

# What's News . . . .

A Newsletter from the Conservatives on Main Street, Winnebago GOP

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# ***Elections, and Having to Do With***

**Where do I vote?**

**Am I registered to vote at my current address?**

**What will be on my ballot?**

[Click here for answers to frequently asked election questions.](#)

**What Wisconsin Legislative voting districts have I been assigned by the Democrats?**

<https://maps.legis.wisconsin.gov/?version=2024>

**Partisan Primaries Tuesday, August 13, 2024.**

**Citizens may vote ONLY in races of ONE PARTY.**

**Crossovers will invalidate your vote.**

**Here are links to learn more about your candidates**

**Candidates are listed in the order they appear on the ballot**

**State of Wisconsin Delegation of Appropriation Power Referendum - QUESTION 1**

“Delegation of appropriation power. Shall section 35 (1) of article IV of the constitution be created to provide that the legislature may not delegate its sole power to determine how moneys shall be appropriated?”

**State of Wisconsin Allocation of Federal Moneys Referendum - QUESTION 2**

“Allocation of federal moneys. Shall section 35 (2) of article IV of the constitution be created to prohibit the governor from allocating any federal moneys the governor accepts on behalf of the state without the approval of the legislature by joint resolution or as provided by legislative rule?”

**Winnebago GOP recommends YES on both referenda**

If **Question 1** is approved, the state constitution will clearly mandate that the legislature continue to control the power of fund appropriation. The current status allows the legislature to assign this power at any time on any individual matter before it to other bodies and agencies of state government. This is an abdication of legislative responsibility. Yes on question 1 will make it clear that the legislature controls state funds.

If **Question 2** is approved, the legislature will clearly be in control of monies received from the Federal Government or other sources. The current governor has assumed that he can spend federal assistance in any way he sees fit. The original intention of the state constitution was for the legislature, as the closest representatives of the people, to control resources and funds of the state.

**United States Senator**

Eric Hovde <https://erichovde.com/>

Charles Barman <https://barmanusa.com/>

Rejani Raveendrun <https://rejaniforussenate.com/>

**Representative to Assembly District 39 -- Republican  
Vote for One**

Alex Dallman [Alex Dallman for the 41st Assembly District](#)

**Representative to Assembly District 53 -- Republican  
Vote for One**

Dean Kaufert – **no link available**

**Representative To Assembly District 54 - Republican  
Vote For One**

Tim Paterson <https://timpaterson54.com/>

**Representative To Assembly District 55 - Republican  
Vote For One**

Nate Gustafson <https://www.gus4.us/>

Michael Schraa <https://www.friendsofmichaelschraa.com/>

**Representative To Assembly District 57 - Republican  
Vote For One**

Kevin Petersen [Petersen for Assembly | Wisconsin Assembly district 57](#)

Duane Wilson [Wilson For Assembly -](#)

**Representative from the 6th Congressional District**

Glenn Grothman <https://glenngrothman.com/>

Write In

**Winnebago County District Attorney - Republican  
Vote For One**

Write in:

**Editor's note: what a shame that we have no candidate for this very important position**

**Winnebago County Register Of Deeds - Republican  
Vote For One**

Susan M. Snyder – **no link available**

Paul J. Esslinger [\(1\) Facebook](#)

**Winnebago County Clerk - Republican  
Vote For One**

Julie A. Barthels – **no link available**

**Winnebago County Treasurer - Republican  
Vote For One**

Amber L. Hoppa – **no link available**

## Representative from the 8th Congressional District

NOTE to residents of the 8<sup>th</sup> District: Don't be confused by the **TWO VERY SIMILAR** contests on your ballot. One nearly identical contest is to select a person to serve out the remainder of Mike Gallagher's term which **ENDS January 3, 2025**. The other looks nearly identical but is the actual primary to choose the candidate to compete in the final election November 5th for the seat with the term **STARTING January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**. See below

### Representative In Congress District 8: **Term Ending Jan. 3, 2025** - Republican

Tony Wied <https://tonywiedforcongress.com/>

André Jacque <https://www.jacque4wi.com/>

Roger Roth <https://rothforwisconsin.com/>

### Representative In Congress District 8 (**Term Jan. 3, 2025 - Jan. 3, 2027**) - Republican

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André Jacque <https://www.jacque4wi.com/>

If you are interested in running for local political office, please contact [campaign@winnebagogop.org](mailto:campaign@winnebagogop.org) call us at 920-303-9270 or stop in at 738 North Main Street for more information. Solid contributors to our local governmental bodies are needed.

## Gov't Goings-On (partial listing only)

### Winnebago County

- The Winnebago County executive's office recently completed installation of new software aimed at modernizing the county's digital infrastructure and improving transparency. The installation process was finalized in March, with County Executive Jon Doemel expressing optimism about the software's potential to streamline operations and enhance user experience. "I wanted to make sure that people have a right to know what we're working on and what we're discussing," he said.

You can actually go in and instead of having to watch a two-hour committee meeting or three-hour committee meeting, you can click on the agenda item, and it'll bring you to that conversation," Doemel said. "So as far as transparency and figuring out what government is doing and what the conversation was about, it's so much easier for somebody to follow."

[https://oshkoshherald.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/July-24-2024\\_Oshkosh-Herald.pdf](https://oshkoshherald.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/July-24-2024_Oshkosh-Herald.pdf)

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- Winnebago County now has housing available for violent sex offenders and just needs some furniture. The county was one of the first in the state to move quickly when counties were put in charge of housing released individuals. The original trailer has been joined by three newly constructed units but won't be furnished until they have a person moving in. Chapter 980 housing is designed for the most violent sexual offenders and Wisconsin moved the burden from the state to

counties in 2018 to house these formerly incarcerated people. Guidelines state they can't live within 1,500 feet of a child care center, school, house of worship, youth center or nursing home. Counties that don't find housing options can be fined \$1,100 per day or more than \$400,000 annually.

The original plan was for the county to build 11 units on County Y with a budget just over \$1 million. The county ended up building three units for around \$820,000, or about \$273,000 per unit.

