reached an intolerable state of weaponized politicization" and said that if Republicans win control of the U.S. House, they will investigate the department.

That Trump would become entangled in a probe into the handling of classified information is all the more striking given how he tried during the 2016 presidential election to exploit an FBI investigation into his Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton, over whether she mishandled classified information via a private email server she used as secretary of state. Then-FBI Director James Comey concluded that Clinton had sent and received classified information but the FBI did not recommend criminal charges because it determined that Clinton had not intended to break the law.

Trump lambasted that decision and then stepped up his criticism of the FBI as agents began investigating whether his campaign had colluded with Russia to tip the 2016 election. He fired Comey during that probe, and though he appointed Wray months later, he repeatedly criticized him too as president.

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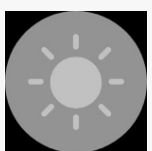
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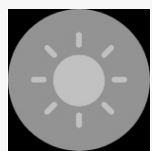
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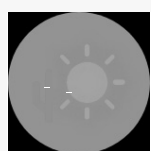
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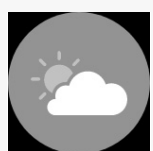
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Grand jury declines to indict woman in Emmett Till killing

By MICHAEL GOLDBERG

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A Mississippi grand jury has declined to indict the white woman whose accusation set off the lynching of Black teenager Emmett Till nearly 70 years ago, most likely closing the case that shocked a nation and galvanized the modern civil rights movement.

After hearing more than seven hours of testimony from investigators and witnesses, a Leflore County grand jury last week determined there was insufficient evidence to indict Carolyn Bryant Donham on charges of kidnapping and manslaughter, Leflore County District Attorney Dewayne Richardson said in a news release Tuesday.

The decision comes despite recent revelations about an unserved arrest warrant and the 87-year-old Donham's unpublished memoir.

The Rev. Wheeler Parker, Jr., Emmett Till's cousin and the last living witness to Till's Aug. 28, 1955, abduction, said Tuesday's announcement is "unfortunate, but predictable."

"The prosecutor tried his best, and we appreciate his efforts, but he alone cannot undo hundreds of years of anti-Black systems that guaranteed those who killed Emmett Till would go unpunished, to this day," Parker said in a statement.

"The fact remains that the people who abducted, tortured, and murdered Emmett did so in plain sight, and our American justice system was and continues to be set up in such a way that they



In this 1955 file photo, Carolyn Bryant poses for a photo.

AP Photo/Gene Herrick File

could not be brought to justice for their heinous crimes."

An email and voicemail seeking comment from Donham's son Tom Bryant weren't immediately returned Tuesday.

In June, a group searching the basement of the Leflore County Courthouse discovered the unserved arrest warrant charging Donham, then-husband Roy Bryant and brother-in-law J.W. Milam in Till's abduction in 1955. While the men were arrested and acquitted on murder charges in Till's subsequent slaying, Donham, 21 at the time, was never taken into custody.

The 14-year-old Chicago boy was visiting relatives in Mississippi when he and some other children went to the store in the town of Money where Carolyn Bryant worked. Relatives told the AP that Till had whistled at the white woman, but denied that he touched her.

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Heartaches" failed to make the top 10 in 1965, Gordy sent a company memo demanding that Motown only release chart toppers for the Supremes, Ran order H-D-H obeyed with "I Hear a Symphony" and several more records.

Holland-Dozier-Holland weren't above formulas or closely repeating a previous hit, but they worked in various moods and styles: the casual joy of "How Sweet It Is (To Be Loved by You)," the escalating desire of "Heat Wave," the urgency of "Reach Out (I'll Be There)."

Dozier's focus was on melody and arrangements, whether the haunting echoes of the Vandellas' backing vocals on "Nowhere To Run," flashing lights of guitar that drive the Supremes' "You Keep Me Hanging On," or the hypnotic gospel piano on Gaye's "Can I Get a Witness."

"All the songs started out as slow ballads, but when we were in the studio we'd pick up the tempo," Dozier told the Guardian in 2001. "The songs had to be fast because they were for teenagers - otherwise it would have been more like something for your parents.

The emotion was still there, it was just under cover of the optimism that you got from the up-tempo beat."

The prime of H-D-H, and of Motown, ended in 1968 amid questions and legal disputes over royalties and other issues. H-D-H left the label, and neither side would recover. The Four Tops and the Supremes were among the acts who suffered from no longer having their most dependable writers. Meanwhile, H-D-H's efforts to start their own business fell far short of Motown. The labels Invictus and Hot Wax both faded within a few years, and Dozier would

Serena Williams Announces Retirement from Tennis

Serena Williams is giving tennis one last hurrah before hanging up her racket for good.

