

TODAYS TRENDS ON CAPITOL HILL

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T H E G D E L T P R O J E C T

AMERICA'S 250TH: NATIONAL IDENTITY & STRATEGIC DECOUPLING

Bipartisanship, Polarization, and the Fight for Technological and Cultural Dominance on the Eve of the Semiquincentennial

EVE OF 250TH ANNIVERSARY

THE "LAW AND ORDER" BEAUTIFICATION CAMPAIGN



Acting AG Blanche & Sec. Hegseth honor 2,500 Guardsmen for security & "beautification". Felony indictment of Olympian David Hurn for Reflecting Pool vandalism (10-year sentence sought) to send "strong message". Administration claims "staggering" crime reduction via "common-sense enforcement".

FUTURE OUTLOOK

ECONOMIC WARFARE & TECH DECOUPLING (DATA ACT)



DATA Act introduced by Rep. Moran strips tax incentives (R&D, bonus depreciation) from firms using "foreign entities of concern" tech. Targets Chinese LiDAR & AI as "mobile CCTV". Firms incentivized to "self-evaluate" & decouple from "toxic relationships".

PROTECTING THE CREATIVE ECONOMY & AI (NO FAKES ACT)



Actor Sean Astin & execs advocate for "NO FAKES Act" to protect identity from AI "digital replicas". Calls for judicial site blocking against offshore digital piracy (\$29B annual loss). Conflict over AI "training" ingestion of copyrighted material.

STABILIZING COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS (PROTECTING COLLEGE SPORTS ACT)



Sens. Cruz & Cantwell advance bill for national NIL & transfer framework. Warning from Nick Saban: Unchecked "arms race" threatens non-revenue sports & Olympic pipeline. Proposes roster fee caps & legal certainty.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS: POLARIZATION & CLIMATE STRESS



Dual assault from partisan "rage" & climate. Record heat cancels Philadelphia 250th parade & D.C. events. Public sentiment deeply divided on "truth" & "patriotism", creating "Wrecking Ball Politics". Institutional decay noted.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE



Fracturing multipolar arena. Pivot back to "Monroe Doctrine" against Chinese/Russian influence in Western Hemisphere. NATO viewed through "transactional utility" lens. China framed as primary systemic rival using "stolen technology".

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT & RISKS

SHORT-TERM: Patriotic sentiment peak, increased security, political fallout from Kari Lake hearing.
MEDIUM-TERM: AI replica licensing shifts, 'Commercial Diplomacy' in Western Hemisphere.
LONG-TERM: Structural decoupling of US infrastructure from Chinese tech, potential NATO instability.
RISKS: Alliance fracture, adversarial surveillance via embedded sensors, cultural decay in sports, AI identity theft, escalating domestic 'rage'.

CONCLUSION: THE AMERICAN EXPERIMENT REQUIRES PROACTIVE STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE TO SURVIVE A MULTIPOLAR, TECHNOLOGICALLY DISRUPTIVE CENTURY.

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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The eve of the United States Semiquincentennial is characterized by a high-friction convergence of celebratory historical reflection, intense partisan polarization, and aggressive legislative pushes to secure American technological and cultural dominance. While the "America 250" theme serves as a unifying rhetorical device for [mayors and scholars](#) in Philadelphia, the operational reality is one of significant domestic instability and environmental challenge. A record-breaking heatwave has forced the cancellation of major parades in [Philadelphia and Washington D.C.](#), while the administration is leveraging "Law and Order" narratives—exemplified by the felony indictment of a [former Olympian](#) for vandalism—to project a vision of a "safe and beautiful" capital ahead of the national milestone.