<https://oshkoshherald.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/July-17-2024-Oshkosh-Herald.pdf>

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## **City of Neenah**

- Bird Rides Inc. removed all the two-wheeler vehicles that users find and ride with a smartphone app from Neenah, Menasha, Fox Crossing and Appleton last month after discontinuation of the Appleton program.

Appleton and Neenah's initial agreements with Bird required the company to reimburse the cities 10 cents per ride, which was increased last year to 20 cents. Menasha's yearly agreements required reimbursement of 10 cents per ride, while Fox Crossing received no reimbursement. In December.

Bird filed for bankruptcy listing between \$100 million and \$500 million in debt, with its largest creditor Amazon with a claim of \$4.8 million. More than 300 municipalities, including Neenah, Menasha and Appleton, were listed as creditors.

The scooters were expected to continue operating throughout the bankruptcy proceedings. Appleton opted to end its ties with Bird earlier this year amid financial concerns with the company's bankruptcy.

[https://neenahnewsnow.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/July-5-2024\\_Neenah-News.pdf](https://neenahnewsnow.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/July-5-2024_Neenah-News.pdf)

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## **Neenah Joint School District** <https://www.neenah.k12.wi.us/>

- Neenah Joint School District has voted to accept the new Title IX regulations on Tuesday. These changes implemented by the Biden Administration negate a lot of the progress made in the past several decades to support activities for REAL girls and offer them protection within the school system. Several Neenah students and parents signed up with Moms for Liberty so the district will be part of the lawsuit to block its implementation. In order to be part of the suit, parents with students in the particular school district must be part of the suit to give that school district standing in the legal fight.
- The district's Human Growth & Development Committee has been established. It will start meeting this fall. Parents of Neenah children should watch the school district website for meeting times and meeting news. These are the type of meetings where parents can have input and provide feedback that makes a difference over time.
- Want to have a say in policy and curriculum at your child's school? Attend the committee meetings, which are open to the public. Dates and information, as always, are available at the NJSD website.
- School board meetings are regularly held Next meetings: August 6th, August 20th, September 3rd, September 17th. NJSD is switching their online access from ZOOM to Google Meets. The public is



welcome to attend board meetings in-person or virtually. Public comments are limited to 3-minutes each but always welcome.

- The new school superintendent, Dr. Steve Harrison, officially started on June 30th.

## City of Oshkosh

- The City Council has two budget workshops scheduled, on July 30, and August 28<sup>th</sup>. They will provide an overview of what to expect before budget work and spending decisions are made later in the fall. If you want input on the 2025 budget, now is the time to approach our council members with your organized and specific thoughts.
- A third-party audit of the Oshkosh building code is under discussion. Clear and reasonable building guidelines are crucial to both city inspectors and the builders. It is also the foundation on which the city can manage a reasonable level of controlled growth. Some council members wonder why Oshkosh applies a second level of codes and regulations rather than just revert to the state standard building code to which builders must adhere in any case.
- Downtown visualization plan/parking. A draft of the new downtown visualization plan is complete. It highlights the opportunity to redevelop vacant buildings and parcels downtown. This will be considered alongside a report coming soon from the Transportation Committee about downtown parking. The enforcement of the 2-hour time limit on some downtown spaces has been questionable.
- Fees, fees and more fees. Some on the council would like to force the issue on the city “nickel-and-diming” residents to death with fees that sometimes cost more to administer than is taken in from the fee itself. They would make an example by repealing the outdoor fire pit fee to make the point. The first reading of this was at the 7/23 council meeting. It is difficult to enforce, brings in no meaningful revenue, and generally serves to create ill will between residents and city personnel.

## Oshkosh Area School District <https://www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us/>

- School board member Liz Szilagyι resigned her position in June. This leaves her seat open to be filled by the board for the remainder of her term as dictated by established policy.. This seat comes up for reelection next spring. The vacancy schedule and timeline is as follows:
  - July 3, 2024 - Vacancy announcement / begin accepting applications
  - **August 2 - Resume and/or cover letter due at 12:30 p.m.**
  - August 8 at 5 p.m. - Special Board Meeting to interview candidates, review applications, and select/appoint a new member (public meeting, televised by Oshkosh Media)
  - August 14 or August 28, 2024 - New board member to begin attending board meetings

The most likely scenario is that Kristopher Karnes, the school board member that lost his reelection bid in the spring of 2024, will be chosen.

- The Board of Education approved purchasing another home near South Park Middle School in hopes of expanding the school campus as part of a future referendum.

725 W. South Park Ave. will be purchased by the district for \$235,000 with the deal closing Aug. 1. Drew Niehans, Oshkosh Area School District executive director of business services, said it will be an additional \$25,000 to raze the home, making the total cost around \$250,000.

“I think a quarter of a million dollars for one property is insane,” board member Kelly Dewitt said.

The district plans to go to referendum for the second phase of the 10-year facilities consolidation plan. One part of the plan is to expand South Park Middle School.

Board member Tim Hess said the district was “land banking” in hopes of expanding the school. “This is utterly crazy in my mind,” Hess said. “I am not happy with this. I am not happy with spending this amount of money that isn’t in the budget.”

<https://oshkoshherald.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/July-17-2024-Oshkosh-Herald.pdf>

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**Editor’s Note. Haven’t we just been talking about a future full of reduced enrollment? Yet here we are, buying property in anticipation of another referendum.**

## **United States Congress**

Our Representatives: ~~Mike Gallagher-R~~, 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District; Glenn Grothman-R, 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Our Senators: Tammy Baldwin-D; Ron Johnson-R

**(Editor’s Note: I signed up for Tammy’s email updates for my private email address. She ignored me. Here I thought Senators represented their entire state. Go figure.**

- The House passed the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act. This legislation amends current law to require proof of citizenship to register to vote in Federal elections. Although it is already illegal to vote as a non-citizen, states are currently prohibited from verifying citizenship when registering voters. It stands no chance in the Senate, which is controlled by the Democrats.
- This week, the House of Representatives voted on funding for the Department of Homeland Security, the State Department, and Department of Defense. These pieces of legislation include many significant policy changes such as enhanced border security measures, increased funding for immigration enforcement, and strict oversight of foreign aid expenditures. Additionally, the bills prioritize national security initiatives and ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly, reflecting the values and priorities of House Republicans.
- On Thursday July, 11, a Senate HSGAC hearing was held titled “Risky Research: Oversight of U.S. Taxpayer Funded High-Risk Virus Research.”

