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Two historic aircraft collide at Veterans Day show in Dallas

By LM OTERO and JILL BLEED

DALLAS (AP) — Two historic military aircraft collided and crashed Saturday during an air show in Dallas, exploding into a ball of flames and sending black smoke billowing into the sky. It was not clear

how many people were on board.

Emergency crews raced to the crash scene at the Dallas Executive Airport, about 10 miles (16 kilometers) from the city's downtown. News footage from

the scene showed crumpled wreckage of the planes in a grassy area inside the airport perimeter. Dallas Fire-Rescue told The Dallas Morning News that there were no reported injuries among people on the

ground.

Anthony Montoya saw the two planes collide.

"I just stood there. I was in complete shock and disbelief," said Montoya, 27, who attended the air show with a friend. "Everybody



around was gasping. Everybody was bursting into tears. Everybody was in shock."

Officials would not say how many people were on board the planes, but Hank Coates, president of the

company that put on the air show, said one of the planes, a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber, typically has a crew of four to five people.

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Texas Judge Stops President Biden's Student Loan Forgiveness Program



The conservative group, Job Creators Network Foundation, filed the lawsuit against the plan on behalf who two individuals who didn't qualify for relief under Biden's program.

By Stacy M. Brown

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Trump seeks White House again amid GOP losses, legal probes

By JILL COLVIN

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Former President Donald Trump on Tuesday launched his third campaign for the White House just one week after a disappointing midterm showing for Republicans, forcing the party to again decide whether to embrace a candidate whose refusal to accept defeat in 2020 sparked an insurrection and pushed American democracy to the brink.

"In order to make America great and glorious again, I am tonight announcing my candidacy for president of the United States," Trump said before an audience of several hundred supporters in a chandeliered ballroom at his Mar-a-Lago club, where he stood flanked by American flags and banners bearing his "Make America Great Again" slogan.

"America's comeback starts right now," he said, formally beginning the 2024 Republican primary.

Another campaign is a remarkable turn for any former president, much less one who

made history as the first to be impeached twice and whose term ended with his supporters violently storming the Capitol in a deadly bid to halt the peaceful transition of power on Jan. 6, 2021.

Trump also enters the race in a moment of deep political vulnerability. He hoped to launch his campaign in the wake of resounding GOP midterm victories, fueled by candidates he elevated during this year's primaries. Instead, many of those candidates lost, allowing Democrats to keep the Senate and leaving the GOP with a path to only a bare majority in the House.

Trump has been blamed for the losses by many in his party, including a growing number who say the results make clear it's time for the GOP to move past him and look to the future, with Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis emerging from last week's elections as an early favorite.

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Virginia McLaurin who danced with the Obamas, dies at 113



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"Slow down now!" the president said. "Don't go too quick."

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FILE - Washington Nationals manager Dusty Baker helps Virginia McLaurin, 107, with her jersey on the field before the Nationals' baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals at Nationals Park, on May 26, 2016, in Washington. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais, File)

OLNEY, Md. (AP) — Virginia McLaurin, the centenarian who danced excitedly with President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama during a 2016 White House visit, has died. She was 113.

McLaurin's son, Felipe Cardoso Jr., said Tuesday that she died early Monday at her home in Olney, Maryland.

"Rest in peace, Virginia," the Obamas wrote on Twitter. "We know you're up there dancing."

McLaurin visited the White House for a Black History Month reception in February 2016, when she was 106.

"Hi!" McLaurin squealed as she was introduced to the president.

"You want to say hi to Michelle?" Obama asked.

"Yes!" McLaurin said, moving quickly to give the first lady a hug.

"Slow down now!" the president said. "Don't go too quick."

The women then held hands as they went into an impromptu dance, the president holding McLaurin's arm.

"I thought I would never live to get in the White House," she said. "And I tell you, I am so happy."

"A Black president. A Black wife! And I'm here to celebrate Black history. Yeah, that's what I'm here

for."

Video of the encounter quickly spread online, garnering international news coverage. After the brief meeting, McLaurin told reporters: "I could just die happy."

Deborah Menkart, a friend who helped arrange McLaurin's 2016 visit, said it dramatically changed her life. She said McLaurin was living "very frugally" at the time but her fame spurred people to donate to a care fund for her.