Strategically, the day features a dual-track effort to preserve American "exceptionalism" through both economic statecraft and cultural

protection. This is manifest in the introduction of the [DATA Act](#), designed to use the tax code to force a decoupling from adversarial (primarily Chinese) technology, and a high-profile hearing on [digital piracy and AI](#) featuring industry leaders and actors. Simultaneously, the Senate is moving to codify the "Protecting College Sports Act" to stabilize the [NIL market](#) and prevent the collapse of non-revenue Olympic sports. This legislative activity underscores a growing consensus that the "American Experiment" requires proactive structural maintenance to survive a multipolar, technologically disruptive century.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

The "Law and Order" Beautification Campaign

- Acting Attorney General [Todd Blanche](#) and Secretary of War [Pete Hegseth](#) headlined a ceremony honoring 2,500 National Guard members deployed for DC security and "beautification" efforts.
- U.S. Attorney [Jeanine Pirro](#) announced the felony indictment of former Olympian David Hurn for damaging the Reflecting Pool, seeking a 10-year prison sentence to send a "strong message" against vandalism.
- The administration claims a "staggering" reduction in D.C. crime rates over 12 months, attributing the success to a shift away from ["blind ideology"](#) toward common-sense enforcement.

Economic Warfare and Tech Decoupling

- Representative [Nathaniel Moran \(R-TX\)](#) detailed the "DATA Act," which would strip major tax incentives (R&D expensing, bonus depreciation) from firms using technology controlled by "foreign entities of concern."
- The bill specifically targets Chinese [LiDAR and AI systems](#), which Moran characterizes as "mobile CCTV" platforms capable of mapping U.S. infrastructure and habits for the CCP.
- Firms are being incentivized to undergo a "self-evaluation" to move away from "toxic relationships" with [adversarial technology providers](#).

Regulatory Push for the Creative Economy and AI

- Actor [Sean Astin](#) and entertainment executives testified before a House Judiciary subcommittee, advocating for the "NO FAKES Act" to protect individual identity from AI-generated "digital replicas."
- Industry leaders are calling for [judicial site blocking](#)—already used in 60 countries—to combat offshore digital piracy, which they claim costs the U.S. economy \$29 billion annually.
- Conflict persists over [AI "training"](#) (ingestion of copyrighted material), with calls for transparency in datasets used by models like Anthropic.

Stabilization of Collegiate Athletics

- Senators Cruz and Cantwell are advancing the ["Protecting College Sports Act"](#) to create a national framework for NIL (Name, Image, and Likeness) and transfer rules.

- Witnesses, including former coach [Nick Saban](#), warned that without federal intervention, an "arms race" of spending will result in the destruction of non-revenue sports and the "hollowing out" of the [Olympic pipeline](#).
- The bill proposes a realistic cap on roster fees and legal certainty to prevent constant [eligibility litigation](#).

Diplomatic Friction and Confirmation Battles

- The Senate Foreign Relations Committee held a contentious [confirmation hearing](#) for Kari Lake as U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica.
- Ranking Member [Senator Shaheen](#) challenged Lake over her past role at the U.S. Agency for Global Media, alleging she crippled VOA's Farsi service during critical Iranian tensions.
- Friction erupted over [Lake's previous claims](#) regarding Senator Ruben Gallego, with Democratic members labeling her rhetoric "undiplomatic" and "disqualifying."

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- Secretary of War [Pete Hegseth](#) emphasized the National Guard's role as a force ready to respond to both domestic security needs and global contingencies (e.g., tropical storms in Guam, earthquakes in Venezuela).
- There is a concerted effort to realign modern [college sports](#) with military academy values of "duty, loyalty, and sportsmanship" to preserve the recruiting value of events like the Army-Navy game.

Climate & Extreme Weather

- Extreme heat is a primary disruptor, leading to the cancellation of the [Philadelphia 250th parade](#) and temporary suspension of activities at the [Great American State Fair](#) in D.C.
- New York City Mayor [Zohran Mamdani](#) activated an emergency heat plan, deploying "cool vans" and opening hundreds of cooling centers to protect vulnerable populations.

Tech Sovereignty & AI

- Legislators are shifting from "training" AI to "ingesting" data, with a focus on protecting the [moral case](#) for creators whose work is used to build LLMs.
- The [DATA Act](#) represents a paradigm shift: weaponizing the tax code for tech sovereignty, treating adversarial tech as a direct fiscal liability rather than just a security risk.

Diplomacy & Statecraft

- The administration is pursuing "strategic convergence" with allies, highlighted by the [longest unbroken treaty](#) with Morocco and Dutch financial cooperation.
- Ambassador [Jeff Flake](#) and others debated the "State of the Alliance" in NATO, with Flake arguing for a values-based alliance to combat a rising, risk-tolerant [China in the Global South](#).

