



# Indivisible Bainbridge Island Newsletter

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## On the Calendar

- June 12, 2 pm to 3:30 pm, [Postcards on Wednesday](#), writing to flip California CDs!
- June 15, 10 am, [People's March and Freedom Festival](#) in Celebration of Juneteenth!
- June 15, 11 am to 4 pm, [Juneteenth Freedom Festival](#), sponsored by the League of Women Voters.
- June 15, 4 pm to 5:30 pm, [A Reception in Support of Emily Randall for Congress](#) (WA-6) at the Maher-Sherman residence, 5743 Old Woods Lane, Bainbridge Island.
- June 18, 5 pm, YouTube, Progressive Turnout Project Postcard Update [RSVP](#)
- June 21-24, Indivisible Weekend of Action on the two-year anniversary of the overturning of Roe v. Wade.
- June 27, Presidential debate
- June 29, 2024, 9 am to 2 pm, [Free Scrap Metal and Small Electronics Recycling](#), Kitsap County Fairgrounds
- July 11, DJT to be sentenced, date may slip
- July 11, League of Women Voters candidate forum for LD 23 state rep. Details to come.
- July 12, 1:30 pm, Zoom, [Politics with David Harrison](#)
- July 14, 1 pm to 3 pm, Open House in Poulsbo for Brynn Felix. Details to come.
- July 14, 5 pm, LD 23 Democratic candidate forum. Details to come.

- July 20, Kitsap Pride at Kitsap County Fairgrounds
- August 6, Primary Election Day

### In This Newsletter

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### Understanding Just One of This Week's Big Stories - Hunter Biden's trial

This week, the illegal gun possession trial of Joe Biden's son, Hunter, got underway in a federal court in Delaware.

Here are some basic facts:

- In 2021, Hunter Biden published a book, *Beautiful Things*, in which he wrote that [he had been a crack addict](#) for about five years and an alcoholic before that.
- On Oct.12, 2018, [Biden bought a Colt Cobra .38 revolver](#). When he filled out the application form to buy the gun, he [checked the box indicating "no"](#) next to a question asking if he was an unlawful user of a controlled substance or addicted to a controlled substance.
- According to Hunter Biden's attorney, Abbe Lowell, Biden [possessed the gun for 11 days](#). The widow of Hunter's brother, Beau, [says she put the gun in a bad threw it in a trash can](#) outside a grocery store. The gun was later recovered.
- The U.S. Attorney for Delaware, David Weiss (R), is prosecuting this case. Weiss was appointed during the Trump administration and began investigating Hunter Biden as early as 2018. Weiss stayed on with the approval of Merrick Garland who made Weiss a special counsel on August 11, 2023.
- Weiss and Hunter Biden almost [reached a plea deal last summer](#), but it fell apart when the judge declined to accept it.
- This trial is being held in Wilmington, Delaware because the three alleged felonies occurred in that state (GOP claims of foul play to the contrary). Hunter Biden has pled "not guilty" to these charges:
  - making a false statement material to a firearms sale (to the firearms dealer who sold him the gun)

- making a false statement in a firearms transaction record
- violating a law that bars users of illegal drugs or drug addicts from possessing a firearm
- In a court filing, Lowell [wrote](#) that prior to purchasing the gun, Hunter Biden had recently completed an 11-day rehabilitation program, was living with a sober companion and "could surely believe he was not a present tense user or addict."
- An estimated 12 million drug users own guns, but [fewer than 150 Americans are prosecuted for that crime each year](#). Even Republicans [Trey Gowdy and Lindsey Graham](#) (R-SC) are skeptical of the charges.
- Hunter Biden's wife, Melissa Cohen Biden has attended the trial daily. His sister [Ashley Biden](#) attended the first two days. Dr. Jill Biden [attended the first three days of the trial](#) (the first day was also her 73rd birthday), then flew to France for the D-Day 80th anniversary commemoration, and then flew back to Wilmington to attend the trial's fifth day.
  - President Biden has neither attended nor commented on the trial. "As the President, I don't and won't comment on pending federal cases, but as a Dad, I have boundless love for my son, confidence in him, and respect for his strength. I am the President, but I am also a Dad. Jill and I love our son, and we are so proud of the man he is today. Hunter's resilience in the face of adversity and the strength he has brought to his recovery are inspiring to us. Our family has been through a lot together, and Jill and I are going to continue to be there for Hunter and our family with our love and support," [Biden said](#).
- Summaries of the [first day of the trial](#), the [second day](#), the [third day](#), the [fourth day](#) and the [fifth day](#). The prosecution rested its case on Friday. Defense begins on Monday.