"She got a new wig, she got new teeth, she was able to move to a better apartment," Menkart said.

Later that year McLaurin appeared at a Washington Nationals baseball game

and was presented with a team jersey on the field.

McLaurin also used her fame to help others.

Born March 12, 1909, in South Carolina without a birth certificate, McLaurin had been unable to get an ID card. Shortly after the White House visit, Menkart suggested they contact the mayor's office and the Washington Post, which interviewed her and published a story.

Washington city officials soon issued her a temporary card and announced new regulations giving residents 70 and older more options to get IDs.

"It changed her life for not only herself, but also the clout she had," Menkart said.

A sharecropper's daughter, McLaurin spent decades upon retirement doing volunteer work at schools. According to the Obama White House archives, she was a foster grandparent and a mentor to special-needs students, helping children with reading and social skills.

"She was just so carefree," Cardoso said. "She said her secret to life was not to worry, so she never let things worry her. She just didn't pay it no mind."

Cardoso said McLaurin adopted him when he was 3.

"She loved and cared for everybody," he said. "She definitely had a big heart for the kids."

Cardoso said funeral arrangements were pending.

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The other, a P-63 Kingcobra fighter plane, has a single pilot.

No paying customers were on the aircraft, said Coates, of Commemorative Air Force, which also owned the planes. Their aircraft are flown by highly trained volunteers, often retired pilots, he said.

A team of National Transportation Safety Board investigators will arrive at the scene of the crash on Sunday.

Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson said the NTSB had taken control of the crash scene, with local police and fire providing support.

"The videos are heart-breaking," Johnson said on Twitter.

The planes collided and crashed around 1:20 p.m., the Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement. The collision occurred during the Commemorative Air Force Wings Over Dallas show.

Victoria Yeager, the widow of famed Air Force test pilot Chuck Yeager and herself a pilot, was also at the show. She didn't see the collision, but did see the burning wreckage.

"It was pulverized," said Yeager, 64, who lives in Fort Worth.

"We were just hoping they had all gotten out, but we knew they didn't," she said of those on board.

The B-17, a cornerstone of U.S. air power during World War II, is an immense four-engine bomber used in daylight raids against Germany. The Kingcobra, a U.S. fighter plane, was used mostly by Soviet forces during the war. Most B-17s

were scrapped at the end of World War II and only a handful remain today, largely featured at museums and air shows, according to Boeing.

Several videos posted on social media showed the fighter plane appearing to fly into the bomber, causing them to quickly crash to the ground and setting off a large ball of fire and smoke.

"It was really horrific to see," Aubrey Anne Young, 37, of Leander, Texas, who saw the crash. Her children were inside the hangar with their father when it occurred. "I'm still trying to make sense of it."

A woman next to Young can be heard crying and screaming hysterically on a video that Young uploaded to her Facebook page.

Air show safety - particularly with older military aircraft - has been a concern for years. In 2011, 11 people were killed in Reno, Nevada, when a P-51 Mustang crashed into spectators. In 2019, a bomber crashed in Hartford, Connecticut, killing seven people. The NTSB said then that it had investigated 21 accidents since 1982 involving World War II-era bombers, resulting in 23 deaths.

Wings Over Dallas bills itself as "America's Premier World War II Airshow," according to a website advertising the event. The show was scheduled for Nov. 11-13, Veterans Day weekend, and guests were to see more than 40 World War II-era aircraft. Its Saturday afternoon schedule of flying demonstrations included the "bomber parade" and "fighter escorts" that featured the B-17 and P-63.

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I CORINTHIANS STUDY

I CORINTHIANS 4:1-21

FOLLOWING GODLY EXAMPLES IN MINISTRY

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

Pressing on in our study of I Corinthians, Chapter 4:1 introduces us to the fact that a minister of Christ is a steward of the mysteries of God. A steward is a person who managed the household for the owner. As a minister of Christ, I am responsible to dispense God's word to His people. In a sense, we are all ministers of God, and our responsibility is to share God's word with others. And as stewards of God, we should be faithful (v. 2).

