

“In a time of deceit telling the truth is a revolutionary act.”

- George Orwell, novelist and social critic



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Fulton County District Attorney, Frani Willis.  
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## Trump and 18 Co-Conspirators Indicted on Racketeering Charges

By Stacy Brown

*If the RICO charge is proven, it could lead to a maximum of 20 years in prison for each racketeering count.*

A grand jury in Fulton County, Georgia, indicted

former President Donald Trump and more than a dozen associates for election fraud, racketeering, and other charges related to alleged efforts to overturn the 2020 election.

Trump, the first former

president in U.S. history to face criminal charges, has been indicted four times this year for crimes tied to his presidency, perhaps the most divisive four years in American history.

Earlier this year, a civil

jury found the twice-impeached former president guilty of sexual assault.

The latest 41-count indictment levels 13 new charges against Trump and

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## Several Dallas ISD campuses receive free school supplies to kick off the new school year

BY MOLLY SCHRADER

For the second year in a row, the largest distributor of school supplies in Texas, TEXAS YES, hosted a school supply distribution event at several Dallas ISD campuses. This year, in partnership with prominent injury attorney and philanthropist Thomas J. Henry, Frederick Douglass Elementary School students and 29 additional schools received a “box of dreams.” Each box contained free school supplies and essentials for elementary students in kindergarten through fifth grade including notebooks, writing utensils, tissues, and coloring supplies.

“Today is a day to celebrate our students and show that it takes a village to raise a child. We’re grateful to partner with Texas Yes and help support our students have a very successful school year,” Sherqueena Jackson, Frederick Douglas Elementary School Principal said. “It’s just a testament to every-

one in the community who believes in our students and who wants to see them succeed and help them be successful in life.”

To date, the “Box of Dreams” program has distributed more than half a million kits in an effort to provide kids with what they need throughout the school year and help combat rising inflation prices. TEXAS YES is non-profit organization built on the idea that by providing students with quality supplies and resources in the classroom they can help them achieve long term academic success.

School supplies, clear backpacks, transportation funds, jackets, gift cards, uniforms, volunteers and student/teacher incentives are needed year-round. If you or your company are interested in supporting school needs, please contact [partners@dallasisd.org](mailto:partners@dallasisd.org). To donate to the TEXAS YES Project and learn more about the program, visit [texasyesproject.org/box-of-dreams/](http://texasyesproject.org/box-of-dreams/).

## Blind-Sided Icon: NFL Star Michael Oher’s Explosive Claim

*The retired football star filed a petition in Shelby County, Tennessee, noting that the Tuohy family, who were portrayed as his adoptive parents in the film, never legally adopted him.*

*Instead, they manipulated him into signing documents that made them his conservators after he turned 18.*

By Stacy M. Brown



Photo Credit: NNPA Files

Michael Oher, a former NFL star known for inspiring the film “The Blind Side,” has filed a petition in a Tennessee court with claims that the family who took him in lied about an important part of his life story.

Oher says the family used him for money, causing controversy around the once

celebrated story of triumph.

The retired football star filed a petition in Shelby County, Tennessee noting that the Tuohy family, who were portrayed as his adoptive parents in the film, never legally adopted him.

Instead, they manipulated him into signing documents that made them his conservators after he turned 18.

These conservatorship papers allowed them to make financial decisions on his behalf.

Oher’s legal filing claims that the Tuohys used their authority as his conservators to make a profitable deal for the film adaptation of his story.