When he was two, Hunter and Beau Biden were injured a car accident that killed his mother and one-year-old sister. Hunter [sustained a fractured skull and severe traumatic brain injuries](#). His brother Beau died a slow death in 2015 from brain cancer. Hunter Biden has been hounded by Republicans throughout the Trump and Biden administrations for being President Biden's son. If that's not a tragedy, what is?

**P.S.** Earlier this year, Hunter Biden and President Biden's brother, James, were manipulated into testifying before closed-door meetings of the House Oversight and Judiciary committees as the committees unsuccessfully tried to find dirt to impeach President Biden. On Wednesday, the two committees (led by James Comer (R-KY) and Jim Jordan (R-OH), respectively, [issued criminal referrals of Hunter and James Biden to the DOJ](#) for making false statements to Congress.

### Do Something!

- **Sickened by Thomas, Alito and Cannon?** Then do this: Go to [dumpalito.com](#) and download three letters of complaint (your choice of .docx or .pdf). There's a letter for Thomas, a letter for Alito and a letter for Aileen Cannon. The letters include instructions for where to mail them (so you'll need a printer).

- [Take the ongoing Indivisible Bainbridge Island candidate preference poll!](#) Do you prefer [Brynn Felix](#), [Greg Nance](#) or [John Gibbons](#) to represent LD 23, position 2, in Olympia next year?
- **Phone bank**
  - [Call CA Voters in Support of Dave Min and Derek Tran](#) to Take Back the House! (CA 47 and 48), Monday, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Hosted by Activate America.
  - [Call Arizona Voters in Support of Ruben Gallego](#), Monday, Wednesdays and Thursdays, hosted by Activate America.
  - Text bank
    - [Learn how Activate America's text banking works.](#)
    - [Sign up for text banking](#) so you're notified when text banking starts later in the year.
- **Write Postcards!** Indivisible Bainbridge Island postcard writers meet upstairs at the T&C every Wednesday at 2 pm. This week, we're writing for Derek Tran in CA-45 (currently represented by Michelle Steel (R) and for David Min, who is running for the seat vacated when Rep. Katie Porter (D) ran for U.S. Senate).
  - **Can't make it to POW?** Click [here](#) for how to write postcards anyway.
  - **Can't write but want to help?** Many of our postcard writers provide their own stamps, but we can always use donations. We raised \$1,100 with our May 25 yard sale. *(Thank you to everyone who donated items!)* That's about 1/3rd of what we'll need to keep mailing an estimated 5,000 postcards through the November election, so any donations are welcome! Remember that the price of a postcard stamp goes from 53 cents to 56 cents on July 14. We'll soon need to order 5,000 postcards at [Vistaprint.com](#) for \$197.99 plus tax.
- Write for [Vote Forward](#). They have new campaigns in Ohio and Montana.

## Holding Trump Accountable

Follow these cases at [LawFareMedia.org](#)

- **Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg's Felony Election Interference Case;** Judge Juan Merchan presiding.
  - Guilty. Sentencing hearing on July 11, but it may slip.
  - Judge Merchan's gag order had no expiration date and is still in effect. On Tuesday, Trump's lawyer, Todd Blanche, requested that the gag order be lifted. DA Bragg responded by [asking the judge to keep gag order in place](#) through sentencing hearing and post-trial motions to protect the jurors. Judge Merchan is likely to hold a hearing on Trump's gag order violations during and after the trial *before* the July 11 sentencing hearing. Continued violations of the gag order demonstrate that Trump has not accepted responsibility for the crimes for which he has been found guilty and will be considered by Judge Merchan in deciding on Trump's sentence. [Watch](#) former prosecuting attorney Glenn Kirschner discuss.