In verses 3-4, as servants of God, our ministries will be judged by others. We are not immune from the opinions and estimations of others as we minister to others. Paul was concerned about how others felt about him as he ministered to others; however, he did not allow his life to be directed by others! We cannot avoid being judged by others! Although Paul's life was not guided by the opinions of others, Paul didn't even value the opinion he even

had of himself; however, he said that the Supreme Judge is the Lord. As servants of God, each of us will appear before the Supreme Judge, the Lord Jesus Christ, at the bema or judgment seat of Christ. Brothers and sisters, we will be judged for our stewardship! God has entrusted us with a stewardship and let us be found faithful! We are not to sit in judgment of others because the Lord is the One who will ultimately judge us. The hidden works

of darkness will come to light in the presence of Jesus Christ (v. 5). Referring to himself and Apollos, Paul related that he and Apollos were examples of men under authority who did not go beyond what was written. They wholly obeyed God's word and did not follow worldly opinions. From the examples of Paul and Apollos, Paul hoped that the Corinthians would learn the lesson of humility, a virtue that the

Corinthians should embrace in view of the fact that God grants gifts on the basis of His grace. As believers, we should never glory in the gifts God grants, but we should use our gift for His glory (vv. 6-7). Paul went on to stress that the posture of humility should be embraced by all Christians. The Corinthians must understand that believers must suffer because their lives were a spectacle unto the world, and to angels and to men (vv. 8-9). Following the path of Christ's humiliation, Paul related how the Apostles lived out the message of the cross. Paul addressed the Corinthian believers as his spiritual children, for Paul had planted the seed that brought them life (Galatians 3:24). Paul did not wish to shame the

Corinthians, but he admonished them to imitate him as Timothy had done. Paul's way of life in Christ, was in turn an imitation of the Lord. In verses 18-21, Paul knew that not all would be moved by his appeal, but some would be arrogant, which was the cause of the Corinthians' problem of division. When Paul preached to the Corinthians, he preached in the power of the Spirit. He will preach in the same power as he disciplines them. As a loving father, Paul knew that he could not shy away from discipline (Hebrews 12:7). When he visited them that his visit would be characterized by love and a gentle spirit.

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Judge Louis A. Bedford, Jr. Law Academy renaming marks the start of a new era

BY MOLLY SCHRADER



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Students, staff and community members gathered to celebrate the renaming of the former William Hawley Atwell Law Academy Saturday, Nov. 12. The school was officially renamed in honor of Louis Bedford, the first Black judge to serve in Dallas County. This milestone celebration featured remarks from two of Bedford's children, Angela Bedford Walker and Louis A. Bedford III, as well as District 6 Trustee Joyce Foreman, and Deputy Chief of Teaching and Learning Michele Broughton.

"L.A. Bedford was a good man. He loved people and he lived being a servant

to others," said his daughter.

"[Bedford] graduated from Brooklyn Law School and returned to Dallas because of his loyalty and dedication to his family and to try and make a difference to the legal system of Texas," added Bedford III.

Louis A. Bedford graduated from Booker T. Washington High School at the age of 16 and his wife, Velma Bates Bedford, was a Dallas ISD teacher for 34 years. His son said his father was popularly known as "the Godfather" because he believed it was important to pass on his knowledge to other Black

lawyers in Dallas. He also helped organize voting rights campaigns at New Hope Baptist Church and met with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to raise voting rights awareness.

Trustee Foreman said that he was a history maker in many ways and worked with Thurgood Marshall in 1954 on the first desegregation case to take place in Dallas. In 1978, he was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the commission for nominating federal circuit court judges for the fifth circuit and also founded the J.L. Turner Legal Association.

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The school is also anticipating upgrades as part of the district's Bond 2020 program. To keep up with future community meetings, visit the Bond website.

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In addition to trying to blunt his potential rivals' rise, Trump's decision to launch his candidacy before the 2022 election had been fully decided also comes as he faces a series of escalating criminal investigations, including several that could lead to indictments. They include the probe into hundreds of documents with classified markings that were seized by the FBI from Mar-a-Lago and ongoing state and federal inquiries into his efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election.