Former Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Robert Redfield testified there was not appropriate transparency about side effects of the mRNA COVID vaccines and the greatest mistake the government made was mandating the shots. **(source: Ron Johnson update)**

I truly appreciated Dr. Redfield’s honesty at the hearing. [Senator Ron Johnson on X: "I truly appreciated Dr. Redfield’s honesty at the hearing today. https://t.co/X06znrxe12" / X](https://t.co/X06znrxe12)

**Source: Ron Johnson update**

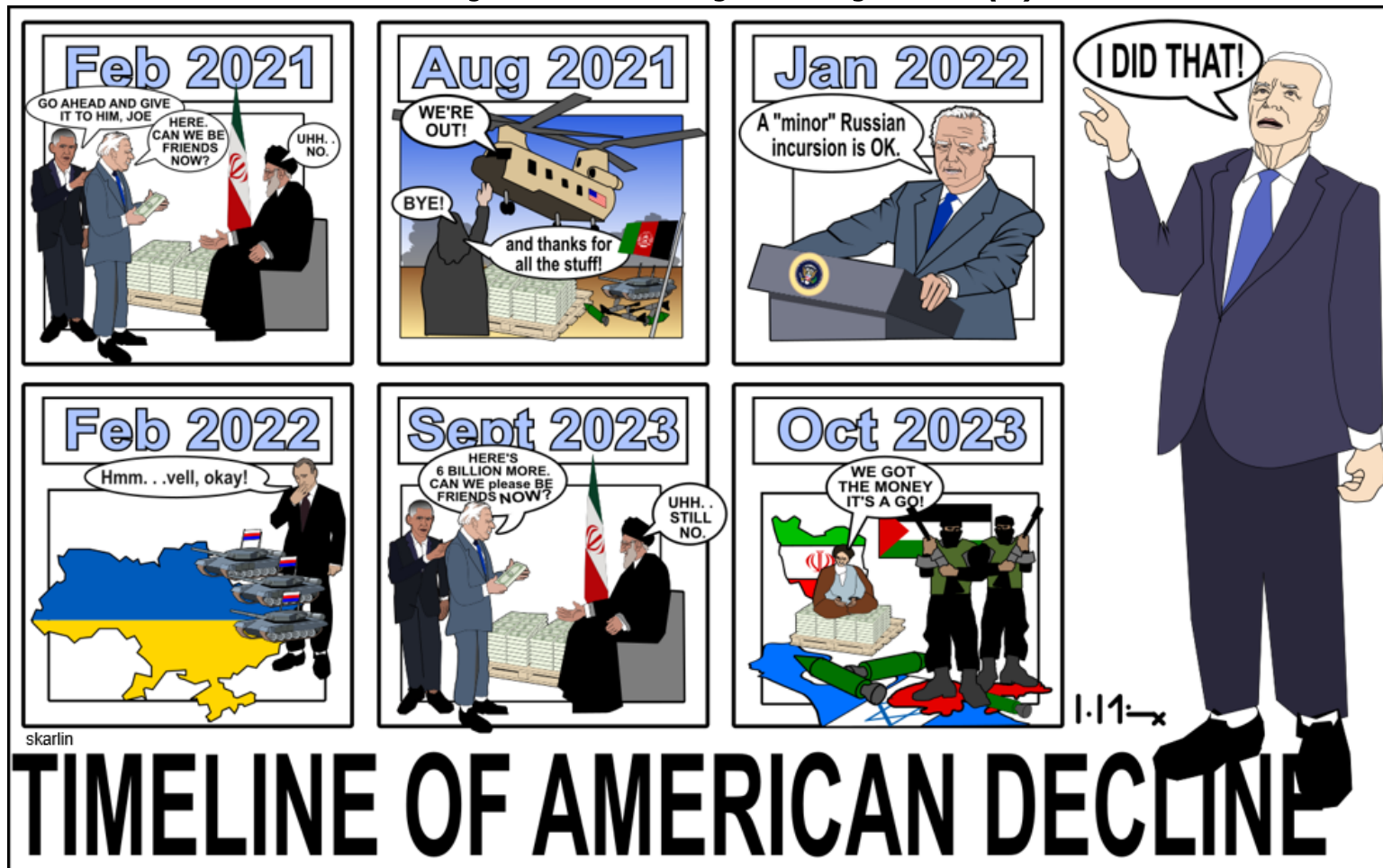
On June 13, I joined with 28 of my Republican colleagues in a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland condemning the evisceration of the American judicial process.

The letter outlines the casualties of this case and the lack of due process. It reads, "We condemn this show trial, not just because it marks the attempt to imprison a leader of the loyal opposition, but because it threatens the existence of due process of law, without which a constitutional republic dedicated to the

protection of individual liberty is not possible." Read the letter here: [BAA497DC-6F69-4E1B-87FC-F5F151353163 \(senate.gov\)](https://www.senate.gov/legislative/record/2021/08/20210820_01.htm)

Source: Ron Johnson update

## Hey, it's **NOT** just a joke! (1)



How about another? [\(not a\) joke #2](#)

## What he/she said . . . . HUH? (. . . you can't make this stuff up)

Former President Donald Trump urged Americans on Sunday morning to “stand united” and “defiant in the face of wickedness” just hours after a gunman in Pennsylvania tried to assassinate him.

“It is more important than ever that we stand united, and show our True Character as Americans, remaining Strong and Determined, and not allowing Evil to Win. I truly love our Country, and love you all, and look forward to speaking to our Great Nation this week from Wisconsin,” he wrote.

<https://justthenews.com/politics-policy/all-things-trump/trump-calls-national-unity-resilience-morning-after-assassination>

### Saving Democracy

We have now witnessed three left-wing veritable coups.