- Judge Merchan has [flagged a Facebook post](#) that claimed insight into jury deliberations.
- Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, Jim Jordan (R-OH) has asked DA Bragg to testify on June 13. [Bragg responded that he will testify](#) but June 13 does not work for him.
- Trump's conceal carry license is [being revoked](#) in New York but Trump can appeal the revocation. He had to hand over two handguns when he was indicted in March 2023. A third handgun has been moved to Florida, though Ron DeSantis may have to work some magic to make the move legal, as the law says that "[an application is required and there is a waiting period of eight years from the date sentence expired or supervision terminated.](#)"
- Steve Bannon [says](#) Alvin Bragg will be jailed in a Trump second term.
- Trump supporters have [doxed Michael Cohen's family](#) in retaliation for his testimony and [they are trying to dox the jurors](#). On social media and web forums, users called for jurors, judges and prosecutors to be killed.
- Multiple [Trump witnesses have received significant financial benefits](#) from his businesses and campaign.
- Some Republicans, such as [Bill Hagerty \(R-TN\)](#), shamefully a U.S. Senator, have accused DA Bragg of running for election as DA on a platform of "getting Trump." [Here's what DA Bragg actually said.](#)
- **Special Counsel Jack Smith's Jan. 6 case;** Judge Tanya Chutkan presiding and currently suspended by SCOTUS
  - Still waiting on the Supreme Court's immunity decision.
  - A unanimous 3 judge panel of DC Court of Appeals—including 2 Trump appointed judges—[just killed off any attempt by Trump to argue that he can't get a fair trial in DC](#) because of all the Democrats in the jury pool.
- **Special Counsel Jack Smith's Documents Case;** Judge Aileen Cannon presiding, no trial date set.
  - Cannon has reorganized her schedule. It is now
    - June 21 - a daylong hearing on the lawfulness of Jack Smith's appointment as special counsel under the Appointments clause.
    - June 24 - a morning hearing on the lawfulness of Jack Smith's appointment as special counsel under the Appropriations clause.
    - June 24 - an afternoon hearing on Jack Smith's motion to modify Trump's condition of release (so that Trump can't put the lives of FBI agents in danger by accusing the FBI of intending to assassinate him during the lawful execution of a search warrant).
    - June 25 - a hearing on Trump's motion to suppress information found in the search warrant execution as well as attorney-client information disclosed under the crime-fraud exception (granted by noted D.C. District Court Judge Beryl Howell).
    - Cannon is allowing three third parties (two pro-Trump and one pro-prosecution) who filed amicus briefs to argue the lawfulness of Jack Smith's appointment during the hearings. Former Trump lawyer, Jim Trusty, thinks [this is a sign that Cannon will dismiss the charges.](#)

- None of these issues is deserving of a hearing according to attorney Ben Meiselas. He says Smith cannot go to the 11th circuit because Cannon refuses to issue final orders that would be appealable. Her scheduling orders and her paper orders cannot be appealed. [Watch](#)
- **DA Fani Willis Election Interference RICO Case;** Judge Scott McAfee presiding; no trial date set.
  - On hold. When Judge Scott McAfee's decided NOT to remove DA Willis from this case for the relationship she had with prosecutor Nathan Wade, he said the case would proceed. Now that Trump has appealed McAfee's decision to the Georgia Court of Appeals, [that court has required that McAfee put the case on hold.](#)
  - Georgia Court of Appeals [halts racketeering case against Trump](#) and sets a hearing date in the first week of October.
- **Other prosecution news**
  - [Wisconsin's AG indicted](#) Jim Troupis (Trump's attorney in the state) attorney Kenneth Chesebro (a Trump campaign advisor) and Mike Roman (Trump's director of Election Day operations) for their involvement in Wisconsin's fake elector case. So far, the actual ten fake electors have not been indicted.
    - Chesebro has been co-operating with AGs in [Arizona](#) and [Michigan](#) and pled guilty to similar charges in Georgia.
    - [Roman was indicted by DA Fani Willis](#) and caused the investigation into DA Willis' relationship with prosecutor Nathan Wade.
  - On Friday, Trump aides [Mark Meadows and Mike Roman entered "not guilty" pleas](#) in the Arizona fake electors case.
  - A re-elected Trump could use the U.S. Constitution's Supremacy Clause to [make the state cases go away.](#)
  - Experts are [alarmed over Trump witness payouts.](#)
- **Enablers**
  - Steve Bannon [ordered to prison](#) as Trump-appointed judge *finally* revoked his bail after appeal failed. He's supposed to present himself by July 1. Trump offered Bannon "[limp support.](#)"
  - A new filing in Rudy Giuliani's bankruptcy case shows that a 9/11 charity, the Tunnels to Towers Foundation, [has been giving Giuliani \\$16,300 a month for an unknown number of years.](#) The foundation was established to honor a firefighter killed on Sept. 11, 2001. (**Note:** *Kathy just got a request for money from the foundation this week!*)
  - Idaho drag performer Eric Posey was [awarded \\$1.1 million in a defamation case](#) against a far-right blogger and presumed Trumper, Summer Bushnell.
- **"Tourists"**
  - Jan. 6 defendant nicknamed "Sedition Panda" [convicted of assaulting law enforcement officer.](#)