Embattled Trump announces 3rd run for White House

Former President Donald Trump launched his third campaign for the White House Tuesday, looking to move on from disappointing midterm defeats and defy history amid signs that his grip

As Trump has spent the last months teasing his return, aides have been sketching out the contours of a campaign that is being modeled on his 2016 operation, when Trump and a small clutch of aides defied

the odds and defeated far better-funded and more experienced rivals by tapping into deep political fault lines and using shocking statements to drive relentless media attention.

Trump returned to that dark rhetoric in his speech Tuesday, painting the country under President Joe Biden in apocalyptic terms, describing "blood-soaked streets" in "cesspool cities" and an "invasion" at the border and earning cheers as he vowed to execute those convicted of selling drugs.

"We are a nation in decline," he said. "We are here tonight to declare that it does not have to be this way."

Trump notably avoided much talk of the 2020 election, eschewing the extreme conspiracy theories that often dominate his rallies. Still, the speech included numerous exaggerations and deflections as he cast himself as "a victim" of wayward prosecutors and the "festering, rot and corruption of Washington."

While Trump spoke before a crowd of several hundred, notably missing were many longtime supporters including previous

campaign managers, aides and his daughter Ivanka, who released a statement saying that she does not plan to be involved in his campaign.

"While I will always love and support my father, going forward I will do so outside the political arena," she said in statement.

Even after the GOP's midterm losses, Trump remains the most powerful force in his party thanks to the loyalty of his base. For years he has consistently topped his fellow Republican contenders by wide margins in hypothetical head-to-head matchups. And even out of office, he consistently attracts thousands to his rallies and remains his party's most prolific fundraiser, raising hundreds of millions of dollars.

But Trump is also a deeply polarizing figure. Fifty-four percent of voters in last week's midterm elections viewed him very or somewhat unfavorably, according to AP VoteCast, a survey of more than 94,000 voters nationwide. And an October AP-NORC poll found even Republicans have their reservations

about him remaining the party's standard-bearer, with 43% saying they don't want to see him run for president in 2024.

Trump's candidacy poses profound questions about America's democratic future. The final days of his presidency were consumed by a desperate effort to stay in power, undermining the centuries-old tradition of a peaceful transfer. And in the two years since he lost, Trump's persistent — and baseless — lies about widespread election fraud have eroded confidence in the nation's political process. By late January 2021, about two-thirds of Republicans said they did not believe Biden was legitimately elected in 2020, an AP-NORC poll found.

VoteCast showed roughly as many Republican voters in the midterm elections continued to hold that belief.

Federal and state election officials and Trump's own attorney general have said there is no credible evidence the 2020 election was tainted. The former president's allegations of fraud were

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Oak Cliff Golden Bears, opened this year's playoffs with a 12-7 victory over Mansfield Summit last Friday to set up a meeting with the Lucas Lovejoy Leopards. That game will be played at the home of the Texas Rangers, Saturday, Nov. 19, at 3 p.m. at Globe Life Field.

Carter High is gearing up for the area round of the playoffs after their 37-33 victory over Sulphur Springs last Friday in the bi-district round. The Cowboys will face the Lake Worth Bullfrogs on Friday at 7 p.m. in Apogee Stadium at the University of North Texas in Denton. The winners will

advance to the regional semifinals, which will be played on Friday or Saturday, Nov. 25-26. Congratulations to the Kimball, Lincoln, Madison, Seagoville, W.T. White, Wilmer-Hutchins and Woodrow Wilson football teams on concluding their seasons last week.

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also roundly rejected by numerous courts, including by judges Trump appointed.

While some Republicans with presidential ambitions have long ruled out running against Trump, others, including Vice President Mike Pence, have been taking increasingly public steps toward campaigns of their own, raising the prospect of a crowded GOP primary.

That could ultimately play to Trump's advantage, as it did in 2016, when he prevailed over more than a dozen other candidates who splintered the anti-Trump vote.

Trump's decision also paves the way for a potential rematch with Biden, who has said he intends to run for reelection despite concerns from some in his party over his age and low approval ratings. The two men were already the oldest presidential nominees ever when they ran in 2020. Trump, who is 76, would be 82 at the end of a second term in 2029. Biden, who is about to turn 80, would be 86.

