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Secret Service agents help former President Donald Trump after he was shot at July 13, 2024, at a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania. Trump received stitches after being struck in the ear. BRENDAN MCDERMID/REUTERS FILE

Trump’s assassination attempt changed him and his politics

A bullet that grazed his ear became a defining moment

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What becomes a legend? On that list would surely be an assassination attempt that grazed the ear of a former-and-future president, prompting a flash of fist-pumping defiance that became instantly iconic.

One year ago, the shooting of President Donald Trump at a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, was an extraordinary news story in the moment – and an event that reverberated for him and in the American landscape.

Violence isn’t new to the nation’s politics, of course. Four presidents have been assassinated in office – Abraham Lincoln and James Garfield in the 19th century and William McKinley and John F. Kennedy in the 20th – and every modern president has been the target of serious assassination plots.

Ronald Reagan was seriously wounded by one. In the space of 17 days, Gerald Ford faced two separate attempts by women with guns – in one case an attack that left a bystander shot.

But none of the failed or forestalled



“I stand before you only by the grace of almighty God,” President Donald Trump told attendees of the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee in July 2024, two weeks after the assassination attempt. He vowed never to speak of the shooting again, a promise he broke within weeks. BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES FILE

attempts has had more continuing impact and attention than the shooting on July 13, 2024.

Trump’s defiant response helped clinch a campaign that had begun heading his way. It increased his stature with such prominent figures as Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg, not to mention a

rising number of male voters. Surviving such a close call emboldened the new president himself once he moved back into the Oval Office.

And it bolstered the view of Trump and some of his supporters that even

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BU, Southern Tier help to kickstart battery tech companies

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On a sunny summer day, the leaders of seven battery-focused startup companies met in Binghamton to visit the Raymond Corporation and play some golf — a day which could fool onlookers into mistaking the members of the ChargeUp Accelerator’s second cohort for a group of friends enjoying a day out.

The seven companies involved in the Binghamton University, Koffman Southern Tier Incubator and New Energy New York-led program were chosen from about 140 applicants, and are

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As part of the ChargeUp Accelerator program, company executives meet with industry leaders to learn more about how to advance their technologies and grow their company. PROVIDED BY NENY CHARGEUP ACCELERATOR

New Italian restaurant to open in Endicott

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A new restaurant is opening at the former location of Antonio’s Bar & Trattoria in Endicott.

Di Cotta’s Italian restaurant will be coming to the village’s Little Italy neighborhood this fall, according to an announcement posted on Facebook on July 7.

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