With 23 Grand Slam titles and 192 career wins, Williams announced that she's retiring following next month's U.S. Open.

"This morning, my daughter, Olympia, who turns five this month, and I were on our way to get her a new passport before a trip to Europe. We're in my car, and she's holding my phone, using an interactive educational app she likes," Williams penned in the September 2022 issue of Vogue Magazine.

"This robot voice asks her a question: What do you want to be when you grow up? She doesn't know I'm listening, but I can hear the answer she whispers into the phone. She says, 'I want to be a big sister.'"

Williams said it's time for her to focus on family.

Earlier this year, Williams penned an essay for Elle Magazine in which she recounted her reckoning that proved once again that Black women remain three times more likely to die after childbirth than white women.

She said she was almost one of them.

"I've suffered every injury imaginable, and I know my body," she wrote. "Giving birth to my baby, it turned out, was a test for how loud and how often I would have to call out before I was finally heard."

As Williams recounted, she had a "wonderful pregnancy" with her first child, Alexis Olympia, and even her epidural-free delivery was going well - at first.

"By the next morning, the contractions were coming harder and faster. With each



FILE - Serena Williams gives the thumbs up as she holds her trophy after defeating her sister Venus in the women's singles final on the Centre Court at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Saturday July 5, 2003. (AP Photo/Jytte Nielsen, File)

one, my baby's heart rate plummeted. I was scared," she continued.

"Every time the baby's heart rate dropped, the nurses would come in and tell me to turn onto my side. The baby's heart rate would go back up, and everything seemed fine.

"Then, I'd have another contraction, and baby's heart rate would drop again, but I'd turn over, and the rate would go back up, and so on and so forth."

The CDC noted significant disparities in the birthing experience of Black women in its most recent report.

The agency noted that Black women are three times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than white women.

The agency said multiple factors contribute to these disparities, such as variation in quality healthcare, under-

lying chronic conditions, structural racism, and implicit bias.

The CDC added that social determinants of health prevent many people from racial and ethnic minority groups from having fair economic, physical, and emotional health opportunities.

After an emergency C-section, Williams gave birth to her daughter, Alexis.

"I have never liked the word retirement," Williams wrote for Vogue.

"It doesn't feel like a modern word to me. I've been thinking of this as a transition, but I want to be sensitive about how I use that word, which means something very specific and important to a community of people.

"Maybe the best word to describe what I'm up to is evolution. I'm here to tell you that I'm evolving away

from tennis toward other things that are important to me."

The U.S. Open, which begins in New York on August 29, will be Williams' last tournament.

"Unfortunately, I wasn't ready to win Wimbledon this year. And I don't know if I will be ready to win New York," Williams stated, directing her message to her fans.

"But I'm going to try. And the lead-up tournaments will be fun. I'm not looking for some ceremonial, final on-court moment. I'm terrible at goodbyes, the world's worst.

"But please know that I am more grateful for you than I can ever express in words. You have carried me to so many wins and so many trophies. I'm going to miss that version of me, that girl who played tennis. And I'm going to miss you."

biggest success was co-writing Phil Collins' chart-topping "Two Hearts," from the 1988 movie "Buster," a mid-tempo, Motown-style ballad that won a Grammy and Golden Globe and received an Oscar nomination.

H-D-H reunited for a stage production of "The First Wives Club," which premiered in 2009, but their time back together was brief and unhappy. Dozier and the Hollands clashed often and Dozier dropped out before the show launched. "I can't see us ever working with Lamont again," Eddie Holland wrote in "Come

and Get These Memories," a memoir by the Hollands that came out in 2019, the same year Dozier published the memoir "How Sweet It Is."

Dozier acknowledged that his early success conflicted with his family life, but he eventually settled down with Barbara Ullman, who died in 2021 after more than 40 years of marriage. His children included the songwriter-record producer Beau Dozier and composer Paris Ray Dozier.

Like so many Motown artists, Dozier was born in Detroit and raised in a

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The Social Crisis, Black Folks and the Economy

By John E. Warren, Publisher, The San Diego Voice & Viewpoint



John E. Warren

It appears that we continue to live in Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities." He wrote these words: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair."

Where you fit in between "the best of times" and "the worst of times" really depends on who you are

today in America. For African Americans, too many of us are still experiencing the worst of times, and things will not get better unless we decide to make them so. While America is excited about abortions and gun violence, we have been victims of the latter, with civil rights violations and voter suppression being more important than abortions to most of us. The speed with which the President moved with an Executive Order to assist the abortion issue and his mentioning of overturning the Filibuster Rule were both absent on the Voting Rights and Civil Rights issues.