The movie earned over \$300 million and won an

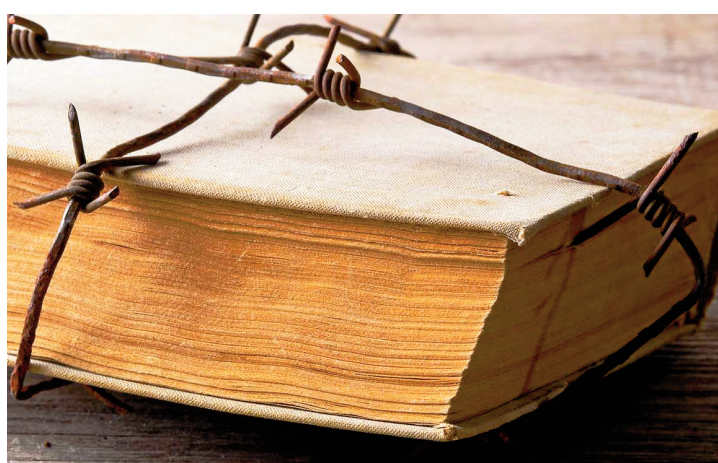
Oscar for Sandra Bullock’s portrayal of Leigh Anne Tuohy.

According to reporting by ESPN, the Tuohys allegedly received substantial royalties, while Oher received nothing despite being the central figure in the narrative.

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## Arkansas Education Department Withdraws Credit for AP African American Studies

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent@StacyBrownMedia



*As several states undertake concerted efforts to circumscribe the boundaries of what educators can impart concerning race, gender, and sexuality, Arkansas has emerged as a new focal point in this ongoing dialogue.*

The Arkansas Education Department has opted to strip course credit from the Advanced Placement (AP) African American Studies course, just a few months after Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders inked legislative measures curbing the scope of public school educators’ pedagogical offerings.

The AP African American Studies course, a beacon of educational diversity and cultural enlightenment, will not be eligible for early college credit during the

upcoming school year.

“The department encourages the teaching of all American history and supports rigorous courses not based on opinions or indoctrination,” Kimberly Mundell, the Education Department’s communications director, said in a statement.

“Arkansas law contains provisions regarding prohibited topics,” Mundell told local station KHBS,

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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## “Racketeering”

“My Day”

By Dr. J. Ester Davis

Did you ever wonder where this word comes from? Who were they talking about? The word racketeering was thought of in 1926 referring to fraudulent bankruptcies as a ‘racket’. In 1927, racketeering was coined as a noun in Chicago about the influence in the Teamster Union.

Racketeering is a bad word. Racketeering looks bad. Racketeering never sleeps. Racketeering, out loud in the same sentence with a former American President is a sad day in America.

My twenty(20)plus paralog days prepared me for the term racketeering not being limited to mobsters or organized crime. Racketeering suggest there is a group on the wrong side of the law. Racketeering had a very good life in organized labor, illegal liquor, usurious unlawful gambling and money laundering. Congress passed The Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO) in 1970 as part of The Organized Crime Control Act. Supposedly this was a term popularly understood among mobsters and organized crime. Now shamefully, the RICO and organized crime resides with predominance in every home in America now after a former American president exits The White House.

When I heard the term anew this week I immediate-

ly thought of those initial days in a black law firm and my subsequent days in class at the Kodak Marketing Center in Rochester, New York. The movie selections we watched at night after class centered around ‘the mob’. Our most watched was Edward G. Robinson, a 1930-ish actor. Mr. Robinson was “Little Caesar” a classic mob boss, who won endless awards for his outstanding performances.

The most fascinating part of my corporate career was the Kodak Motion Picture Division, located then in Burbank, California. The total conversation in this division was all about film, contracts, research, world-view distribution, releases and opening night. The talent was a whole other department. There were 31 mob films from the 1930’s to 1944. The ‘mob movies’ moved over for the war films and research during the 40’s and 50’s. In the 1970’s, the mob and gangs picked up steam in America, recruited more members and came roaring back to front page news.... and movies. We all remember the stirring real life Sam Bailey Gang in San Francisco, followed by the United States’ Phillip Morris USA cases where the tobacco companies were liable for violations they are still counting. These two high profile real cases ignited hundreds of scripts sub-

mitted in triplicate to studios. Time or space does not allow me to list the high profile real cases followed almost immediately with a blockbuster movie. Many, many scripts were submitted about gangs, mobsters and gamblers to all studios. But keep in mind, these same studios had their own scriptwriters, models, extras, producers, which only means competition was really high. 1986, after rounding up all the legal journalisms, the known racketeering notes, came an irresistible well-funded script with Eliot Ness (Kevin Costner), Al Capone (Robert DeNiro) and all the proper bank backed signatures. In 1987, The “Untouchables” hit the big screen entrenched with national billboards and the aid able deep pockets of Paramount Studios as distributor. Organized crime and the “Untouchables” had the highest rating of any other series during this time. The “Untouchables” were banned from many areas and communities in America because American families did not want their children exposed to such ‘trashy garbage’.