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Re-branding of "Exceptionalism" through Law and Order

The Trump administration is attempting to weave the 250th anniversary into a narrative of domestic "renaissance" and renewed civil order. By emphasizing the repair of 48 monuments and the return to service of 22 fountains in D.C., officials like [Stephen Miller](#) are framing political opponents as "destroyers" of civilization and the military/police as "builders." This theme relies on high-visibility enforcement actions, such as the Reflecting Pool prosecution, to project a state that is [safe and beautiful](#) for foreign dignitaries and "third-graders from Kansas."

Economic Decoupling as a Defensive Reflex

There is a growing strategic anxiety that American data is the most vulnerable frontier. The [DATA Act](#) and the Judiciary hearing on [piracy](#) reveal a "Red Team" consensus that traditional legal remedies are too slow for the digital age. The trend is toward aggressive "smoke-out" policies that force private companies to choose between lucrative adversarial partnerships and critical domestic tax benefits. This is an admission that the "invisible hand" of the market has failed to protect national security interests against [subsidized Chinese state actors](#).

The Crisis of Institutional Trust and Civic Knowledge

A recurring undercurrent across multiple broadcasts is the "cracking" foundation of American institutions. Whether it is the ["Darwianian" state of college sports](#), the [marginalization of civics education](#), or the [vitriol from C-SPAN callers](#), there is a profound sense that the "rules of the game" are no longer understood or respected. Scholars in Philly and Senators in DC both emphasized that democracy is ["not self-executing"](#) and depends on an informed

electorate that currently appears "distanced and misinformed."

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

The internal stability of the U.S. is currently under dual assault from partisan "rage" and physical climate stress. Public sentiment captured in [C-SPAN call-ins](#) shows an electorate deeply divided not just by policy, but by their perception of "truth" and "patriotism." Some callers view the administration as a [corrupt "thug regime,"](#) while others see it as the final defense against ["socialist" decay](#). This division is being codified into "Wrecking Ball Politics," where consensus is increasingly difficult to achieve. Institutional decay is noted in the [college sports sector](#), where the lack of clear rules has led to a \$5 billion revenue gap and the potential collapse of state-level athletic traditions. Furthermore, the extreme heatwave serves as a "force multiplier" for instability, straining [critical infrastructure](#) (electricity grids, water) and forcing the state to react defensively by canceling major public morale-boosting events.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

The global environment is portrayed as a fracturing multipolar arena where the U.S. must aggressively defend its preeminence. The administration is pivoting back to the [Monroe Doctrine](#) to push back on Chinese and Russian "malign influence" in the Western Hemisphere, specifically in Venezuela and the Caribbean. NATO is viewed through a lens of "transactional utility," with officials like [Ian Brzezinski](#) warning that reducing U.S. presence in Europe could fatally weaken the

[nuclear umbrella](#) and embolden Russia. China is framed as the primary systemic rival, using "stolen technology" and [predatory lending](#) to hollow out American industrial and digital sovereignty. The U.S. response is shifting toward "Commercial Diplomacy," identifying tenders and building "Navigator" paths for American firms to compete with [adversarial state-subsidized companies](#).

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Market sentiment is overshadowed by an "affordability crisis" and a widening "opportunity gap." While the administration touts a "renaissance," callers and critics point to record [unemployment for Black women](#) (7.5%) and the hollowing out of the middle class. Financial markets are pricing in risks from vertical integration in [health insurance](#) and the potential for a "Black Swan" economic crash triggered by speculative financial deregulation similar to 2008.

Key Economic Vectors

- **Digital Piracy Loss:** Estimated [\\$29 billion to \\$71 billion](#) annually from the U.S. economy.
- **China Trade/Decoupling:** The [DATA Act](#) targets the 80% market control of Chinese LiDAR systems.
- **Agricultural Hardship:** North Dakota governors highlight the ["Darwianian" economic pressures](#) on farming and the \$2.8 billion Wisconsin cheese industry.
- **Investment Shifts:** 60% (\$4 trillion) of U.S. foreign investment remains tied to [Europe](#), even as the "pivot to Asia" accelerates.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The Trump administration is aggressively populating key diplomatic and legal posts with loyalists, leading to significant friction in the Senate. Factional battles are evident in the handling of independent agencies like the [Federal Reserve](#), where the Supreme Court has recently clarified—and limited—presidential firing authority.

