

2Q2023 Issues and Programs

Issue: Legal Matters

Discussion of issue: Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan explained the process of the arrest and booking on Federal charges of former President Donald Trump for the alleged mishandling of classified documents. He explained what the grand jury does. Change of judge and change of venue explained. Sullivan believes Trump will spin this to his advantage.

Program: Breakfast with Roger & Friends 4/4/2023 7:30am – 8:00am
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

Issue: Public Safety

Discussion of issue: Ongoing research of response time statistics guides AMT as to where to place the garages. A new location for a garage in downtown Peoria has just opened. AMT is looking for EMTs and has a earn while you learn program. Josh reminded drivers to slow down and pull over to the right when they hear the siren and see the flashing lights. AMT provides ongoing CPR lessons.

Program: Breakfast with Roger & Friends 4/5/2023 8:30am – 9:00am
Guest: Josh Bradshaw, Advanced Medical Transport

Issue: Economy

Discussion of issue: The Debt Ceiling Deal: The Republicans led House of Representatives has presented its budget, and for the first time is tying it to the debt ceiling authorization. They are suddenly concerned about the growing national debt and want to cut federal spending. But during the previous Republican administration, the debt ceiling was increased 3 times while the debt grew by 7.8 Trillion dollars, more than any previous President. Tax cuts for the rich and enormous increases in military spending was the cause. Now the Republicans want to cut food programs for the poor to make up the difference.

Program: Background Briefing with Ian Masters 4/28/2023 4:00 am – 5:00 am
Guest: Jeff Madrick Former Economics Writer for The New York Times

Discussion of issue: The Debt Ceiling Deal: Now that a Democrat is in the White House, the Republicans are suddenly concerned about the growing national debt and want to cut federal spending. But during the previous administration held by a Republican, the 3 budgets that were passed increased the debt ceiling 3 times as the debt grew by 7.8 Trillion dollars, more than any previous President.

Program: Background Briefing with Ian Masters 5/3/2023 4:00 am – 5:00 am
Guest: Norman Ornstein

Issue: Ukraine War

Discussion of Issue: Sabotage operations were recently carried out inside Russia. Was it done by Ukraine or Russian partisans? Ukrainian troops retreat from Bakhmut but perhaps for practical reasons. In the meantime as Ukraine mounts its long awaited offense, Russian forces criticize each other while competing for scarce military supplies.

Program: Background Briefing with Ian Masters 5/23/2023 4:00 am – 5:00 am
Guest: Alec Bertina freelance reporter and analyst for Gray Dynamics

Issue: Economy

Discussion of issue: The Debt Ceiling Deal

Guest John Nichols, national affairs correspondent for The Nation Magazine presents the details of the new U.S. budget proposal being debated before Congress. The bill makes modest cuts in aid to needy families and Food Stamps while maintaining increases to the military. Some members of Congress are against the proposal because they believe the cuts go too far, while others believe they do not go far enough. If passed the new budget will be in effect until 2025.

Program: Letters to Washington 5/31/2023 5:00am – 6:00am
Guest: John Nichols, The Nation Magazine

Issue: Economy

Discussion of issue: The Debt Ceiling Deal

Guest Economist James Galbraith believes the deal was not necessary at all because there would be no real world consequences of the government going over budget. Furthermore, in his opinion, if there were any real world consequences, the party opposing the budget would be seen as the cause of an impending catastrophe, and would therefore have to back down. He believes the deal is a temporary patch and will come back in two years with the same unresolved issues. The bill makes modest cuts in aid to needy families and Food Stamps while maintaining increases to the military. The new budget is in effect until 2025. By the way, other voices in the media were proposing “invoking” the 14th Amendment. It is Mr. Galbraith's opinion that the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution has nothing to do with the budget.

Program: Background Briefing with Ian Masters 6/5/2023 4:00 am – 5:00 am
Guest: James Galbraith, Economist

Issue: Legal Matters

Discussion of issue: Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan explained the Federal charges against former President Donald Trump for the alleged mishandling of classified documents. Sullivan believes that some of the conversations that Trump had may be protected by client attorney privilege. However there were other conversations that Trump knew were being recorded and therefore those conversations would not be protected. Defense Attorney Sullivan was certain that the case would ultimately come before the Supreme Court.

Program: Breakfast with Roger & Friends 6/12/2023 7:00am – 7:30am
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

Discussion of issue: Trump Federal Indictment under the Espionage Act of 1917
The Act which dates back to the Sedition Act of 1798, prohibits the obtaining, “leaking” or dissemination of any state secrets to an enemy which may be harmful to the United States. Guest Geoffrey R. Stone is the Edward H. Levi Distinguished Service Professor at the University of Chicago. He lays out how the act was used throughout U.S. history and where it stands under the current interpretation of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

Program: Letters to Washington 6/13/2023 5:00am – 6:00am
Guest: Geoffrey R. Stone, Prof University of Chicago

Discussion of issue: Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan returns to update us and explain further developments of the Trump indictment for the mishandling of classified documents. Sullivan believes that Trump may have problems with the obstruction charges since there seems to be clear evidence of that. Sullivan believes that the espionage charges will not hold up. Some of the conversations that Trump had may be protected by client attorney privilege. Possible motion to dismiss charges due to prosecutorial misconduct. Conflicts in statutes.

Program: Breakfast with Roger & Friends 6/14/2023 7:30am – 8:00am
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

Issue: Economy: Peoria Development

Discussion of issue: 2nd Dist Peoria City Councilman Chuck Grayeb gave us an update on Peoria's economic development. He started by reviewing the latest redistricting of boundaries which were made to equalize the populations of each district. His district now encompasses the Entertainment, Commercial Center, Legal Center and Medical Center, as well as a growing downtown urban living center. He hinted that there would be more announcements coming in the near future, but it was not his place to do that, but rather the developers themselves would be making those announcements when details have been decided. \$10 Million has been allocated to redevelop the downtown thoroughfares. Grayeb believes this will make the downtown more pedestrian and retail friendly.

Program: Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Chuck Grayeb 2nd Dist Peoria City Council

6/27/2023

7:30am – 8:00am