## Elections

- **President Biden**

- Tuesday's primary results:
  - President Biden won the [New Jersey Democratic primary](#) with 87.8% of the vote. "Uncommitted" got 9% of the vote.
  - President Biden won the [New Mexico Democratic primary](#) with 83.5% of the vote. "Uncommitted" got 9.7% of the vote.

- **Trump**

- Tuesday's primary results:
  - Trump won the [New Jersey GOP primary](#), where he ran unopposed, with 96.7% of the vote.
  - Trump won the [New Mexico GOP primary](#) with 84.5% of the vote. Nikki Haley received 8.6% of the vote
- This week, [Dr. Phil interviewed Trump](#) with [fawning softball questions](#) and has a pretty delusional assessment of his attempts to dissuade Trump from his desire for revenge.
- Trump's [potential VP picks](#) have received vetting documents. They are: senators Marco Rubio (R-FL), Tim Scott (R-SC) and J.D. Vance (R-OH), as well as North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum. But we all know how much Trump likes a surprise.
- The RNC has [hired a prominent 'Stop the Steal' advocate](#), Ed Martin, to help craft its 2024 platform. There was no platform in 2020.
- Former intel officers warn that if Trump wins, he could [weaponize U.S. spy services against his domestic political enemies](#).
- With Trump and Trump loyalists demanding that Democrats be locked up, The Atlantic staff writer [McCay Coppins tweeted](#) that [Paul Dans](#), who runs Project 2025, told him that "the notion of the so-called independence of the Department of Justice needs to be consigned to the ash heap of history." Here's a link to Coppin's article, "[Loyalists, Lapdogs and Cronies](#)."
- While Republicans accuse Democrats of "weaponizing" the DOJ, they should be reminded that
  - Former Democratic U.S. senator [Robert Menendez is being federally prosecuted for bribery](#).
  - The DOJ has [charged U.S. Congressman Henry Cuellar \(D-TX\)](#) with bribery and acting as a foreign agent.
  - President Biden's son is currently on trial on gun charges.
- Trump is [openly threatening to imprison his political enemies](#), whether or not they have committed crimes.
  - Trump now [denies that he ever said "lock her up"](#) because "it would have been a terrible thing." In reality, the [Mueller Report documents](#) that Trump publicly and privately [begged prosecutors to charge Clinton](#). Even as Election Day 2020 approached, he [publicly called for](#) the Democrat's incarceration and [lobbied](#) then-Attorney General Barr to prosecute.
- Reminiscent of [Nixon sabotaging the Vietnam war peace talks](#) to win election in 1968 and [Reagan delaying the release of the Iranian embassy hostages](#) that then



President Jimmy Carter had negotiated in order to win in 1980, Trump [claims Putin would release jailed reporter Evan Gershkovich](#) 'for me' if he's elected. By the way, when he was president, [Trump did nothing](#) to get Putin to release Paul Whelan, whom Putin arrested December 28, 2018. Whelan is still imprisoned in Russia.