In 2020, covert actors decided to ossify the Democratic primary races. Next, they conferred the nomination on a clearly cognitively challenged Biden. He was now tasked with serving as a useful moderate vessel for a virtual, even more radical, Obama third term.

The same operators next assumed virtual control of Biden's presidential agenda, given his accelerating cognitive decline.

When that charade could no longer be sustained, for a third time, they circumvented the normal transparent democratic process.

So, they removed the once useful but now a liability Biden — while insisting that he was still fit enough to keep the left in power — until the anticipated Harris victory in November.

And all of this was the shadow work of those who sanctimoniously lectured America that “democracy dies in darkness.”

[Victor Davis Hanson: Coup upon coup upon coup \(msn.com\)](#)

**Originally in Tribune Content Agency**

*“The typical American household must spend an additional \$11,434 annually just to maintain the same standard of living they enjoyed in January of 2021, right before inflation soared to 40-year highs, according to a recent analysis of government data.”*

[Bidenomics Is Costing Americans Over \\$11,000 A Year | U.S. Representative \(gop.gov\)](#)

The Marine Corps prevented two people from breaking onto a Marine installation in Virginia on May 3 and turned them over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The two people drove up to the Fuller Road Gate of [Marine Corps Base Quantico](#), Virginia, in a box truck and were stopped by military sentries, Capt. Michael Curtis, a spokesman for the base, said in a statement to Marine Corps Times on Tuesday.

“When asked, the operator of the truck informed the military police officers they worked for a company subcontracted by Amazon and were making a delivery to the U.S. Post Office located in the Town of Quantico,” Curtis said in the statement.

<https://www.marinecorpstimes.com/news/your-marine-corps/2024/05/14/2-people-in-ice-custody-after-attempting-to-breach-virginia-marine-base/>

**Editor's Note: Note the source of this quote. You would be SHOCKED to know how hard I had to look for a MSM article that bothered to mention the terrorist links to this story. The Democrats and our borders . . . . I hope it does not become more of a story in the future.**

Democrats insist that illegal immigrants are not eligible to vote and, therefore, will not. However, that's not the whole story, and now Republicans are rushing to end the secret way the Biden Administration is allowing millions of illegal immigrants access to voter registration.

The New York Post recently [reported](#) that illegal immigrants in 49 states are being provided voter registration forms through welfare offices and other agencies without having to prove valid U.S. citizenship.

[ROOKE: Election 'Conspiracy Theory' Dems Said Wasn't Happening Is ... In 49 States \(msn.com\)](#)

**Originally in Daily Caller**

Although Portland, Oregon, has a \$750 million plan that it hopes will combat climate change, the city recently failed to provide basic greenhouse gas emissions data to the state -- which fined Portland due to its negligence.

The fine from DEQ marks the fourth fine DEQ has issued to the city in the past five years. Previously, Portland has paid fines for discharging partially treated sewage into Columbia Slough, cutting water quality below acceptable standards, and failing to comply with a consent order, according to DEQ.

<https://justthenews.com/nation/states/center-square/portland-plans-750-million-climate-agenda-cant-comply-state-eco-law>

**Editor's Note: Now THAT is what I call putting your money where your mouth is.**

### **Say it ain't so, Harley Davidson**

The iconic motorcycle maker Harley-Davidson is the latest all-American brand to get slammed by conservatives over its 'inclusion' policies, including supporting Pride events for children.

The \$6 billion-a-year firm known for its macho and rebellious image faces a backlash after campaigners exposed its diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts and urged riders to steer clear.

Robby Starbuck, an online influencer, posted about Harley-Davidson's support for hard-line policies about trans care for kids, critical race theory and sidelining white people in business.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/yourmoney/article-13664699/Harley-Davidson-American-DEI-backlash-Pride-children.html>

### **The case for Honesty in a Democratic Republic Russia Collusion**

The Russian government was one of several foreign governments that interfered in the 2016 United States elections, with the goals of sabotaging the presidential campaign of Hillary Clinton, boosting the presidential campaign of Donald Trump, and increasing political and social discord in the United States. According to the U.S. intelligence community, the operation—code named **Project Lakhta**—was ordered directly by Russian president Vladimir Putin.<sup>[5][6]</sup> The "hacking and disinformation campaign" to damage Clinton and help Trump became the "core of the scandal known as Russiagate".<sup>[7]</sup> The 448-page Mueller Report, made public in April 2019, examined over 200 contacts between the Trump campaign and Russian officials but concluded that there **was insufficient evidence to bring any conspiracy or coordination charges** against Trump or his associates.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian\\_interference\\_in\\_the\\_2016\\_United\\_States\\_elections](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_interference_in_the_2016_United_States_elections)

The special counsel-led investigation looking into the FBI's probe of Russian interference in the 2016 Trump campaign has ended, the Department of Justice announced Monday, and in a [306-page final report](#), concludes **the FBI did not have enough intelligence to merit a full Trump-Russia investigation.**

The report says that investigation — which was originally called the "Crossfire Hurricane" — was treated different from how cases related to Donald Trump's then-opponent, Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton, had been handled.

"The speed and manner in which the FBI opened and investigated Crossfire Hurricane during the presidential election season based on raw, unanalyzed and uncorroborated intelligence also reflected a noticeable departure from how it approached prior matters involving possible attempted foreign election interference plans aimed at the Clinton campaign," the report says.

<https://www.npr.org/2023/05/15/1176219884/trump-russia-investigation-durham>

**Russia Investigation:** It's beginning to look as if claims of monstrous collusion between Russian officials and U.S. political operatives were true. But it wasn't Donald Trump who was guilty of Russian collusion. **It was Hillary Clinton and U.S. intelligence officials who worked with Russians and others to entrap Trump.**

That's the stunning conclusion of a RealClear Investigations report by Lee Smith, who looked in-depth at the controversial June 2016 Trump Tower meeting between officials of then-candidate Donald Trump's campaign staff and a Russian lawyer known to have ties with high-level officials in Vladimir Putin's government.