If he is ultimately successful, Trump would be just the second U.S. president in history to serve two nonconsecutive terms, following Grover Cleveland's wins in 1884 and 1892.

But Trump enters the race facing enormous challenges beyond his party's growing trepidations. The former president is the subject of numerous investigations, including the monthslong probe into the hundreds of documents with classified markings found at Mar-a-Lago.

Trump is also facing Justice Department scrutiny over efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election. In Georgia, Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis is investigating what she alleges was "a multi-state, coordinated plan by the Trump Campaign" to influence the 2020 results.

Some in Trump's orbit believe that running will help shield him against potential indictment, but there is no legal statute that would prevent the Justice Department from moving forward — or prevent

Trump from continuing to run if he is charged.

Still, Trump's campaign will further complicate what is already a fraught decision by the Biden Justice Department, which will have to decide not only whether it believes Trump broke the law, but will face enormous political pressure for indicting the man who is now the sitting president's chief political rival. Already Trump has cast the probe as a politically motivated effort to derail his candidacy.

Aides who had succeeded in persuading Trump to delay his announcement until after the midterms had also urged him to wait until after next month's Senate runoff in Georgia. But Trump chose to ignore the advice.

It wasn't any secret what he had been planning.

At a White House Christmas party in December 2020, Trump told guests it had "been an amazing four years."

"We are trying to do another four years," he said. "Otherwise, I'll see you in four years."

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EDITORIAL PAGE

Are You Raising one of the Next Generation of Hoodlums?

PROVIDING ONGOING POSITIVITY

By Dr. Joyce Teal

Giving thanks is on a lot of our minds during the early days of November, and even more so as Thanksgiving grows closer. And for parents and guardians who are in the process of rearing black boys, this is an ideal time to assess whether or not you are raising them so that you can be thankful for and appreciate spending time with them.

Following is a short personal assessment, so honesty is essential. As part of your personal assessment, you might ask yourself and answer the following questions:

1. Do I honestly look forward to spending time with my son?
2. Do I get upset when school closes for unplanned reasons and I must monitor my own child?
3. Is my son so respectful and obedient that the time he spends with me

and in the presence of other adults is a pleasant experience?

These are just a few assessment queries. There are numerous personal others that can assist you to assess if you are raising your child in such a way that you know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that he is certainly unlikely to be numbered in the category of the next generation of hoodlums. You know that hoodlums are not born. They are created from the circumstances in which they find

themselves as they live their day-to-day lives. They don't make themselves and they are not responsible for creating the ongoing circumstances in which they find themselves!

God allows the vast majority of babies to be born normal and healthy.

And what takes place in each boy's life during early childhood and adolescence

will determine, to a significant degree, whether or not he becomes one of the next generation of hoodlums.

Boys who are loved and nurtured and consistently involved in positive, age-appropriate activities usually continue to be healthy and normal as they make the transition from adolescence to adulthood. However, boys who are left to their own devices, boys without proper role modeling, supervision and/or nurturing, boys who are browbeaten and talked negatively to with regularity, are a lot more likely to land in this unsavory category.

Parents: take the time to give your sons what old timers referred to back in the day as hometraining. Teach them to answer their elders with a respectful, "Yes Mam" or "Yes Sir." Teach them that it is inappropriate to interrupt adults' conversations. Teach them



Dr. Joyce Teal

to be respectful of their teachers and other adults. Involve them in positive, age-appropriate activities continually throughout their childhood and adolescence. Yes, all of this takes time and effort, but it is time and effort that will eventually become your wisest investment! This is an investment that produces immeasurable dividends!

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Truth Decay

"My Day"

My eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord. . . he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored. . . he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword. . . his truth is marching on. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat. . . he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgement seat. . . Oh be swift, my soul to answer him, be jubilant my feet. . . Our God is marching on. Key words here are 'swift sword' and 'sifting out'.

I started playing the piano at my home church in Conroe, Texas, Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church at age 11.