Back to earth and reality-in-2023, racketeering is front page news again. The very capable and prepared Atlanta DA this week introduced the world to criminal enterprise (conducting enterprise activities through



By Dr. J. Ester Davis

racketeering activity) also in the same breath with a former American President. The heart of most RICO violations is a pattern of racketeering activities. Common sense dictates that if there is a pattern, there is a purpose, a relationship among the associates of the enterprise endowed with a code of conduct. Imagine that! An enterprise affair through a pattern of racketeering activity, and the subject is a former American president! A big sad day in America.

How will history treat this era? What will be said? When is the first movie to be released? Who will be the authors of the best-selling books? How long after the dust settles will history and the generations to follow refer to this era? What will we say to our children? I indeed can think of one conversation. Not about racketeering. Not about RICO. The big question will be .... how did the former president get elected in the first place?

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## Are You Raising One of the Next Generation of Hoodlums?

# Is Your Son Learning Self-Discipline?

By: Dr. Joyce Teal



Dr. Joyce Teal-

“If you are in the process of raising a Black boy, please help him to develop self-discipline.” The previous statement was the initial sentence in a previous column. Self-discipline is so important to our sons’ success that we will revisit it recurrently in this column. It is not possible to over stress just how crucial it is for Black boys to develop self-disciplined.

If you are in the process of raising a son, you have probably learned that young boys are, by nature, impulsive. So in order for

them to develop self-discipline, parents must be deliberate about fostering it. This requires you, the parent, to have frequent conversations with your son about what it means to be self-disciplined. Make sure he understands that self-discipline is the ability to make himself do that which he doesn't want to do and the capability to stop himself from doing what he shouldn't do. Talk to him regularly about how a person with self-discipline will behave in a given situation as opposed to one who lacks self-discipline. Take advantage of teachable moments.

Recognize and accept that it is a parent’s responsibility to help his or her child to learn that self-control sometimes means that we must give up what we would like to do. Much too frequently in today’s cur-

rent climate of indulgence, parents allow what a child wants to do or does not want to do to carry too much weight in what should clearly be parental decisions. And while anyone who has truly loved a child wants the child to be happy, good parents, effective parents, understand that immature children are not capable of always operating in their own best interest. Why? Primarily because they are not capable of knowing what is always in their own best interests.

One of the ways you can determine whether or not your son is developing self-discipline is to observe his behavior when your decision for him is contrary to his desire. Don’t hesitate to compliment him when you observe positive changes, as when he responds positively to correction. On the

other hand, don’t hesitate to confront him when he responds negatively. Your son will learn that his behavioral response is inappropriate only if you take the time, every time, to articulate this to him, and then make the effort to correct the behavior.

Parents: please be mindful that correcting your son’s behavior requires discipline. And know that discipline does not mean punishment or conflict between you and your child. It means helping your child learn from mistakes and develop self-control. All children need the security that comes with knowing the rules and boundaries of behavior; without these guidelines they feel at a loss. Consequently, you are not doing your son a favor by failing to discipline him.