- **Kari Lake (Nominee for Ambassador to Jamaica):** Facing intense scrutiny over past [USAGM reforms](#) and campaign rhetoric; her confirmation is a key test of administrative will.
- **Todd Blanche (Acting Attorney General):** Rising prominence as the face of the "beautification" and [criminal accountability](#) agenda.
- **Pete Hegseth (Secretary of War):** Positioning the Guard as a versatile tool for [domestic and regional](#) stability.
- **Zohran Mamdani (NYC Mayor):** Emerging as a [vocal counter-point](#) to federal narratives, emphasizing immigrant contributions and local social safety nets.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

C-SPAN's lead stories for the day focus on the **continuity of the American Experiment** and the Trump Administration's **infrastructure and security push**. Immense airtime is given to the [Theodore Roosevelt Library opening](#) and historical reenactments, serving to reassure the public during a time of division. "Buried stories" include the **long-term insolvency of social security** and the specific **failure of the U.S. to protect Black soldiers' historical contributions** in Arlington, mentioned only by angry callers.

The emotional tone is a carefully curated blend of **nationalistic pride** (from officials) and **deep-seated anxiety** (from the public). A conspicuous omission is a detailed analysis of the **ongoing Iranian war footing**, which is alluded to in the Kari Lake hearing but not explained in a standalone news segment.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

Major trends in framing highlight a world where "allies" are increasingly scrutinized for their loyalty to specific U.S. initiatives (Operation Epic Fury) rather than shared abstract values. China and Russia are consistently characterized as predatory, while the "Global South" is framed as a contested zone of "economic opportunity" that the U.S. has dangerously "retreated" from.

COUNTRIES

- **China:** Portrayed as a competent but [corrupt and predatory](#) foe. "They steal [IP]... they see us as adversaries." They are framed as using LiDAR and AI to conduct global surveillance.
- **Russia:** Characterized as a [weak but aggressive](#) threat whose invasion of Ukraine is a "foreign policy blunder" that has inadvertently strengthened European resolve.
- **Turkiye:** Seen as a [critical but unstable](#) ally; "RATHER PAROCHIAL," but necessary for the "southeastern flank" of NATO.
- **Jamaica:** Framed as a [resilient and strategic](#) partner that must be defended against "Chinese influence" and "lottery scams."

LEADERS

- **Donald Trump:** Portrayed by allies as a [visionary restorer](#) of law and order; characterized by foes as an "insurrectionist" and a "dictator want-to-be."
- **Pope Leo XIV:** Framed as a [principled and unifying](#) figure, the "first U.S.-born Pope," using faith to bridge democratic divides.
- **Vladimir Putin:** Characterized as a [chaotic and corrupt](#) actor who has "spent years investing in far-right parties" to dismantle Western institutions.

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

- **Narrative Seeding:** Administration officials are aggressively seeding the "destroyer vs. builder" narrative to frame civil dissent as ["anarchy."](#)
- **Disinformation:** Rep. Moran and Kari Lake cite ["Russian-trained LATIN AMERICAN influencers"](#) as a major source of pro-Kremlin propaganda destabilizing the Western Hemisphere.
- **Media Fragmentation:** Critics argue that "CABLE NEWS on the left" and "CABLE NEWS on the right" are creating ["different factual universes,"](#) with social media algorithms acting as a primary engine of division.
- **Propaganda:** The Reflecting Pool case is being used as a ["strong message"](#) propaganda tool to signal a "renaissance" in public safety that may outpace statistical reality.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- The 250th anniversary may serve as a **short-term peak in patriotic sentiment**, but the underlying "Rage" (Turley) will likely resurface as soon as the mid-term election cycle begins in earnest.
- If the [DATA Act](#) passes, we will see a **radical increase in domestic tech prices** as firms lose tax incentives for cheaper adversarial components, potentially fueling further inflation concerns.
- The "Protecting College Sports Act" could lead to the **consolidation of a collegiate "Super League"** if the revenue sharing does not reach mid-major schools, despite its bipartisan intent.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks)

- Increased domestic security posture in D.C. and NYC following the Reflecting Pool vandalism and "heightened threat environment" noted by [Macy's fireworks organizers](#).
- Immediate political fallout from the Kari Lake hearing, potentially leading to a stalled confirmation or a "nuclear option" vote in the Senate.