My piano days started around 5 years old, my recitals a year later. As any musician knows, you soon move from the transcribed notes to arranging or . . . compositional modulations. My summers were filled with practicing and performing, of course. The summer of my junior recital from "Ms. Adams Piano School", my mother decided it was time for a more advanced instructor. So, I was moved to Jack Yates High School in Houston, to be part of a program at the University of

Houston for young musicians. I loved the instructor right away, a Santa Claus looking maestro that talked in a seduced whisper. We called him a freelance musician, because he believed in a student's interpretation. He called arranging, the art of the keys, the 'romance-of-the-reason.' My first freelance piece was "Battle Hymn of the Republic", which I can still play today, under my interpretative mix, but the truth of the matter is the original (by Julia Ward Howe and William Steppe) exist and does not change. Which brings me to the point of this memory.

I was not surprised that the former President of United States announced candidacy for another term. It is a masterful chess move designed to run out the clock on the seven (7) pending "top" investigations . . . not to mention the 1/6 committee outcome, the number of best-selling books all about the 'big lie' and all the other stuff I do not have time to remind you of. President #44, the kingpen of truth decay, world leader, image idol to many young Americans, masterful unpatriotic manipulator, was

allowed unprecedented access to moral decay, unsportsmanlike conduct, language decay, character assaults, image decay, worship decay... during his presidency. He made history after he lost the presidency, masterminding the attempt to over throw a government, ushering in the most painful 'toothache' heard around the world. He was allowed to profoundly embassass our way of life thus setting a shameful example for future generations that we will pay for with our conscience. No amount of broadcast 'spinning' will be able to erase it and no USDollar amount will be able to afford it. Our civil rights, the democracy that holds itdoes indeed hang in the balance.

Be mindful that "turning back the clock" is a clear and present danger. Africans Americans will be the first to pay on the installments of "truth decay". So, you ask what is the solution? One is to support the Democratic Party with your dimes and pennies. Sure, we have only two(2)parties. One is a "weak" party that represents the few with money..and the other is the



By Dr. J. Ester Davis

"wealthy" party that represents the many with their voices, dimes and pennies. As President Obama said recently, who is going to represent you? Use your eyes to see that the legal problems that exist for President 44 do not matter . . .which means acceptable to that few... **while Affirmation Action is under serious attack and studiously challenged. Why? And what does that remind you of?**

Common sense dictates that one tooth deterioration will affect others. And if you do not attend to that one decay . . . you will soon have a mouth full of "rot" and infection that has taken up residency in your body. I am simply out of space and time

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Michelle Obama opens tour for new book 'The Light We Carry'

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE



Michelle Obama launches her new book "The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times." at Warner Theater in Washington, Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022. (AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michelle Obama says it helps to focus on what you can control when you feel out of control.

Among the things she could control during the death and isolation of the pandemic, the racial unrest and threats to democracy were her spools of yarn and her knitting needles.

She labels such thinking the "power of small," and she writes in her new book, "The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times," that by focusing on

a small task like knitting she was able to get through the worry, anxiety and stress of the past few unsettling years.

"The interesting thing about knitting and using your hands and making something is that it is meditative," the former first lady said Tuesday night at the Warner Theater in Washington, where she kicked off a monthlong, six-city publicity tour to promote the book.

"In so many ways, it is like a faith," she said, seated on stage with a friend, for-

mer daytime talk-show host Ellen DeGeneres, who engaged Mrs. Obama in nearly 90 minutes of often humorous conversation. "It's a thing that shuts your worrying mind and lets your hands take over."

And therein lies the power, she said.

"I think about the knit and the purl, and the knit and the purl, and a row and a row and a row," the former first lady said, naming different stitches and techniques used in knitting. "And if you keep it up, and you're focused,

you have a sweater."

In the book, published Tuesday, she shares the contents of her "personal toolbox" — the habits and practices, attitudes and beliefs, and even physical objects that she uses to overcome her feelings of fear, helplessness and self doubt.

"This book is meant to show you what I keep there and why, what I use professionally and personally to help me stay balanced and confident, what keeps me moving forward even during times of high anxiety and stress," she wrote in the introduction.

The 58-year-old wife of former President Barack Obama and mother of adult daughters Malia and Sasha wrote that the book, her third, is not a how-to manual, but rather is a "series of honest reflections on what my life has taught me so far."

"Keep in mind, too, that everything I know, all the various tools I lean on, have come to me only through trial and error, over years of constant practice and reevaluation," she wrote. "I spent decades learning on my feet, making mistakes, adjustments, and course corrections as I went. I've progressed only slowly to where I am today."