- **U.S. Senate**

- On Tuesday, the Trump-endorsed MAGA candidate, Christine Serrano Glassner, [lost her bid](#) to be the Republican nominee for New Jersey's U.S. Senate seat by 7 percentage points. The Christie-backed candidate, Curtis Bashaw, won with 45.5% of the vote.
- Rep. Andy Kim (D-NJ) became the Democratic nominee for this U.S. Senate seat (currently held by indicted-for-bribery Robert Menendez. [Kim won with 74.9% of the vote](#). Mendendez has [filed to run as an independent](#).
- [In Montana](#) Sen. Jon Tester (D) won the Democratic primary with 103,341 votes and Tim Sheehy won the GOP primary with 138,202 votes. Montana is an "[open primary](#)." state.
- Larry Hogan, the popular Republican former governor of Maryland who is running for that state's open U.S. Senate seat, stepped in it when he issued this statement before Trump's conviction was announced: ""I urge all Americans to respect the verdict and the legal process. At this dangerously divided moment in our history, all leaders — regardless of party — must not pour fuel on the fire with more toxic partisanship. We must reaffirm what has made this nation great: the rule of law." For that, Trump advisor Chris LaCivita tweeted "[You just ended your campaign](#)." RNC co-chair [Lara Trump blasted Hogan](#) by saying he "doesn't deserve the respect of anyone in the Republican Party at this point and, quite frankly, anybody in America." She refused to say whether the RNC would support Hogan's campaign.

- **In Georgia**, Dinesh D'Souza's bogus 2020 election fraud film, "2000 Mules" and book of the same name [has been pulled by publisher, Salem Media Group](#), after an investigation by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and a law suit filed by a man depicted in the film as committing election fraud.

- **In Texas**, the proposed Texas GOP platform calls for [electoral changes that would lock Democrats out of statewide office](#) by requiring that Democrats win a majority of counties - including the rural counties. This has been tried in other states before and [declared unconstitutional every time](#) according to Marc Elias at Democracy Docket. The platform also calls for teaching the Bible in public schools.

- **In Washington**

- A judge has [rejected the GOP's attempt](#) to keep budget effects of November initiatives off ballots.
- The Kitsap County Democrats have approved or endorsed the following candidates. You can read the difference between endorsed and approved as well as the documents each candidate filed to received their endorsement or approval [here](#).
  - Approved
    - Nick Brown for Attorney General
    - Patty Kuderer for Insurance Commissioner
    - Stacey Smith for County Commissioner Position 2



- Cadine Ferguson-Brown for Kitsap Superior Court Judge Position 8
- Chris Reykdal for Superintendent of Public Instruction
- LD 23 State Representative
  - Brynn Felix
  - Greg Nance
  - John Gibbons
- U.S. House of Representatives, 6th Congressional District
  - Hillary Franz
  - Emily Randall
- Endorsed
  - Bob Ferguson for Governor
  - Dave Upthegrove for Commissioner of Public Lands
  - Christine Rolfes for County Commissioner Position 1 (running unopposed)
  - Drew Hansen for LD 23 State Senator

### **President Biden and His Administration**

- The U.S. economy [added a whopping 272,000 jobs in May](#). That was much higher than expected. The nation's jobless rate rose slightly and broke a 27-month streak of below-4% unemployment.
- President Biden [announced a new asylum cap](#) in bid to deter illegal crossings.
- President Biden was in Normandy on Thursday to [commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day](#). In his speech, he drew a link between WWII and Russia's invasion of Ukraine. World leaders present at ceremonies included French President Emmanuel Macron, King Charles III and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Putin was not invited.
  - [Watch President Biden's speech](#).
  - [Watch a WWII veteran](#) share an emotional embrace with Ukraine's Zelenskyy.
  - The ceremonies were held near the cemetery where [9,388 members](#) of the U.S. military who stormed the beach on D-Day are buried.
  - On Thursday, Trump held a rally in Phoenix, Arizona where he [whined about his conviction](#).
  - When president, Trump called tortured POWs "suckers" because "there is nothing in it for them," [according to Trump's former Chief of Staff John Kelly](#). He "rants that our most precious heroes who gave their lives in America's defense are 'losers' and wouldn't visit their graves in France." Kelly was speaking of [Trump's refusal](#) to visit the graves of WWI soldiers in France because his hair might be mussed.
- On Friday, President Biden [warned of the threat to democracy](#) at iconic Pointe Du Hoc WWII site in Normandy. [Watch](#) his speech.

## In Congress

- **Senate**

- Prodded by fed up parents, [some in Congress](#) try to curb kids' use of social media.
- Senate Republicans [blocked a bill](#) codifying a right to contraception.
  - Conservative attacks on birth control [could threaten access](#).