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# RELIGIOUS/NEWS

## A SURVEY OF THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS



By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

We have come to one of Paul's sublime masterpieces, the book of Ephesians. The book of Ephesians was written around A.D. 60-61. This book is included in Paul's Prison Epistle Section – Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. Paul's labor in this Asia Minor Commercial Center was certainly productive, with the gospel being propagated throughout the province. After a long stay

of three years, Paul's effective ministry in Ephesus was met with opposition, for a severe uproar occurred in the Ephesian theater, forcing the Apostle Paul to move on to Macedonia. However, Paul did get an opportunity to say farewell to the Ephesian elders before going to Jerusalem (Acts 20:17-38). In reading many Pauline epistles, and the book of Acts, one startling point captivated my mind and heart – "Paul was

determined to allow nothing to prevent him from preaching God's inspired word." He didn't allow any circumstance, or anybody, for that matter, to deter him from preaching the gospel. Once he received his directives from God on that road to Damascus, he was resigned to do God's will. He was so resolved to preach God's unsearchable riches without reservation, for he said – "For I have not shunned to declare unto you

all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:27). The theme of this sublime epistle is the wealthy position of the believers and because of that position the expected practice of their Christian walk. The practical walk of a Christian must always be based on his or her wealthy position in Christ Jesus. Paul was careful in writing this lofty epistle stressing that the believers will come to apprehend their spiritual calling so that they might

understand their expected conduct. The key verses of this grand epistle are found in Ephesians 2:8-10 and 4:1, and they read: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." "I therefore, the prisoner of

the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." The epistle of Ephesians may be outlined this way:

- I. The Elevated Position of the Believers (Wealth) 1:1-3:21
- II. The Expected Practice of the Believers (Walk) 4:1-6:24

*May God Bless!*

## Was Race A Factor In The Montgomery Alabama Boating Brawl?

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.



James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.

If you are from the South in particular, you know that race matters. In other words, color counts. Has it changed?

Race matters and color counts are both sensitive expressions and will give rise to hearty discussions.

If you are in a certain age group and Black, you have experienced racial challenges in your lifetime. Most will say that relations between the races have improved. No longer do we have for colored only signs and required to have seats at the back of the bus.

Finally, and at last, we have full citizenship in the United States of America with all the rights and privileges. Almost that is. We are still waiting for Congress to pass the John R. Lewis

Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021. Of course, race is a factor in the delay.

Texas A&M University did not hire a prominent scholar to lead one of their academic departments because she was African American. Can we get pass skin color?

An ongoing question about leadership and race has created unwelcome tension and turmoil. Are we respected in positions of leadership? We will have different perspectives on this issue.

On August 5th, a Black man's leadership was challenged and taken to task. Dameion Pickett is the co-captain of a riverboat in Montgomery Alabama. His verbal instructions were not followed by a group of White boaters. They took exception to the orders and thus a brawl ensued.

The video taken clearly showed Mr. Pickett being attacked. So far, 7 people have been charged in this case as two fights occurred. The police arrived and cooler heads prevailed. Had the police not arrived, a major incident could have happened.

"Police acted swiftly to detain several reckless individuals for attacking a man who was doing his job", said Montgomery mayor Steven Reed. He is the first African American mayor in that city.

Leslie Mawhorter a witness aboard the Harriott II said, "They just didn't think the rules applied to them. I knew something was going to go down because their attitude was just, you can't tell us what to do. They were going to be confrontational regardless of who you were."

A question at the table of social justice is what would have happened had the roles been reversed? If the person in charge had been White and been attacked by a group of Black men? Would the outcome have been different? I believe it would have been different.

Furthermore, if there had been the same level of physicality, would that have been a misdemeanor offense? It is my thinking that the crime would have escalated to a higher charge and possible jail time.

The community at large would have portrayed these African American men as

hoodlums and men of ill repute. These are my opinions.

The bar of justice is different for men who look like me. There is no getting off easy as we are all painted with the same broad brush.

So, what will happen to these unruly culprits now? I suspect they'll pay a fine and be just fine. That's just the way it will be.

What needs to happen is in addition to the fine, they need some mandatory classes on race relations. Maybe in them, they will learn to treat all people with dignity and respect regardless of their race.

Understanding the basic principles of fairness and humanity will help them in their later lives. A stretch goal is they could become ambassadors when it comes to race relations. At this point, their behavior has brought the wrong kind of attention to the city of Montgomery.

Montgomery Alabama was once the Confederate capital. Maybe in the future, because of healing and reconciliation, they might be known as the capital of kindness.

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brings the total of felony charges against the ex-president to an astonishing 91.