"The Light We Carry" is Mrs. Obama's first new work

since the 2018 release of her bestselling memoir, "Becoming," which has sold more than 17 million copies worldwide, by far the most popular book by a previous first lady or modern president, including her husband.

As first lady, she wrote "American Grown," a book about the produce garden she had planted at the White House in 2009.

Mrs. Obama opened the tour in Washington and has events planned at Philadelphia's The Met, Atlanta's Fox Theatre, the Chicago Theatre and San Francisco's Masonic before the tour closes at the YouTube Theater in Los Angeles.

Seated in a plush purple chair on stage at the nearly 100-year-old Washington theater, Mrs. Obama discussed her feelings after the 2016 election in which her husband was succeeded by Donald Trump. Coincidentally, Trump announced a third run for president during her appearance.

"If you guys recall, I said, 'Don't vote for this guy,'" she said, meaning Trump, who sought to undo much of Obama's record as president. "It hurt because you wonder — was it a rebuke of the eight years, the sacrifice we made? Was it complacency?

What was it?"

The former first lady also discussed overcoming her fear of change and coming to the realization that she could not stand in the way of her husband's desire to run for president in 2008. He had given her veto power over his decision.

"Opportunity is on the other side of that," she said, speaking of fear.

She also talked about the pandemic, saying her family handled it better than most because they were already used to isolation from the eight years they lived in the White House "bubble."

She spoke about how hard it was as first lady — and still is — to make new friends she can trust, and how fun it is to watch her daughters "adult" as they share an apartment in California. The girls had returned to Washington to live with their parents during the pandemic.

Sasha had completed one semester at the University of Michigan before she came back home. Malia, who was enrolled at Harvard, spent her senior year at home and ended up missing out on a graduation ceremony because of COVID-19. So her parents staged a ceremony in their backyard, complete with commencement speakers.

Texas Judge Stops President Biden's Student Loan forgiveness Program

A federal judge in Texas bent to the will of a few and struck down President Joe Biden's student loan forgiveness program that offered relief to at least 40 million borrowers.

The conservative group, Job Creators Network Foundation, filed the lawsuit against the plan on behalf of two individuals who didn't qualify for relief under Biden's program.

There remains another legal challenge to the plan.

"We strongly disagree with the District Court's ruling on our student debt relief program, and the Department of Justice has filed an appeal," White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said.

"The President and this Administration are determined to help working, and middle-class Americans get back on their feet, while our opponents — backed by extreme Republican special interests — sued to block millions of Americans from getting much-needed relief," she stated.

White House officials maintain that the secretary

of education received power from Congress to discharge student loan debt under the 2003 HEROES Act.

"The program is thus an unconstitutional exercise of Congress's legislative power and must be vacated," wrote Judge Mark Pittman, a Donald Trump nominee.

"In this country, we are not ruled by an all-powerful executive with a pen and a phone," he continued.

Under the president's plan, borrowers who earned less than \$125,000 in either 2020 or 2021 and married couples or heads of households who made less than \$250,000 annually in those years are eligible to have up to \$10,000 of their federal student loan debt forgiven.

If a qualifying borrower also received a federal Pell grant, the individual would receive as much as \$20,000 of debt forgiveness.

In October, the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals placed an administrative hold on Biden's forgiveness program based on a suit filed by six GOP-led states.

In the most recent case in Texas, one plaintiff did not qualify for the student loan forgiveness program because the federal government does not hold her loans.

The other plaintiff is only eligible for \$10,000 in debt relief because he did not receive a Pell grant.

They argued that they could not voice their disagreement with the program's rules because the administration did not put it through a formal notice-and-comment rule-making process under the Administrative Procedure Act.

"This ruling protects the rule of law which requires all Americans to have their voices heard by their federal government," said Elaine Parker, president of the Job Creators Network Foundation, in a statement.

CNN reported that major Trump donor and former Home Depot CEO Bernie Marcus founded Job Creators Network Foundation.