- **House**

- Speaker Johnson [appointed two Trump allies](#) - Scott Perry (R-PA) and Ronny Jackson (R-TX) to the House Intelligence Committee in retaliation for the Trump conviction. Expect more weaponized investigations against Democrats to follow.
- On Monday, Dr. Anthony Fauci [testified before the House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic](#). Fauci refuted the lies Republicans have told about him in a combative hearing about Covid's origins and the possibility of a lab leak.
- House GOP leaders whip bill that [would allow current and former presidents to move state cases to federal courts](#).
- Democratic bills would [strip Trump of Secret Service](#) and other perks.
- Republicans [try to block 4 million workers](#) from getting the overtime protections President Biden has ordered.
- House [passes](#) International Criminal Court sanctions bill after prosecutor seeks Netanyahu warrant.

## In the Courts

- **Supreme Court**

- According to watchdog group Fix the Court, **the** Supreme Court justices have received nearly \$5 million in gifts since 2024, and [Justice Clarence Thomas accounts for nearly all of it](#).
- Clarence Thomas [acknowledges taking lavish trips](#) paid for by Republican billionaire Harlan Crow.
- Alito and the upside-down flag incident
  - Here's [the standard Alito is failing to meet](#): "any justice, judge or magistrate, of the United States shall disqualify himself/herself in any proceeding in which his/her impartiality might reasonably be questioned."
  - "I was a law clerk for Justice Alito. [He must recuse himself](#) from hearing cases involving Donald Trump," by Susan Sullivan.
  - [From the Washington Post](#):
    - Alito told a Fox "News" reporter that the incident happened in January 2021. "Martha-Ann Alito was upset the woman (Emily Baden) was displaying an anti-Trump sign with an expletive within 50 feet of where children await the school bus."
    - At the time, children were learning at home and not taking the bus due to Covid. According to Baden, the school bus stop had been moved

prior to the incident. School bus service was restored on Feb. 16.

- Baden told The Washington Post the row began shortly after Christmas 2020, when Martha-Ann Alito stopped by her mother's house (where Emily Baden lived at the time) to thank her for taking down an anti-Trump sign featuring an expletive, which the justice's wife said was offensive. Baden said the signs had blown over and refused to take them down.
  - Alito has said one of the signs "attack[ed] his wife "personally." According to Baden's photos, there were three signs, one with the off-color reference to Trump on one side and the phrase "Bye Don" on the other. A second read "Trump Is a Fascist," while a third read "You are Complicit," which Baden says referred to Republicans' actions on Jan. 6.
  - Alito has also said that a man got into an argument with Martha-Ann Alito and called her a vulgar epithet for part of a woman's anatomy. In his letters to Congress, Alito also said the man followed them down the street. But Baden says that she herself called Martha-Ann Alito the c-word and doesn't remember if she or her boyfriend followed the Alitos.
  - According to Baden, in another incident Martha-Ann Alito glared at them from her car on Jan. 7, 2021, and ran down her driveway and spat at Baden's vehicle.
  - [From a CNN interview with Emily Baden](#) and reported by MSNBC:
    - Emily Baden said main incident in which Martha-Ann Alito called Baden a fascist and Baden called Martha-Ann Alito the c-word happened on Feb. 15 and that she filed a police report the same day. Phone records obtained by CNN show that Baden's then-boyfriend called the police on Feb. 15.
    - Alito has described the main incident as if he wasn't there, calling it a "[very nasty neighborhood dispute in which I had no involvement](#)," but according to Baden both Alito and his wife approached her while walking in the neighborhood, making Alito a witness to the entire exchange.
  - [From The Guardian](#):
    - Baden told The Guardian that Alito's security detail usually parked in a large black car in front of Alito's house or directly across the street, but after the main incident, the car started parking in front of her mother's house, which she regarded as intimidation.
    - Baden said she never saw the upside-down flag being flown because her mother's house is four houses away on the cul-de-sac.
  - [Elon Musk/X Corp. asks Supreme Court](#) to review process that led Jack Smith to obtain Trump Twitter files. If SCOTUS takes up Musk's request, it will be heard in the next session, which starts in October.
- **Lower Federal Courts**
    - This week, the CFO of the [pro-Trump, conspiracy-fueled Epoch Times](#), [Weidong "Bill" Guan](#), [was arrested and accused](#) of participating in a \$67 million multinational

money laundering scheme.