Medium Term (1-6 Months)

- Regulatory shifts in [AI replica licensing](#) following the "NO FAKES Act" hearings.
- Formalization of "Commercial Diplomacy" paths in the [Western Hemisphere](#) to counteract Chinese port bids.

Long Term (1-5 Years)

- Structural decoupling of U.S. infrastructure from Chinese [LiDAR and sensor tech](#).
- Long-term instability of the NATO alliance if the "transactional scorecard" approach (Ian Brzezinski) persists through the next administration.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The primary strategic risks are centered on the breakdown of the "Euro-Atlantic relationship" and the potential for domestic "civil disorder" to escalate as the 250th anniversary celebrations highlight unresolved historical grievances.

- **Alliance Fracture:** NATO may de-anchor if the U.S. pursues a Denmark-style ["invasion threat"](#) or purely transactional logic. **Triggers:** A U.S. troop withdrawal from Germany or Poland. **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** High (loss of Global South influence). **Mitigations:** Returning to a "values-based" alliance framework.
- **Adversarial Surveillance:** Chinese LiDAR systems embedded in U.S. self-driving cars and CCTV map [critical infrastructure](#). **Triggers:** Mass deployment of unvetted sensors. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Severe (blind spots in national security). **Mitigations:** Rapid passage of the DATA Act.
- **Cultural Decay/Olympic Pipeline Collapse:** "darwinian" spending in college sports kills [non-revenue sports](#). **Triggers:** Continued NIL litigation. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Moderate (loss of global athletic prestige). **Mitigations:** Federal NIL regulation.

- **AI Identity Theft:** Mass use of "digital replicas" for [commercial exploitation or fraud](#). **Triggers:** Sophisticated LLM releases. **Likelihood:** Certain. **Impact:** High (loss of public trust). **Mitigations:** NO FAKES Act passage.
- **Domestic "Rage" Escalation:** Partisan vitriol leads to ["Wrecking Ball"](#) domestic policy paralysis. **Triggers:** Mid-term election results. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** High (state incapacity). **Mitigations:** Re-investment in civics education.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- **The Cost of Decoupling:** The broadcasts fail to analyze the [inflationary impact](#) of removing cheap Chinese components from U.S. supply chains.
- **Military Readiness in Heat:** While heat is noted as a parade-killer, there is no discussion of how it affects [Guardsmen performance](#) or equipment during a real crisis.
- **The 1% "Warrior Caste":** Transcripts mention a "warrior caste" but do not address the long-term risk of a [military-civilian disconnect](#) on democratic values.
- **AI Training Legality:** The "fair use" vs "theft" debate in AI remains a legal [blind spot](#) with no clear path for small creators.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

The "Potemkin Renaissance"

The heavy emphasis on "Law and Order" and monument repair is not a sign of state strength, but a **performative distraction** from a fundamental loss of government

mandate. By focusing on a single Olympian's vandalism of a pool, the state masks its inability to solve systemic "Rage" (Turley) or provide [affordable housing and health care](#).

Strategic Decoupling as an Accidental Subsidy

The [DATA Act](#) might inadvertently subsidize the **very tech it seeks to ban**. By creating a two-tier tax system, the U.S. may drive high-tech innovation entirely offshore to neutral markets, leaving the domestic industry "hollowed out" and unable to compete with the speed of adversarial development.