<https://www.investors.com/politics/editorials/russian-collusion-hillary-clinton/>

### **Charlottesville, 2017**

In a news conference after the rally protesting the planned removal of a Confederate statue, Trump did say there were "very fine people on both sides," referring to the protesters and the counter protesters. **He said in the same statement he wasn't talking about neo-Nazis and white nationalists, who he said should be "condemned totally."**

**[Snopes] Editors' Note:** Some readers have raised the objection that this fact check appears to assume Trump was correct in stating that there were "very fine people on both sides" of the Charlottesville incident. That is not the case. This fact check aimed to confirm what Trump actually said, not whether what he said was true or false.

<https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/trump-very-fine-people/>

### **January 6, 2021**

Retired U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Keith Kellogg said last week that former **President Donald Trump did in fact request National Guard troops be deployed** in Washington D.C. before the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. Kellogg said he was present at the time of Trump's request, and Congress should release his testimony to the public.

Trump has repeatedly claimed he requested National Guard troops be activated in D.C. to provide security as he called on supporters to gather in D.C. to protest the certification of the 2020 election results for Joe Biden. Trump's claim has been substantiated by members of his administration but rejected by some members of congress.

<https://americanmilitarynews.com/2022/08/gen-kellogg-trump-did-request-natl-guard-troops-on-jan-6th-asks-congress-to-release-his-testimony/>

On Wednesday, President Donald Trump ordered National Guard troops and federal protective services personnel to the U.S. Capitol after pro-Trump demonstrators stormed the building, interrupting an electoral college vote certification process to affirm Joe Biden as the winner of the 2020 election.

White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany tweeted, **"At President Trump's direction, the National Guard is on the way along with other federal protective services. We reiterate President Trump's call against violence and to remain peaceful.**

[Trump orders National Guard to US Capitol after protestors storm building | American Military News](#)

**"We have responsibility, Terri," Pelosi exclaimed** to her chief of staff Terri McCullough at the beginning of the short video.

The videotape, which Loudermilk posted publicly on social media on X, shows that the then-Speaker at least appears to recognize that Democratic leadership at the Capitol perhaps bore some responsibility for the security failures.

“They thought that they had sufficient...resources” her chief of staff, McCullough, replied as the Speaker’s SUV raced through an underground parking garage.

“No, that’s not a question of how they had... they don’t know. They clearly didn’t know. And I take responsibility for not having them just prepare for more,” Pelosi said, clearly frustrated.

<https://justthenews.com/government/congress/democrats-blamed-trump-j6-while-pelosi-privately-admitted-some-responsibility>

**Editor’s note: Trump’s first term was undercut by the Russia collusion hoax (2016). Biden ran for President based on the Charlottesville fine people hoax (2017), landing us where we are today. The coverup of the fact that Trump offered the National Guard at the Capitol on January 6 in case there was trouble has tainted the J6 committee and Trump’s reelection ever since (2021). Years later the truth is acknowledged. So, I will AGAIN quote Hillary Rodham Clinton . . . . ‘What Difference at This Point Does It Make?!’ January 23, 2013**

### California fixes illegal immigration

More than 40,000 undocumented students at dozens of California college and university campuses could be provided work authorizations under a new law.

On May 22, the California Assembly passed Bill 2586, known as the Opportunity for All Act, providing equal access to employment opportunities for all students, regardless of their immigration status, at the University of California (UC), California State University (CSU), and California Community Colleges (CCC) campuses. Legislation was introduced by State Representative David Alvarez, who said this new legislation will address inequities faced by undocumented students who have more difficulty financially supporting themselves as they complete their education.

<https://www.newsweek.com/migrants-california-colleges-undocumented-campus-1905766>


### Trouble at the border

The bill passed 59-4, with 17 votes not recorded. It requires a successful Senate vote and signing by Democratic Governor Gavin Newsom to be enacted.

<https://www.newsweek.com/migrants-california-colleges-undocumented-campus-1905766>

**Editor’s Note: The winds in North America blow from West to East. Just saying.**

But how about this ---- One day it was there:

 <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/new-california-proposal-mandates-hiring-illegal-i...>

### New California Proposal Mandates Hiring Illegal Immigrants for ... - M...

Jun 7, 2024 · Border crisis. "By passing a law to mandate that **illegal immigrants** be hired for taxpayer-funded **jobs** in **state** government, **California Democrats** are not only making our border crisis worse, they ...

. . . and the next day,

This story is  
unavailable

## California fixes the fast-food industry

Although the bump in [minimum wage] pay is intended to help improve the standard of living for more than half a million fast-food workers, there may be unintended consequences that could do more harm to these employees, including restaurant closures, job cuts, reduced hours and increased deployment of automation to bring down expenses.

There has been an [increase in automation](#) and self-service technology. Restaurants are deploying self-order kiosks, kitchen automation software and other labor-saving technologies to reduce reliance on human workers.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/jackkelly/2024/07/26/california-20-minimum-wage-fast-food-impact/>

## For the alternative view, you can't do any better than University of Berkeley:

The prevailing wisdom among many business owners and policymakers is that when the minimum wage rises, smaller low-wage employers suffer more from higher labor costs and are more likely to cut jobs. But the groundbreaking new study, co-authored by Berkeley economist Michael Reich, found that small businesses can pass the costs on to consumers with little negative impact.

<https://news.berkeley.edu/2023/03/14/even-in-small-businesses-minimum-wage-hikes-dont-cause-job-losses-study-finds/>

**Editor's note: anyone see a glaring fact cited by our leftist professor and his study? (Hint: last sentence.**

After California implemented a new law boosting the minimum wage for fast-food workers earlier this year, a majority of [restaurants increased prices](#) and cut employee hours, according to a recent report from the Employment Policies Institute.

Since April, when the law took effect, 98% of restaurants surveyed said they have already raised the cost of menu items, and 93% plan to do so next year. Additionally, 89% reported already reducing the number of employee hours, and 87% plan to do so next year.

According to the survey, 70% of eateries already had to make staff cuts or consolidate positions. Even more, 74%, plan to do so in the coming year, the survey showed.