- Guo Wengui—a Chinese mogul-turned-MAGA-influencer has underwritten [crackpot claims](#) that Covid is a Chinese bioweapon, [spread smut](#) from Hunter Biden's laptop, and [secretly steered](#) funds to help Trump try to steal the 2020 election, and [he is currently on trial in Manhattan federal court](#).
- Salmon-farming giant Cooke Inc., [faces a billion-dollar lawsuit](#) for fraud.
- **State Courts**
  - A California state court judge [dismissed the attempted murder charge](#) against David DePape for attacking Paul Pelosi. DePape has already been convicted on federal charges, and the judge found that prosecuting DePape on state charges would be double-jeopardy.

## In the States

- **In Colorado**, [GOP calls for LGBTQ+ flags to be burned](#) at start of Pride Month
- **In Florida**
  - The DeSantis administration has banned the use of rainbow lights on Florida bridges. Instead, this year the lights will be red, white and blue in what DeSantis bills as "[Freedom Summer](#)." Here are all the reasons why [Florida is America's least gay-friendly state](#).
  - Florida deputy [fired after investigation](#) into his killing of a Black U.S. airman.
- **In Georgia**, an election board member in Fulton County [abstained from certifying the primary election](#). She's Julie Adams, leader of the "Election Integrity Network," and her refusal to certify the primary results in Fulton County is a harbinger of things to come in November. [Watch](#) attorney Michael Popok discuss.
- **In Texas**
  - Texas professors [sue for the ability to fail students who seek abortions](#).
  - Texas prosecutor [seeks to overturn governor's pardon](#) of the man convicted of murdering a BLM protester.
- In Washington:
  - Washington Supreme Court [will hear case](#) on high-capacity ammo magazine ban.
  - Could [WA's health 'hub' model for treating opioid addiction](#) go nationwide?
  - [WA cracks down on gassy garbage](#) because landfill methane emissions are a particularly potent greenhouse gas.
  - Group continues [push to create public hospital district](#) in Kitsap.
  - At the birthplace of pickleball, talks open on [potential for covered court facility on BI](#).

## In the World

- "What Europe Fears: [American allies see a second Trump term as all but inevitable](#)," by McKay Coppins writing at TheAtlantic.com
- [The Right Kind of Tipping Point](#): "Global carbon dioxide emissions might have already peaked, according to new estimates, signaling a potentially monumental shift."
  - China's [carbon dioxide \(CO2\) emissions fell by 3% in March 2024](#), leading analysts to think China's CO2 emissions may have peaked in 2023. Expanding solar and wind generation are credited for the drop.
  - In the U.S., of the [planned electricity-generating capacity additions](#), 13% comes from wind, 58% comes from solar, 23% comes from battery storage, 4% comes from natural gas and 2% comes from nuclear.
  - In the U.S. solar power generation has [grown dramatically](#) from nothing in 2000 to 164,502 gigawatt hours in 2023.
- **Israel/Hamas War**
  - The U.S.-built pier in Gaza is [reconnected after repairs](#), and aid will flow soon, US Central Command says.
  - Israel [faces political turmoil](#) over war in Gaza. President Biden [hints](#) Netanyahu is dragging out Gaza war for political survival.
  - 6 members of one family [killed by Israeli airstrike](#) in central Gaza.
  - Israel [strike on UN school](#) that left dozens dead used US munitions.
  - Blinken to travel to Middle East as [U.S. ratchets up pressure on ceasefire and hostage proposal](#).
- **Ukraine/Russia**
  - Ukraine [begins strikes](#) on Russian soil using US weapons.
  - Putin [warns he could provide weapons](#) to attack the West and issues new nuclear threat.
  - Ukraine F-16 'bottlenecks' spell [bad news for Kyiv](#).
  - [From Al Jazeera](#): key events, day 832
    - A Moscow court sentenced Russian blogger Anna Bazhutova to five and a half years in prison for spreading "false" information after she livestreamed witness testimony about [alleged Russian atrocities during its occupation of Bucha](#), northwest of Kyiv.
    - Officials said Ukrainian men aged 18-60 who have permanent residency in other countries would no longer be allowed to leave Ukraine if they visited as Kyiv tries to boost its military ranks.
    - One person was killed and four injured in Russian bombardments near the town of Toretsk in the frontline eastern Donetsk region, while one more civilian was injured in a Russian aerial attack on the town of Selydove, Ukrainian officials said.

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