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**MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023** 

## Trump invokes Jan. 6 at Waco rally

**Associated Press** 

potential indictment, held the first rally of his 2024 presidential campaign Saturday in Waco, Texas, a city made famous by deadly resistance against law enforcement.

In an extraordinary display, he

"Justice for All," that features a prosecutors overseeing multiple airport grounds in Waco came choir of men imprisoned for their WACO, Texas – A defiant and role in the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrecincendiary Donald Trump, facing a tion at the U.S. Capitol singing the as political attacks on him and his the prospect of violence should he national anthem and a recording of followers. Trump reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Some footage from the in- proud," Trump said. "The thugs surrection was shown on screens.

with resentments, defended the opened his rally by playing a song, insurrectionists and berated

and criminals who are corrupting Trump, in a speech brimming our justice system will be defeated, discredited and totally disgraced."

Trump's rally Saturday at the

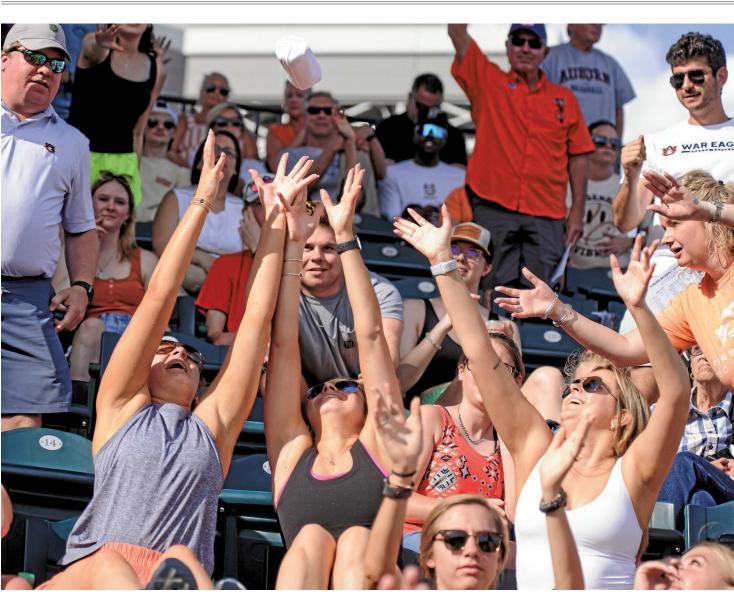
investigations of the Republican after Trump berated prosecutors, former president, which he framed encouraged protests and raised become the first former president "You will be vindicated and in U.S. history to face criminal charges.

> including at the rally, echoed language he used before the Capitol insurrection by a mob of his sup

porters seeking to stop the transfer of power to Democrat Joe Biden, who won the 2020 presidential

Trump declared Saturday his "enemies are desperate to stop us," and "our opponents have done Some of his recent rhetoric, everything they can to crush our spirit and to break our will."

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#### **SCENE FROM THE WEEKEND**



on Saturday at Plainsman Park. **VIEW:** For more photos from the Auburn baseball series with Georgia, point your smartphone camera at the QR code, then tap the link. **NEWSVU** Fans reach for a T-shirt tossed into the crowd between the sixth and seventh innings during the Auburn baseball game against Georgia

### Ukraine demands emergency UN meeting

**Associated Press** 

KYIV, Ukraine – Ukraine's government on Sunday called

plans to station tactical atomic weapons in Belarus.

the U.N. Security Council to hostage."

Further heightening tensions,

ident Vladimir Putin revealed wounded three people Sunday. in Belarus comes in response to Russian authorities blamed a the West's increasing military One Ukrainian official said which damaged residential nounced the plan in a TV inter-

south of Moscow. Russia has said the plan to an explosion deep inside Russia station tactical nuclear weapons

Ukrainian drone for the blast, support for Ukraine. Putin anfor an emergency meeting of Russia "took Belarus as a nuclear buildings in a town just 110 miles view that aired Saturday, saying it was triggered by a U.K. decision

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### Republican bills push cash bail

Associated Press/Report for America

MADISON, Wis. – Just two days before he drove his SUV through a Christmas parade in suburban Milwaukee, killing six people and injuring more than 60, Darrell Brooks Jr. posted bail for charges of domestic violence.

He had been accused of using his SUV to run over the mother of his child, and a pretrial assessment found Brooks was at high risk of reoffending. But a court official set that bail at a mere \$1,000 cash at the request of prosecutors, who later called their recommendation a mistake. For the parade killings, Brooks was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Brooks quickly became the poster child for a Republican-backed push to enact tougher bail policies. The Republican-controlled Wisconsin Legislature is asking voters to ratify a constitutional amendment that would make it harder for violent criminals to get out of iail on bail.

 $GOP\,law makers\,in\,other\,states$ also are scrambling to make it harder for defendants to get out of jail before trial after branding themselves as tough on crime in the 2022 midterm elections. Their efforts led to a fierce fight with Democrats over public safety and the rights of criminal defendants.

Recent Democratic overhaul measures in states such as Illinois and New York have sought to eliminate cash bail and lessen pretrial detention on the premise they do more harm than good, especially to marginalized groups.

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