By pumping up menu prices, the restaurants recognize that their traffic will take a hit to some degree.

<https://www.foxbusiness.com/lifestyle/fast-food-minimum-wage-effect-higher-prices-reduced-hours>

## They are not sending us their best . . .

Venezuelan Tren de Aragua prison gang members are being arrested thousands of miles from the border after having illegally entered the U.S. in Texas.

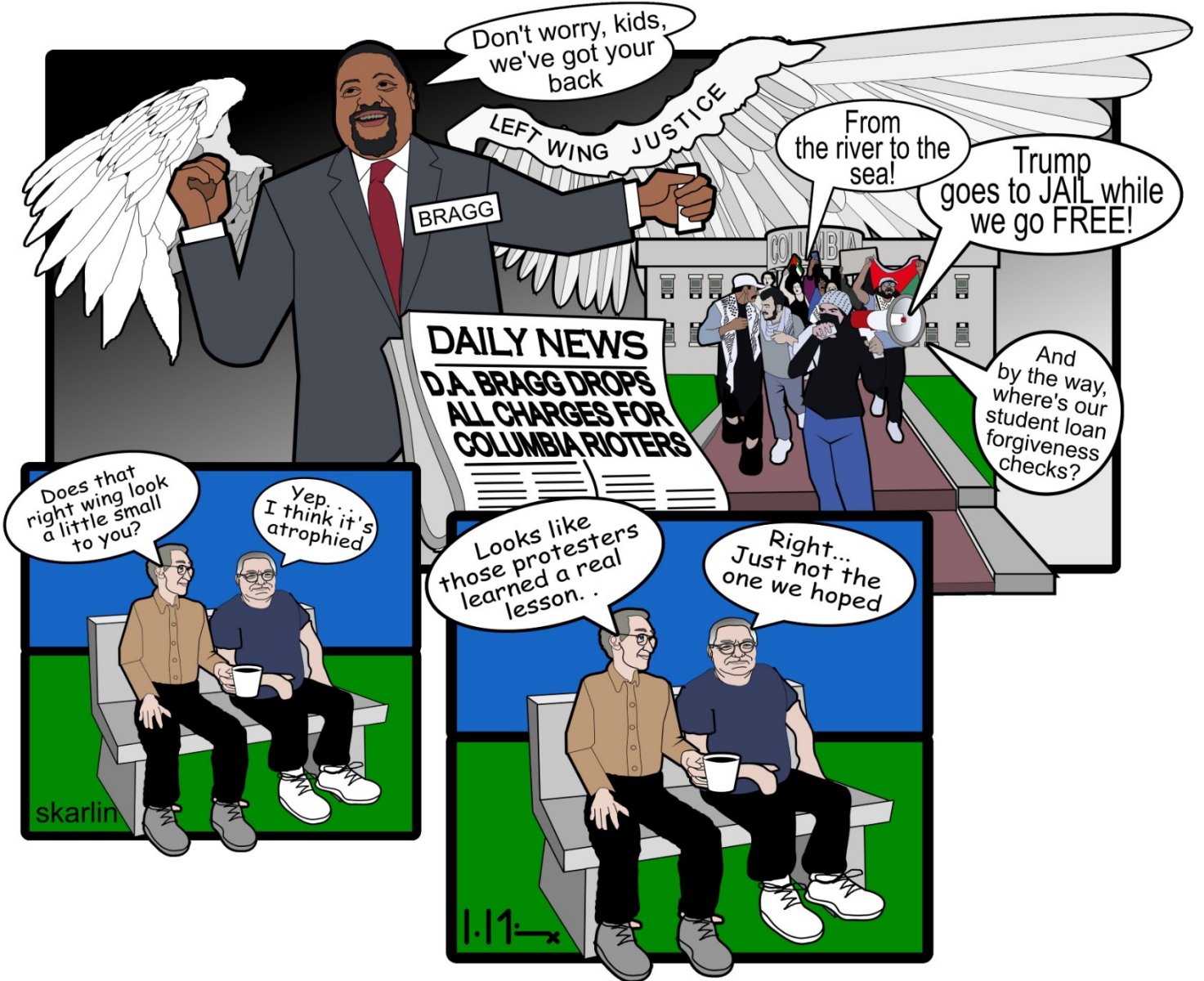
The Venezuelan prison gang is well-known for orchestrating murders, bribery schemes and money laundering, drug and arms trafficking, and kidnappings for ransom money. In March, U.S. Sens. Marco Rubio and Maria Elvira Salazar, both Florida Republicans, [called on](#) the president to officially designate Tren de Aragua as a Transnational Criminal Organization.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Enforcement and Removal Operations agents (ICE-ERO) recently arrested Venezuelan Tren de Aragua members in New York City and Chicago, but deportation efforts were foiled by federal or local policies.

<https://justthenews.com/nation/states/center-square/venezuelan-gang-members-arrested-thousands-miles-border>



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## Signs of the Times

Shirts, yard signs, buttons, stickers, and flags – good old conversation is free!

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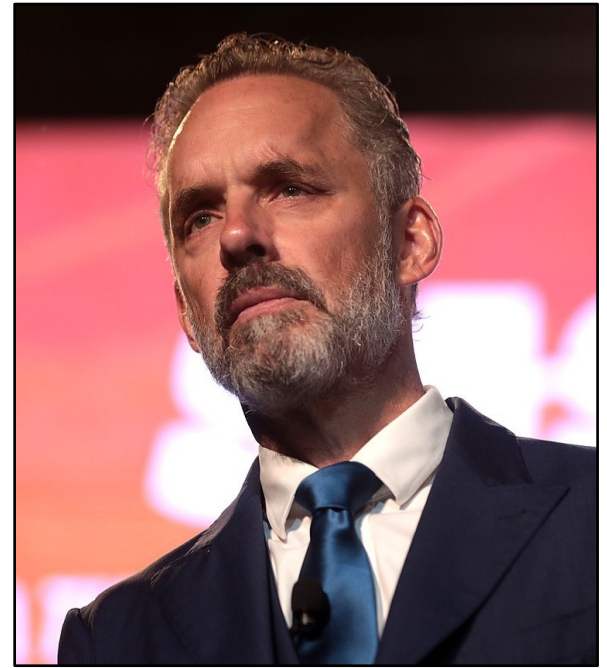


## QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“Your actions speak so loudly that I can’t hear what you are saying.”