Nevertheless, it is now our turn to correct all this. Just as our votes made Joe Biden president and sent two U.S. senators to the Senate from the State of Georgia, it is now our turn to rally in every state that the Trump people are trying to "steal" in the coming elections. We must vote out their support-

ers.

This means that no matter what the social issues that emerge, we must stay focused on who is seeking to get elected and whether they will commit to overturning the Filibuster Rule in the Senate.

While some say we need two more U.S. Senators so that we can break the chokehold of Senator Manchin and Senator Sinema, who vote with the Republicans on all issues, we must examine all the Senate races and throw our support into every state race where we find a candidate who will commit to our agenda. Remember, only one third of the Senate is up for election each election cycle. Just as in Georgia, we can make a difference.

Trump and the Conservative Right are counting on a low voter turnout in November, just four months away. From the voter turnout in most primaries so far, they have been

right.

Let's remember that we, as Black people, are responsible for the Voting Rights Act, and the Civil Rights Act. We elected Obama twice and Biden once.

We are not apathetic. We are just tired. But we cannot stop to rest. As Robert Frost wrote, "The woods are dark and deep, but I have miles to go before I sleep."

Voter Registration and Voter Turnout in all 50 States must become our Number One Priority, at all costs. More important than abortions, homelessness, high gas prices and bad Supreme Court Decisions. Let registration begin and let's track the numbers week by week. As Rev. Ben Chavis, President of the National Newspaper Publishers Association has said, "We want 10 million new registered voters by November 2022. Let's make this the "Best of Times" in spite of what appears to be the "Worst of Times."

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Grand jury declines to indict woman in Emmett Till killing

By MICHAEL GOLDBERG



Emmett L. Till (AP Photo, File)

In an unpublished memoir obtained last month by The Associated Press, Donham said Milam and her husband brought Till to her in the middle of the night for identification but that she tried to help the youth by denying it was him. She claimed that Till then volunteered that he was the one they were looking for.

Till's battered, disfigured body was found days later in a river, where it was weighted down with a heavy metal fan. The decision by his mother, Mamie Till Mobley, to open Till's casket for his funeral in Chicago demonstrated the horror of what had happened and added fuel to the civil rights movement.

Following their acquittal, Bryant and Milam admitted

to the abduction and killing in an interview with Look magazine. They were not charged with a federal crime, and both have long since died.

In 2004, the U.S. Department of Justice opened an investigation of Till's killing after it received inquiries about whether charges could be brought against anyone still living. Till's body was exhumed, in part to confirm it was he. A 2005 autopsy found that Till died of a gunshot wound to the head, and that had fractures in his wrist bones, skull and femur.

In 2006, the FBI launched its Cold Case Initiative in an effort to identify and investigate racially-motivated murders.

Two years later, Congress passed the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act.

The Justice Department said the statute of limitations had run out on any potential federal crime, but the FBI worked with state investigators to determine if state charges could be brought. In February 2007, a Mississippi grand jury declined to indict anyone, and the Justice Department announced it was closing the case.

But federal officials announced last year that they were once again closing their investigation, saying there was "insufficient evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that she lied to the FBI."

Timothy Tyson, the

North Carolina historian who interviewed Donham for his 2017 book, "The Blood of Emmett Till," said Tuesday that the newly rediscovered warrant did nothing to "appreciably change the concrete evidence against her." But he said the renewed focus on the case should "compel Americans" to face the racial and economic disparities that still exist here.

"The Till case will not go away because the racism and ruthless indifference that created it remain with us," he said in an email. "We see generations of Black children struggle against these obstacles, and many die due to systemic racism that is every bit as lethal as a rope or a revolver."

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family of singers and musicians. He sang in the choir of his Baptist church and his love for words was affirmed by a grade school teacher who, he recalled, liked one of his poems so much she kept it on the blackboard for a month. By the late 1950s, he was a professional singer and eventually signed with

Motown, where he first worked with Brian Holland, and then Eddie Holland, who wrote most of the lyrics.

Some of Motown's biggest hits and catchiest phrases originated from Dozier's domestic life. He remembered his grandfather's addressing women as "Sugar pie, honey bunch," the opening words and ongoing refrain of the Four

Tops' "I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch)." The Four Tops hit "Bernadette" was inspired by all three songwriters having troubles with women named Bernadette, while an argument with another Dozier girlfriend helped inspire a Supremes favorite.

"She was pretty heated up because I was quite the ladies' man at that time and

I'd been cheating on her," Dozier told the Guardian. "So she started telling me off and swinging at me until I said, 'Stop! In the name of love!' And as soon as I'd said it I heard a cash register in my head and laughed. My girlfriend didn't think it was very amusing: we broke up. The only ones who were happy about it were the Supremes."