It also presents a real chance that Trump could end up in prison.

Fulton County District Attorney has given Trump and his alleged co-conspirators until noon on Aug. 25 to turn themselves in.

"Subsequent to the indictment, as is the normal process in Georgia law, the grand jury issued arrest warrants for those who were charged," Willis said.

"I am giving the defendants the opportunity to voluntarily surrender no later than noon on Friday, the 25th day of August."

She said the state's role in the process is essential to the functioning of our democracy.

"Georgia, like every state, has laws that allow those who believe that results of the election are wrong, whether because of intentional wrongdoing or unintentional error, to challenge those results in state courts," Willis said.

She asserted that Trump and 18 co-conspirators engaged in a criminal racketeering enterprise over Georgia's presidential election result.

Many legal experts had previously opined that Willis' penchant for employing the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) would play out against Trump.

In 1970, Congress enacted the RICO statute, which broadened the scope of prospective prosecutions against participants in organized crime.

Under RICO, prosecutors can freeze the assets of suspects until the case's outcome.

If the RICO charge is proven, it could lead to a maximum of 20 years in prison for each racketeering count.

A guilty defendant also loses all assets related to

racketeering, including those connected to lawful businesses.

Additionally, a judge could impose financial penalties.

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee has been assigned the case, which Willis said she wants the trial to begin before the end of this year.

In 2022, Willis extolled RICO as a tool to convey the "whole story," appreciating the intelligence and discernment of jurors who yearn for accurate judgments.

"The racketeering statute does not look simply at a single crime. It tries to look at the big picture of view," Morgan Cloud, a law professor at Emory University, told CBS News.

The charges lodged against Trump and others, including Rudy Guiliani, attorney John Eastman, and former Trump Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, allege False Statements and Solicitation of State Legislatures, high-ranking state officials, the creation and distribution of false electoral college documents, the harassment of election workers, the solicitation of Justice Department officials, the solicitation of then-Vice President Mike Pence, the unlawful breach of election equipment, and acts of obstruction.

"Trump and the other Defendants charged in this Indictment refused to accept that Trump lost, and they knowingly and willfully joined a conspiracy to unlawfully change the outcome of the election in favor of Trump," the indictment states.

"That conspiracy contained a common plan and purpose to commit two or more acts of racketeering activity in Fulton County, Georgia, elsewhere in the State of Georgia, and in other states."

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Flexibility is the key to discipline as your son grows. You will need to modify your approach over time, using different strategies as your son develops

greater autonomy and capacity for self-regulation and responsibility. By learning self-control, your son can make appropriate decisions and respond to stressful situations in ways that can yield positive out-

comes. To help your son develop self-discipline:

- Help your son learn to wait. Waiting teaches him that others have needs.
- Present your son

with acceptable options and let him choose.

- Always model responsible behavior.

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## HEALTH

# Parkland psychologist explains the truth behind back-to-school jitters

*Our team is here for your team when butterflies are actually a sign of anxiety*

DALLAS – Books and homework and tests, oh my! The fall semester has officially commenced and as families across North Texas adjust to busy schedules, back-to-school jitters might be creeping their way into your home.

Although nerves can be normal, those butterflies in your student's stomach could actually be a sign of anxiety in response to change.

"As kids, teens and young adults head back to the classrooms and lecture halls, they could be experiencing an increase in anxiety," Parkland Psychologist, Natasha Benatti, PsyD, explains. "Having open conversations with your family

about these changes can help validate their experiences."

Returning to a structured environment with expectations surrounding grades and performance can be daunting for some children. Larger transitions such as changing schools, going from middle to high school and making new friends are also triggers for anxiety. Parkland psychologists recommend paying attention to the way your child speaks about these changes to recognize the areas where they may need some extra support.

Children may not have language to describe the emotions they are experiencing, but parents can keep

an eye out for certain behaviors. According to Dr. Benatti, things such as irritability, changes in appetite and sleep, complaints of stomach and headaches can all be signs of anxiety.