Learn more about Dr. Jordan Peterson here:  
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Jordan Peterson, (1962 -- )

### ***From The Literature***

***Quotes from literature and books that reflect on our current world.  
REF The Kennedy Assassination***

The case of ***United States v. Nagell*** ranks as one of the most bizarre courtroom dramas in American history. In my view, the machinations that went on behind the scenes, between 1963 and Nagell’s sudden release from prison in 1968, represent a travesty of the criminal justice system. They also reveal the lengths to which the U.S. government went to silence and destroy the credibility of a man who might otherwise have revealed the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

Nagell would later tell a State Department consular official that he was held in prison for such a long period “because he refused to reveal to the FBI any information about his intelligence activities – and that furthermore he was visited by CIA agents while in prison who cautioned him to keep his mouth shut about his ties with Oswald.”

***The Man Who Knew Too Much***, by Dick Russell. Carrol and Graf Publishers, 1992. Page 401.

And from elsewhere:

. . . . This I did many times, first using the indistinct Zapruder copies in Volume XVIII of the Hearings,\* then later returning to the archives to focus the slides on large sheets of white drawing paper. Although the results bore out the witness of the naked eye (the President’s head did appear to move forward and then backward), the copies were so poor that measurement error proved excessive. It was not until later, when I was able to study 8-x-10-inch enlargements in the offices of Life, that the measurements could be made with sufficient precision. With the help of Bill Hoffman, a bright young physicist, and the use of a dissecting

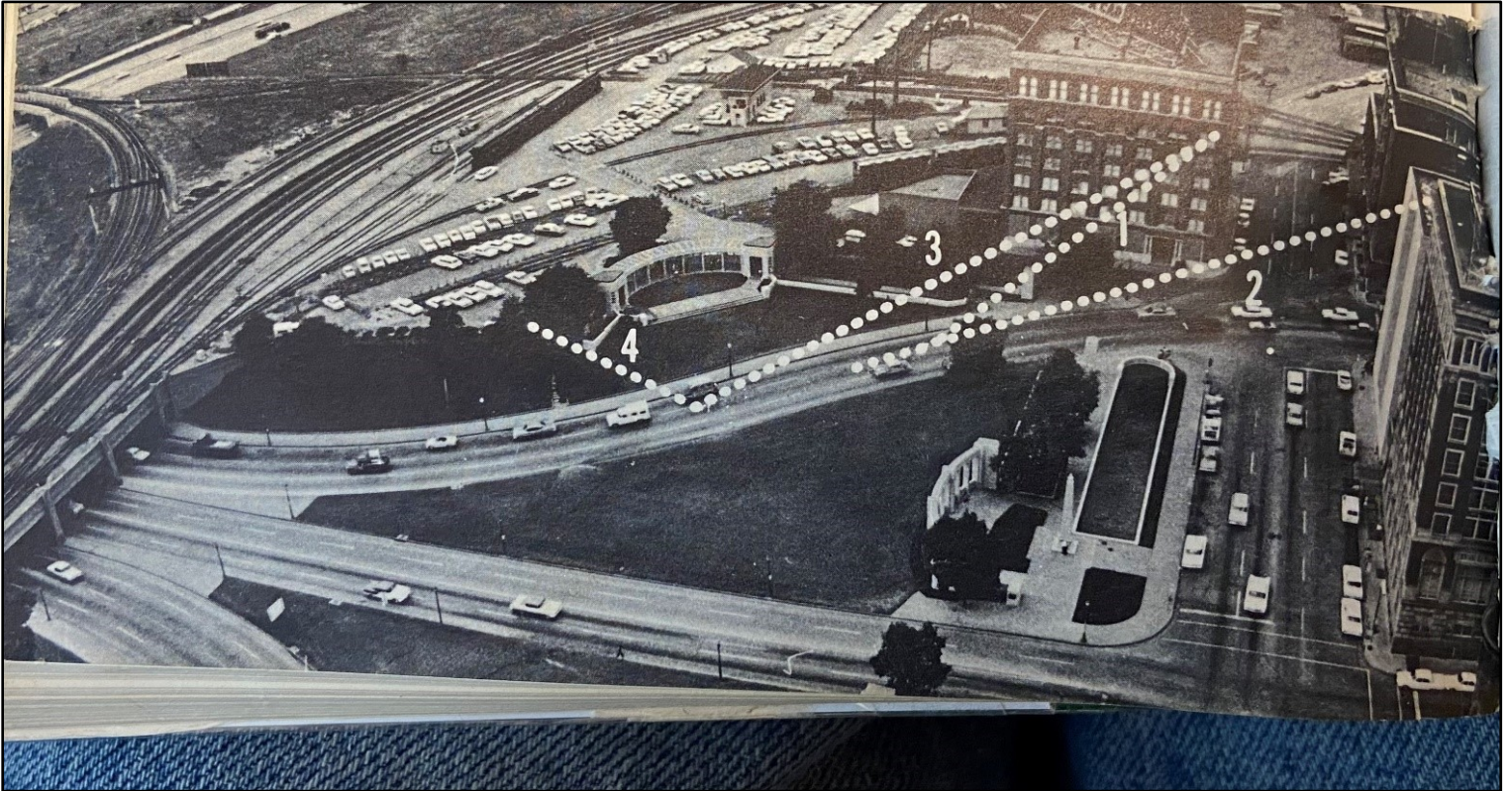
microscope, I was able to measure with great accuracy the movement of the President's head. After holding steady for some twelve [film] frames, it is suddenly driven forward between frames 312 and 313. Amazingly, in the very next frame, 314, it is already moving backward, a movement it continues in succeeding frames until the President's shoulders strike the seat cushion at [film] frame Z321.