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evils of misinformation and voter suppression. “There’s an effort to suppress and dilute our votes, but we cannot be thwarted, frustrated, or deterred,” Morial asserted. “Only determination and perseverance will help us ensure ... because a lot is on the line. The violent insurrection threatened to bring this nation to its knees on January 6. But unfortunately, there are some in this country who don’t believe in representative democracy. So don’t believe in the universality of the right to vote.” Intending to register 10 million more Black voters before the

midterm elections, Arnwine, Dr. Chavis, and others urged the crowd in D.C. and those watching via a livestream to join the crusade. “We struggle, and we sacrifice not for ourselves,” Dr. Chavis asserted. “We struggle and sacrifice and go to the frontlines, and the best feeling in the world is to go to sleep at night and wake up in the morning knowing that you’ve done something for your freedom, for your right to vote. “Our sleeves are rolled up. We will have votercaes and do everything we can to ensure that 10 million more Black people are registered to vote.”

Barefoot Sanders Law Magnet Mock Trial team brings home the gold

BY THE HUB



Photo Courtesy/The HUB

Representing the Texas delegation, the Judge Barefoot Sanders Law Magnet Mock Trial team defeated Alabama and claimed the championship at the National Judicial Competition (NJC). The five-person team, who affectionately call themselves the “Five Guys,” are rising juniors Andrea Novoa, Ari Arceo, Lindsey Jenkins, and Mikayla Spivey, and rising sophomore Hannah Estrada.

In addition, Law Magnet’s Naudia Terry won Best Plaintiff Attorney, and Titus Brown won Best Justice for the second year in a row. The Law Magnet mock trial team, coached by program director and alumnus Don Gonzalez, has finished in the top three in each of the last three nationals. Their championship run began in November when the team placed fifth at the district meet in Duncanville, qualifying for the state com-

petition in Austin. The team then improved upon their district results by finishing third at the state meet and qualifying for nationals. NJC is an annual competition for high school students in the model judicial components—Appellate and Mock Trial—of the YMCA Youth and Government Program. Each Youth and Government state program conducts its own state competition to determine who competes in the nationals

Motown stars celebrate completion of museum expansion phases

By MIKE HOUSEHOLDER

DETROIT (AP) — The historic section of Detroit where Motown Records founder Berry Gordy Jr. built his music empire six decades ago is now looking better than ever.

Motown legend — and Gordy’s best friend — Smokey Robinson was among those who visited the newly improved Motown Museum site on Monday night for an event celebrating the completion of the first two phases of the museum’s expansion.

Robinson was joined by Otis Williams, Martha Reeves and other Motown luminaries in celebrating the grand opening of Hitsville NEXT, an educational programming and creative hub, and the newly established Rocket Plaza.

“Kids who aren’t even born yet will be aware of Motown,” Robinson told The Associated Press during an interview ahead of the event held near the entrance to the museum. “Some of their parents weren’t even born when we started this. But it’s a wonderful thing.”

The festivities included comments from Robinson and Williams, an original founding member of The Temptations who gifted microphones to the museum from his personal collection.

And they concluded with a performance of the Temptations classic, “My Girl,” performed by the cast of the musical “Ain’t Too Proud,” and introduced by Marcus Paul James, who portrays Williams in the show. “I am very happy to be part of something — this here, Motown — (that will) outlast us all,” Williams said.

The museum will continue to be housed in the famed “Hitsville, U.S.A.” building at 2648 West Grand Boulevard.

But three nearby Motown-era buildings have been transformed into Hitsville NEXT, which will be home to camps, workshops, master classes and community events. It represents the first phase of the museum’s expansion. Phase two is Rocket

Plaza, an outdoor plaza that will serve as a community gathering place and a welcome destination for museum visitors.

“This plaza is the new front porch to Motown,” said Robin Terry, Motown Museum chairwoman and CEO.

Gordy launched Motown in 1959. His late sister, Esther Gordy Edwards, founded the museum in the former Hitsville headquarters in 1985. In addition to Robinson and The Temptations, Stevie Wonder, The Supremes, Marvin Gaye and many others recorded hits there before Motown moved to California in 1972.

The museum is inviting the community to its Founder’s Day celebration on Saturday in honor of Gordy Edwards, the reopening and the completed expansion phases.

And the museum on Sunday will welcome back visitors for tours of Hitsville, U.S.A. following pandemic- and construction-related closures.



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Otis Williams, left, and Smokey Robinson Photo/Daniel Mears/Detroit News via AP



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