



## Celebrate This! 🎉

**8/24/2025:**

- A plan to reshape California's congressional districts to counter Texas's new maps [will appear before voters this November](#) after passing in the CA legislature by wide margins this week.
- California and Denmark inked a new partnership [advancing climate collaboration, technology and innovation](#).
- The Department of Justice says it will begin [turning over documents](#) from the Jeffrey Epstein sex trafficking investigation to the House Oversight Committee.
- A group of between 30 and 50 critically ill and injured Palestinian children will be [evacuated from Gaza to the U.K.](#) for medical treatment in the coming weeks.
- A federal judge ruled that the Education Department [cannot terminate funds](#) for two congressionally mandated programs that conduct research to close educational achievement gaps.
- Texas lawmaker Nicole Collier [spent more than 24 hours on the state house floor](#) in protest after she refused an order from the House speaker to be placed under 24/7 surveillance by state law enforcement until a vote on the state's mid-decade redistricting plan.
- After more than 42 days since the last new confirmed case, health officials in Texas have officially declared the state's [measles outbreak over](#).
- [A tri-national nature reserve](#) is being created by Mexico, Guatemala and Belize to protect the Mayan jungle.
- A judge declared that former Trump lawyer, Alina Habba, [has been unlawfully serving as US attorney](#) in New Jersey.
- [Flight attendants won boarding pay](#) and a new 4-year deal, ending the Air Canada strike.

- A judge ruled that the State of [Florida must immediately halt all new construction on Alligator Alcatraz](#) and dismantle fencing and other infrastructure in 60 days.
- Massachusetts residents [no longer have to subsidize](#) new gas hookups.
- Seattle [voters renewed the city's democracy vouchers program](#), which provides each adult Seattle resident with four \$25 vouchers they can donate to local candidates of their choice.
- America's largest landlord has pledged to cease its use of RealPage's [algorithmic rent-setting software](#) thanks to a [new settlement](#) with the Justice Department.
- City councilors in Portland, Maine, [paused the development of a new Live Nation concert venue](#) amid concerns that the entertainment monopoly's efforts could damage the local music scene.
- [Scientists discovered an Arctic "lifeline" that could help delay the collapse of key Atlantic currents.](#)
- [Homophobic attitudes have declined dramatically](#) in the U.S. and Western Europe.
- A million protesters in Israel [participated in a nationwide strike](#) to demand a deal that would result in a ceasefire with Hamas and the release of hostages who remain in Gaza.
- Google [is investing an undisclosed sum in Energy Dome](#), a startup developer of long-duration battery technology that pairs with solar, wind and other intermittent renewable sources to provide clean power around the clock.
- Insurance giant Humana [lost a motion](#) to dismiss a class action lawsuit alleging the firm fraudulently used algorithms to deny Medicare beneficiaries' claims.
- Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY) [was booed and picketed](#) during a district event, with protesters calling her "a Nazi" and "a bully." GOOD!
- [A University of Colorado Boulder alumna donated a 476-acre wildlife reserve and endowment to the university.](#) Her donation was valued at \$10.4 million.
- [More than 500 Catholic nuns embarked on a "pilgrimage of hope" to support immigrants and the environment.](#) Bravo!
- Egregious lies about the 2020 presidential election [are going to cost Newsmax \\$67 million.](#)
- [Gavin Newsom raised 6.2 million](#) THIS WEEK ALONE!
- New Mexico's Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham beat Trump at his own game by [calling up her National Guard preemptively](#), making them unavailable for his abuse.
- [U.S. developers are reporting that, if all keeps going according to plan, at least half of new electric generating capacity](#) in 2025 [will come from solar](#). Wow!

- The 1st Circuit [rejected](#) the Trump administration's request to enforce the “defund” Planned Parenthood provision in the reconciliation law while its appeal of the preliminary injunction proceeds.
- Four more Virginia schools have defied Trump's Department of Education and [will continue to allow trans youth to use the bathroom of their gender.](#)
- Nike's founder Phil Knight and his wife [gave \\$2 billion to Oregon Health and Science University](#) for cancer research and treatment.
- The California Supreme Court [rejected a GOP effort to halt Newsom’s redistricting](#) push.
- U.S. District Judge Fred Biery [issued a temporary ruling](#) blocking Texas from enforcing its new law that mandates the Ten Commandments be posted in every classroom within public schools in Houston, Austin, and several other areas.
- The Miss Universe pageant [will welcome Palestine](#) for the first time in the pageant’s history.
- The city of Gatlinburg, TN [decided to keep adding fluoride](#) to its water supply after receiving public input opposing its movement to eliminate it.
- [JD Vance, Pete Hegseth, and Stephen Miller were loudly booed](#) inside DC’s Union Station.
- Cleveland residents greeted Ohio Senator Bernie Moreno at the City Club with a sign that said “[Moreno protects pedophiles.](#)”
- [South Park](#) shared a clip from the latest episode mocking, once again, a certain physical trait of Trump’s—don’t watch if you dislike vulgarity.
- [Polestar’s electric SUV set a new Guinness World Record after traveling over 580 miles on a single charge.](#) Wow!
- A federal court [ruled](#) that Mississippi’s Supreme Court district lines must be redrawn to ensure Black people in the state don't have their voting power diluted.
- [Pope Leo will welcome a pro-LGBTQ+ Catholic group to the Vatican for the first time in history.](#)
- Wyoming Rep. Harriet Hageman (R-WY) was [ruthlessly booed at a town hall](#) as she doubled down on backing Trump.
- A new program in Missouri [will make it much easier for sexual assault survivors to get a forensic exam](#) no matter what hospital they go to.
- A state judge [has temporarily blocked](#) Ken Paxton from pursuing a case against Beto O’Rourke, after Paxton accused his group Powered By People of improperly funding a Democratic quorum break in the Texas House.
- Philanthropist Elizabeth Simons [gave \\$250,000](#) to a super PAC supporting Zohran Mamdani.

- Trump's attempt to open up swaths of protected waters off of Hawai'i to commercial fishing [has been blocked](#) by a federal district court in Honolulu.
- A new hybrid ferry called the Harbor Charger [is up and running to Governor's Island in New York City](#). It was built to be fully battery powered, and it will be, once a dockside charger is installed.
- South Carolina Republican. Rep. Nancy Mace [had to cancel a speech in her home state](#) after only 8 people showed up to hear her.
- DC musicians and activists [came together Thursday night](#) for a "Defend the District" Go-Go concert and rally in response to Trump's military takeover.
- Zohran Mamdani and his team [held a scavenger hunt in NYC today](#). They also trolled Eric Adams's corrupt staffer spectacularly [in the video promoting it](#).
- In a reversal of recent trends, [hedge funds are now betting \*against\* oil and for clean energy](#).
- Oil tanker spills [have nearly vanished](#) since the 1970s.
- A federal judge in Montana [ruled](#) that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service violated the law when it denied critical protections for gray wolves in the northern Rocky Mountains.