To ease the transition, Parkland providers recommend these coping tips

- Create a safe space for you and your child
  - Find ways to meditate and breathe
  - Normalize talking to your family about your feelings
  - Make brief check-ins as a family
  - Have a family conversation and discuss ideas or expectations for the school year
- Adjustments in schedules

and routines affect the entire family. Parents may also experience nerves when dealing with new schools, teachers and adjustments in childcare.

If adjusting to new circumstances is disrupting your daily routines and you notice your child's anxiety continues a week or two after school begins, let your primary care provider know. They may refer you to a Parkland Behavioral Health Clinic. Visits are by appointment only. To schedule, call 214-590-5536.

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## Quinn Minute

# Chicken pox and mad cow disease

By Rix Quinn

For years, I've heard people ask about chicken pox and mad cow disease. Let's talk about the fowls first.

I can find no evidence that chickens cause the disease. In fact, chickens I have asked just stare at me quizzically (a normal expression for a chicken).

This common childhood disease often begins with a body rash that usually

spreads to arms and legs. The spots then turn to blisters, and go away after a couple weeks. (I once developed a similar rash while dancing in poison ivy, but that's another story.)

Do chickens get chicken pox? No, they get people pox! (Forget this paragraph. That was a terrible joke.)

But seriously – and I get

serious talking about chickens – chickens can get fowl pox from mosquitoes, which makes their skin break out. However, fowl pox will rarely make a chicken break out of a cage, because chickens have the I.Q. of a spoon.

Because fowl pox can spread from chicken to chicken (like gossip about the rooster), chickens can get a vaccination to pre-

vent it.

Mad cow disease is a fatal brain ailment that makes the cow's brain cells die. The cow eventually dies, too.

So, to sum up: Mad cow disease- very bad. Fowl pox – uncomfortable for a chicken. Chicken pox – It can make your skin itch, and give you a rash.

I get the same symptoms watching politics.

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referring to state education restrictions.

"Without clarity, we cannot approve a pilot that may unintentionally put a teacher at risk of violating Arkansas law."

As several states undertake concerted efforts to circumscribe the boundaries of what educators can impart concerning race, gender, and sexuality, Arkansas has emerged as a new focal point in this ongoing dialogue.

NBC News reported that Sanders had earlier championed limits on education in the state.

The outlet noted that she signed the LEARNS Act into law in March, restricting classroom lessons about gender identity and sexual orientation.

In January, the

Republican governor signed an executive order banning "indoctrination and critical race theory" in schools.

The assault on critical race theory, which isn't taught in grade schools, has been among the most controversial GOP initiatives across the country.

In Florida, Gov. Ron DeSantis spearheaded initiatives to exert an overarching influence over academic viewpoints and curricula.

His HB 999 has caused consternation throughout the academic community, epitomizing an audacious stride toward dictating the contours of education.

HB 999 says that all colleges and universities must not spend money on education programs or other things that support diversity, equity, and inclusion.

"This bill is a road map for wrecking one of our great state systems of higher education," University of Michigan Law Professor Julian Davis Mortenson tweeted.

The bill eliminates Women's and Gender Studies as a major or minor at state colleges and universities.

It dictates that there can't be a major or minor "based on the Critical Race Theory belief system."

According to the bill's text, the university president or board would do all faculty hiring. It asserts that they "may not delegate" any aspect of any hiring decision or hiring authority to any group or faculty, however constituted.

Further, the bill asserts that they are "not recommended to consider the recommendations or opinions of fac-

ulty."

Jeremy C. Young, Pen America's senior manager of Free Expression and Education, called the bill "terrifying."

Pen America is a non-profit group that protects and promotes free speech worldwide by promoting literature and human rights.

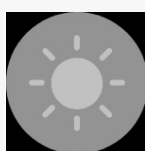


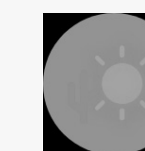



"Florida HB 999 would enact the most Draconian and censorious restrictions on higher education in the history of this country," Young stated.

"The bill would make tenure and faculty hiring committees meaningless, ban diversity statements, and centralize control of core curricula and mission statements in the hands of political appointees," Young said.