Black Swan Event: The "Article Five" Diplomatic Crisis

A "Rage-filled" domestic rhetoric (e.g., threats to invade Denmark) triggers an unprecedented **NATO member-on-member Article Five invocation**. This would lead to a total collapse of the Euro-Atlantic security architecture, allowing a [China-Russia-Iran bloc](#) to reorganize global trade in a single fiscal quarter.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Fast-track the audit of LiDAR and sensor systems in governmental fleets to prevent [adversarial data collection](#).
- **Economic:** Leverage the "America 250" momentum to pass the [Protecting College Sports Act](#) before the mid-terms to stabilize state-level institutional revenue.
- **Diplomatic:** Re-staff the 16 vacant [ambassadorial posts](#) in the Western Hemisphere to provide a counter-narrative to Russian influencers.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chains:** Immediate diversification away from "Entities of Concern" is required to avoid losing [R&D tax credits](#) under the DATA Act.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Entertainment and tech firms should prepare for a "NO FAKES" regime by developing [consent tracking](#) for all digital assets.
- **Capital Allocation:** Increased investment in [domestic cybersecurity](#) is essential, as federal grants for state-level enforcement have "dried up" over 20 years.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Legislative activity is focused on protecting the "American Idea" from modern threats, ranging from Chinese data harvesting to AI identity theft and the collapse of the collegiate amateur model.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **DATA Act (Deterring Adversarial Access to Americans Data Act):** Strip tax benefits from companies using tech from [adversarial nations](#).
- **NO FAKES Act:** A federal property right in one's [voice and likeness](#) to prevent AI deepfakes.
- **Protecting College Sports Act:** National rules for [NIL and transfers](#) to save the Olympic pipeline.
- **American Music Fairness Act:** Ensure performers are paid for [radio broadcasts](#).
- **CIVICS Act of 2025:** Grant funding for [Constitution-focused](#) education in schools.
- **HUSTLE Act:** Registry and transparency requirements for [college sports agents](#).

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **House Judiciary Piracy Hearing:** Focus on [offshore piracy](#) costing \$29 billion.
- **Senate Foreign Relations Lake Hearing:** Contentious [confirmation](#) battle for Jamaica post.
- **Acting AG Blanche News Conference:** Felony vandalism charges for the [Reflecting Pool](#).
- **Senate College Sports Hearing:** Bipartisan push to fix the [NIL "arms race."](#)

KEY STORIES

- **Philadelphia 250th Scholar Panel:** Scholars Jon Meacham and Danielle Allen discuss the "Promise of America" and the ["Golden Apple"](#) of the Declaration at the National Constitution Center.
- **Reflecting Pool Vandalism Case:** Former Olympian David Hurn is indicted for ripping sealant from the pool; Acting AG Blanche vows [10-year sentences](#) for vandalism.
- **Theodore Roosevelt Library Opening:** A massive \$330 million [privately-funded facility](#) opens in Medora, ND, featuring an AI-recreation of the 26th President.
- **Kari Lake Confirmation Battle:** Lake defends her campaign rhetoric while being grilled on [USAGM staffing](#) and past insults to Senate colleagues.
- **DATA Act Unveiling:** Rep. Nathaniel Moran (TX) targets Chinese LiDAR in cars as a [surveillance threat](#) through fiscal policy.
- **College Sports "Darwianian" Crisis:** Senate testimony warning that \$5 billion in media revenue is being [misallocated](#), threatening women's and Olympic sports.
- **Digital Piracy and AI Hearings:** Sean Astin calls for identity protection; execs claim piracy is a ["five-alarm fire"](#) for the creative economy.
- **NYC Semiquincentennial Security:** Mayor Mamdani details security for the "largest ever" [international flotilla](#) of tall ships and FIFA World Cup matches.
- **National Guard "Beautification" Ceremony:** Miller and Blanche honor Guardsmen for [reducing D.C. crime](#) and cleaning up 50 parks.
- **Boston's Revolutionary Trail:** Tours and reenactments of the [Boston Tea Party](#) and Boston Massacre as lead-ins to the 250th.
- **Across America Trip:** A 6,100-mile journey through 24 states finds [profound pride](#) in ordinary Americans despite high political vitriol.
- **Ticonderoga Reenactment:** 250th anniversary of America's [first offensive victory](#) in 1775.
- **Ben Franklin Lookalike Contest:** A [Philly tradition](#) involving 29 candidates to commemorate the founding father's 320th anniversary.
- **Georgia's Role in Revolution:** Discussion of the "Rice Boats" battle and the capture of [Savannah in 1778](#).
- **Marine Corps Barracks Parade:** A legacy performance in D.C. featuring the [Silent Drill Platoon](#) and the 15-star flag.

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