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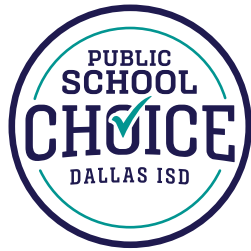
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Roberta Flack has ALS, now ‘impossible to sing,’ rep says

NEW YORK (AP) — A representative for Roberta Flack announced Monday that the Grammy-winning musician has ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, and can no longer sing.

The progressive disease “has made it impossible to sing and not easy to speak,” Flack’s manager Suzanne Koga said in a release. “But it will take a lot more than ALS to silence this icon.”

The announcement of the amyotrophic lateral sclerosis diagnosis comes just ahead of the premiere of “Roberta,” a feature-length documentary debuting Thursday at the DOC-NYC film festival.

Flack is known for hits like “Killing Me Softly With His Song” and “The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face,” the latter of which catapulted her into stardom after Clint Eastwood used it as the soundtrack for a love scene in his 1971 movie “Play Misty for Me.”

The release says that the Grammy-winning singer and pianist, now 85, “plans to stay active in her musical and creative pursuits”

through her eponymous foundation and other avenues.

The Antonino D’Ambrosio-directed documentary will be in competition at the festival and available via DOCNYC’s website for a week after, before airing on television Jan. 24 as part of PBS’ “American Masters” series.

Flack also plans to publish a children’s book co-written with Tonya Bolden, “The Green Piano: How Little Me Found Music,” that month. The North Carolina-born, Virginia-raised Flack is the daughter of pianists and classically trained herself — her talent won her a full ride to Howard University at just 15.

“I have long dreamed of telling my story to children about that first green piano that my father got for me from the junkyard in the hope that they would be inspired to reach for their dreams,” Flack was quoted in the release. “I want them to know that dreams can come true with persistence, encouragement from family and friends, and most of all belief in yourself.”

The documentary’s tele-



FILE - Singer Roberta Flack poses for a portrait in New York on Oct. 10, 2018. A representative for Roberta Flack has announced that the legendary singer has ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, and can no longer sing. (Photo by Matt Licari/Invision/AP, File)

vision debut and book’s publication kick off 2023, which also will see the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of her fourth album, “Killing Me Softly,” with a reissue. Her label for the first three decades of her career, Atlantic Records, is also celebrating its 75th anniversary.

Flack had a stroke in 2016 and spoke to The Associated Press a little over two years later about returning to performing.

When asked if she’d sing one of her old hits at a then-upcoming event, she quickly retorted: “There’s no such thing as an old hit,” preferring the term “classic” instead.

“I could sing any number of songs that I’ve recorded through the years, easily, I could sing them, but I’m going to pick those songs that move me,” Flack said. “Now that’s hard to do. To be moved, to be moved constantly by your own songs.”

Has Black Friday Lost its Luster? Depends on Whom You Ask

Despite the relatively small sample size in the survey, a growing number of shoppers said Black Friday had lost its appeal.

By Stacy M. Brown

According to a survey conducted in October, nearly 70 percent of consumers plan to skip Black Friday and holiday shopping altogether this year.

While some believed retailers manipulated shoppers, a relatively large amount (18%) said they won’t shop because of large crowds.

Despite the relatively small sample size in the survey, a growing number of shoppers said Black Friday had lost its appeal.

“While Black Friday sales provide a great opportunity for brands to keep customers coming back for more, it also presents noteworthy risks for shoppers around buying too much,” said Michael Podolsky, CEO, and co-founder of PissedConsumer.com, which conducted the survey.

“Consumers are now savvier with their purchases and how much they spend. That is not just inflation causing the shift in con-

sumer behavior,” Podolsky stated.

“The survey revealed that 85% of shoppers now rely on online reviews when buying as they intend to avoid general unhappiness with shopping.”

Small business growth expert Stephanie Scheller of Grow Disrupt said there’s little question that the days of getting excited about the day after Thanksgiving shopping sprees have ended.

“While there are still ‘doorbusters’ at some places that are worth participating in, most places offer great deals online or are starting so early that it’s not worth the fight for Black Friday beyond tradition,” Scheller offered.

“I think that the problem with this is that we’ll end up diluting the power of the concept, and while overall shopping numbers might be okay, the one-powerful-day for generating sales for the holiday season concept is likely to fade.”