"Unexpectedly, it would also ban gender studies majors."

# SPORTS/NEWS PAGE

## 7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

Thursday, Aug. 17	Friday, Aug. 18	Saturday, Aug. 19	Sunday, Aug. 20	Monday, Aug. 21	Tuesday, Aug. 22	Wednesday, Aug. 23
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# Blind-Sided Icon: NFL Star Michael Oher's Explosive Claim Reveals Twists in 'The Blind Side' Movie Tale

Documents filed in court alleged that the movie paid the Tuohys and their two birth children each \$225,000, plus 2.5% of the film's "defined net proceeds."

Oher, whose eight year career included playing for the Baltimore Ravens, Carolina Panthers, and Tennessee Titans, didn't receive compensation.

The court filing suggested that the Tuohys continued to promote the false narrative of Oher's adoption, using it to their advantage for personal gain.

Oher's lawyer, J. Gerard Stranch IV, said Oher discovered the truth in 2023, causing deep emotional distress.

The revelation shattered Oher's belief in the family's claim to be his adoptive parents, the attorney claimed.

Oher's legal filing seeks to terminate the conservatorship held by the Tuohys

and prevent them from exploiting his name and likeness.

The petition also demands a full accounting of the profits generated using Oher's story and compensation for Oher's rightful share of these earnings.

Born into a family grappling with drug addiction, Oher faced hardships, including foster care placements and homelessness.

His trajectory changed when he was taken in by the Tuohy family, which provided stability and support.

ESPN noted that Oher's athletic talents thrived, propelling him to a successful college and NFL career.

However, the court filing highlighted that if Oher had been legally adopted, he would have retained control over his financial matters. Tellingly, the conservatorship arrangement stripped him of this autonomy,

which became instrumental in the family's alleged financial exploitation.

Further, the Tuohys had previously claimed they received only a flat fee for the movie and shared what they earned with Oher.

But recent revelations counter these assertions.

"The lie of Michael's adoption is one upon which Co-Conservators Leigh Anne Tuohy and Sean Tuohy have enriched themselves at the expense of their Ward, the undersigned Michael Oher," Oher's lawyers wrote.

"Michael Oher discovered this lie to his chagrin and embarrassment in February of 2023, when he learned that the Conservatorship to which he consented on the basis that doing so would make him a member of the Tuohy family, in fact provided him no familial relationship with the Tuohys."



Michael Oher says the family portrayed in the hit movie "The Blind Side" used him for money, causing controversy around the once celebrated story of triumph./Wikimedia Commons. Photo Credit: NNPA Files

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Willis said she plans to try Trump and the other alleged co-conspirators together.

At the heart of the case is Trump's phone call in which he appeared to pressure the Secretary of State into "finding" him enough votes to win the state.

"All I want to do is this: I just want to find 11,780 votes, which is one more than we have. Because we

won this state, and flipping the state is a great testament to the country," Trump said.

"I only need 11,000 votes. Fellas, I need 11,000 votes. Give me a break." "It's just not possible to have lost Georgia. It's not possible," Trump said.

The court filing said Meadows attempted to enter an area where 2020 election signatures were being audited.

Willis alleges in the

indictment that he sent a text message to the Georgia secretary of state's chief investigator saying, "Is there a way to speed up Fulton County signature verification in order to have results before Jan. 6 if the Trump campaign assists financially."

Further, the indictment lists Giuliani's sworn testimony in Georgia after the 2020 election, in which he made false claims about election fraud.

Willis also noted Giuliani's contacting lawmakers in various states, including to Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers.

"During the telephone call, Giuliani made false statements concerning fraud in the Nov. 3, 2020, presidential election in Arizona and solicited, requested, and importuned Bowers to unlawfully appoint presidential electors from Arizona," the indictment stated.