**[footnote in the original]**

\*As Director J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI has admitted in a letter dated Dec. 14, 1965, frames 314 and 315 of the Zapruder film were switched in being printed in Volume XZIII. Curiously, this is the only switch in the printing of the 163 Zapruder frames. The effect of this mistake is to make a **backward** movement look like a **forward** movement. [emphasis in the original.]

**Six Seconds in Dallas**, by Josiah Thompson, Bernard Geis Associates, 1967, page 89.

**Editor's request: Where were you when you heard President Kennedy had been shot?**



**Dealey Plaza, November 22, 1963**

## ***Good news, Bad news***

**First, the good news:** In spite of lots of daily news that seems contrary, the Democratic Party is dedicated to saving our democracy, or our Democratic Republic for you sticklers for accuracy out there.

**And the bad news:** This time, they only had to negate the votes of 14,000,000 or so voters of their own party behind closed doors.

**Leading to more good news:** They have time to stage manage their convention to make it look like all the other Democrats out there had a sporting chance at the nomination.

**And more bad news:** It's going to be Kamala.

**One last gasp for good news:** It won't be Gavin Newsom this time around. Search this document for "California" to see what I'm talking about – Hint: American political winds blow West to East.

# ***Letters to the Editor***

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## **OPEN BOOK ~~POP QUIZ~~ INFORMAL POLL**

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Judgment of the editor is final.

**QUESTION: Was the near assassination of President Trump a result of a plot, was it the result of incompetence on the part of our security agencies, or do you have another theory?**

### **Answers to May's pop quiz:**

1. When did Israel effectively turn over the administration of the Gaza Strip to the Palestinian Authority?

**Answer:** 2005.

2. Why won't anyone offer the Palestinians a "two-state" solution?

**Answer:** The offer has been made approximately 6 times. The Palestinians will not accept it because by definition this would mean the Israeli state would continue to exist.

3. What famous American statesman said Americans must choose Freedom or Democracy?

**Answer:** President Joseph R. Biden

4. Who has been dating Alex Soros, George Soros' son? Hint: Inside baseball

**Answer:** Huma Abedin (remember her?)

## ***Before you go . . . . a few thoughts***

**Editor's Note: The opinions and beliefs below are the editor's alone,  
and not the position of the Republican party**

I am a somewhat naïve traditionalist. While we go through a rowdy, never-before-seen type of presidential campaign with trouble on every horizon, I remember the days when small-town America would come out on the fourth of July and wave flags on the main drag of town to celebrate America's birthday. There would be home-made floats that sometimes were nothing more than a pickup truck with a flag and the name of the owner on the side.

The crowd would be two and three deep and stretch all the way down Main Street and beyond. Early on in those parades, the groups in the first few positions would send their people out along the edges of the crowd to hand out miniature flags to all the kids. Those flags would wave for the rest of the parade. Most would go home to be put up on a bedroom mirror or taped up above the doorway of a kids' bedroom. It might stay there for years.



If there were a full-time, paid city fire department, they would wrap their best new truck in red, white, and blue, throw a flag on each corner, and drive down the Main Street parade route. There would be a few city council members walking beside and behind the city fire truck, throwing candy to the kids along the way, fist-bumping, and kissing babies. Early on, parents would chastise their kids in public for DARING to run out into the barricaded street to scoop up the candy. But as the parade wore on, and no kid was crushed by a car or truck careening down the road at about 1 mph, the parents gave up. They just watched out of the corner of their eye. Kids that had been to parades before sometimes brought little buckets for their loot and left at the end of the parade with the buckets half-full. No one checked every piece of candy to find the piece that might have been tampered with and poisoned.

Local volunteer departments would also bring their trucks, decorated the same way. Some of the volunteer fireman would do the same with the candy, with money from their own pockets. Volunteer firemen were a staple of the American scene. They carried a radio with them to their jobs. If they were notified of a fire, or a cat in a tree, they were preapproved by their employers to go take care of their neighborhood and small-town businesses.

In those days, I was busy with my own little life and my little responsibilities that sometimes seemed to overwhelm me. It would surprise me that so many local activity groups would show up to walk in the parade. There would be hordes of martial art students (ages 4 to 17 or so). The martial artists would be followed by baton twirlers making a show of it with music blaring out the back of an SUV or pickup with the tail gate down. When they walked by and about ten batons went twirling high up in the air at the same time, I always held my breath for the little girls, for whom I desperately hoped no baton would be dropped onto the street in front of an admiring crowd. Youth dance studios, little league baseball and football programs, Lacrosse and other clubs walked and skipped and hopped by in turn. How about a private group that owned a certain age and brand of farm tractor? Yes, they were represented, too. Those were crazy, crazy days.

The United States being a land of legal immigrants, there were often ethnic groups that would walk as a group with pride in their culture and their new-found freedom and opportunity in America. Even in their native dress, they would usually need a sign to tell people what immigrant group they represented because day-to-day they looked like all the rest of us, except for the various shades of skin color. We were all just working for a living for our families.

All the American Legion posts in town would show up in either the newest and shiniest pickup truck they owned all dressed up with flags and their identifying labels, or the OLDEST vehicle they had, some classic or other, and maybe even a World War II vintage truck. I remember that some might even be towed along the parade route by that new pick-up truck that was, of course, the private property of some member of the post.

Veterans of the various foreign wars would also group up, find a vehicle that belonged to a member, load it up with a sign and as many flags as they had room for, and take their place in the procession. I always thought about the dwindling number of individuals in these veterans' groups as survivors of their war survived no more as the years went by.

Depending on the size, the parade would draw up to 10% of the population of the town. Of course, this meant that there were all shapes and sizes of people. All age groups would be represented.

I always found one group especially impressive and worthy of special note. They were always there at a fourth of July parade. These were the guys, most of them certainly veterans, that took their hats off every time a color guard came by, stars and stripes a-flying, and an honor guard in formation to show honor to the flag, and by extension, the United States of America.

Yes, it was on Thursday, July 4, 2024, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. I remember those great days well.



Flag in my adult daughter's long empty room



Hats off for a Marine Veteran

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