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## Wells Fargo Launches Down Payment Grant Program in Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington Areas

Wells Fargo Home Lending announced that it will offer \$10,000 Homebuyer Access grants that will be applied toward the down payment for eligible homebuyers who currently live in or are purchasing homes in certain underserved communities. Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington is one of eight metropolitan areas selected for this offering. Here is a link to the full announcement: Wells Fargo Newsroom - Wells Fargo Launches Down Payment Grant Program to Help

Bridge Homeownership Gap (wf.com).

**Qualifications:**

- Homebuyer Access grants will be available to homebuyers who earn a combined 120% or less of the area median income in the county where the subject property is located.
- The grant funds can only be used toward the down payment on a Wells Fargo fixed-rate conventional loan secured by a property

that will be the purchaser's primary residence.

- Homebuyers who are eligible for the Homebuyer Access grant can combine the grant with many other programs for which they may qualify, including Wells Fargo's Dream. Plan. Home.SM closing cost credit and/or mortgage. As a result, homebuyers who qualify for both a Homebuyer Access grant and the closing cost credit could receive

up to \$15,000 from Wells Fargo to help them purchase their home.

**How to Apply:**

Potential homebuyers looking to purchase a home in any of the eight metropolitan areas and those who currently live in those areas can find out more about the program, including how to contact a local Wells Fargo Home Lending office in their area, at <https://wellsfargo.com/homegrants> or they can call 866 327 6414.

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# The 2024 Election President Biden and the Black Vote

By: **Dr. John E. Warren**  
 Publisher San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper



**Dr. John E. Warren**

It appears that as we draw closer to the 2024 Presidential Primaries, a number of Democrats are starting to talk about replacing Joe Biden and denying him a second term. The focus is around his ratings in the polls, his age, and false allegations that the country is worse off

than before he was elected. Oh, how soon we forget. But even more important, we should not forget who made Biden president. It was the Black vote that put Biden in the White House. As a result of that vote, America has experienced unprecedented recovery economically, in health-care, and employment and in its international status. But now comes an election and a growing parade of Democrats now complaining about the age and support for the man who has done more for America in the last three years, than any. However, Biden has not done all he could have done for the very Black people who put him in office. He has not gone to

the mat in the fight against the Filibuster in the Senate on the fight for Voting Rights legislation or the George Floyd Act. Now there are questions as to whether the Black vote will be motivated to come out again for Joe Biden; There is the announcement of Professor Cornel West's intent to run on a Libertarian slate. Hopefully this will not steal African American votes just because he is African American. But the loss of the Black vote could open the door for a Republican return to the White House, whether or not Trump is the candidate. Now is the time to get involved in preparation for the 2024 election. Now

is the time to guard against wasting support on people who want to run for President with no program or agenda to continue or replace what President Biden has done or could still get done in a Second Term. The President is not too old to continue to serve. As a matter of fact, his experience is needed now more than ever before with the sea of "wannabees" with no preparation circling the White House. Let's not be fooled with polls and the attacks on his age. Rather, let's focus on what we want him to do in his Second Term that he didn't complete in the first. Something to think about.

**Office of Community Care**

**Call for Student Artists! Submit Art for Hispanic Heritage Month Display at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center**

The City of Dallas Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center is seeking local student artists to display their artwork at the center in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15-October 15, 2023.

Artists will be highlighted during the Hispanic Heritage Month Festival on October 7, 2023.

**HOW TO SUBMIT**

Submit artwork to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center (2922 MLK, Jr. Blvd., Dallas, TX 75215) along with the following details:

- Artist Name
- School
- Grade
- Art Title
- Description of artwork

**DEADLINE**

- Submit art by September 13, 2023, by 7:00 p.m.
- Art will be on display from September 15-October 15, 2023
- Art Pick up Date: October 16, 2023

**CRITERIA**

Students in the DFW metroplex are welcome to participate. Artwork should represent or reflect the diversity of Hispanic and Latino culture. Art will be displayed based on the appropriateness of the project.

Acceptable mediums include paintings, drawings, photographs, ceramics, and textiles.

**CONTACT**

For more information, contact Nico Rogers at [nicomedes.rogers-qui@dallas.gov](mailto:nicomedes.rogers-qui@dallas.gov) or call 214-670-8418.

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