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Current Events Supplements Sample

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1. In 2026, this company ran a "Tank Day" promotion in South Korea which coincided with the anniversary of the Gwangju Uprising. Howard Schultz formerly led what Seattle-based coffee chain with a green "siren" logo?
ANSWER: **Starbucks** Corporation

2. This senator's wife is former secretary of transportation Elaine Chao. Rand Paul represents his state alongside what former Senate GOP leader, the longest-serving senator in the history of Kentucky?
ANSWER: Mitch **McConnell** [or Addison Mitchell **McConnell** III]

3. This country's 2026 Flamingo Revolution included protests against Jared Kushner-backed luxury tourism on Sazan Island. Diella is an AI-generated politician created by what Balkan country's prime minister, Edi Rama?
ANSWER: Republic of **Albania** [accept **Shqipëria**; or Republika e **Shqipërisë**]

4. DeepSeek was trained using this company's H800 [H eight hundred] chip. What company led by Taiwanese-American CEO Jensen Huang produces GPUs used for AI and is the most valuable company in the world?
ANSWER: **Nvidia** Corporation

5. In the 1980s, a group of immigrants fleeing this country's civil war founded a gang in Los Angeles named MS-13. What country adopted bitcoin as an official currency under Nayib Bukele and has a charged rivalry with Honduras?
ANSWER: Republic of **El Salvador** [accept República de **El Salvador**]

6. This is the alphabetically-earlier of two Novo Nordisk drugs compared against in a Canadian study which has caused Celon Pharma's stock to surge. Berberine has been dubbed "nature's" version of what popular semaglutide-containing weight loss drug?
ANSWER: **Ozempic** [prompt on semaglutide before mentioned]

7. Members of this organization recite an oath beginning "in brightest day, in blackest night / no evil shall escape my sight." John Stewart and Hal Jordan are members of what DC corps of intergalactic crime-fighters, who name a 2026 HBO show?
ANSWER: **Green Lantern** Corps [or **Green Lantern**s; prompt on *Lanterns*]

8. This politician's "Total Peace" policy sought a ceasefire with the ELN, which was later overturned after a violent attack in Arauca. What founder of the Historic Pact served as the 35th president of Colombia until 2026?
ANSWER: Gustavo **Petro** [or Gustavo Francisco **Petro** Urrego]

9. This honor was last awarded to Maria Corina Machado [mah-REE-ah koh-REE-nah mah-CHAH-doh]. Shehbaz Sharif [SHEH-bahz shah-REEF] nominated Donald Trump for this honor after the 2025 India-Pakistan conflict. Name this diplomatic prize named for the Swedish inventor of dynamite.
ANSWER: **Nobel Peace** Prize [prompt on Nobel Prize]

10. The 2022 case NYSRPA v. Bruen used this amendment to strike down New York's "proper cause" requirement for concealed carry. What amendment supported by the NRA protects the right to bear arms?
ANSWER: **2nd** Amendment [accept **Second** Amendment]

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1. In one of this state's congressional primaries, Dan Goldman was defeated by former city comptroller Brad Lander. What 26-district state has various DSA candidates running in elections and Kathy Hochul running for re-election as governor?
ANSWER: **New York** [accept **NY**]

2. This woman was appointed special envoy to the Shield of the Americas after her removal from a previous post. What woman served as governor of South Dakota before becoming Secretary of Homeland Security?
ANSWER: Kristi **Noem**

3. A "six-alarm" type of this disaster destroyed a Kimberly-Clark distribution center in Ontario in 2026. Ignition of a lithium-ion battery caused another example of what disaster at a frozen food warehouse that required the LAFD to be deployed?
ANSWER: **fires** [accept electrical **fire**; reject "wildfires"]

4. This country's PAN party currently has a minority against a party led by Ariadna Montiel Reyes, MORENA. What country is led by Claudia Sheinbaum from the most populous city in North America?
ANSWER: **Mexico** [accept United **Mexican** States]

5. This musical's original Broadway cast featured Reeve Carney as a character that sings "wait for me, I'm comin' too." What musical had a 2026 film release and follows the story of Orpheus and Eurydice?
ANSWER: ***Hadestown***

6. This city's WNBA franchise, the Tempo, debuted in 2026. A trade involving the Los Angeles Clippers and what city's NBA team has been put on hold due to an investigation about Kawhi Leonard?
ANSWER: **Toronto**, Canada

7. This politician referenced *The Lessons of History*, in which he compared Jesus to Genghis Khan, in a March 2026 press conference near the Beit Aghion. What leader of Likud is the prime minister of Israel?
ANSWER: Benjamin **Netanyahu**

8. This country's flag carrier is set to resume flying in September 2026, after a 35-year hiatus caused by civil war, from its hub at Aden Adde International Airport. What country's referee Omar Artan was denied entry to the United States for the 2026 FIFA World Cup?
ANSWER: Federal Republic of **Somalia**

9. This company released the wheelchair basketball game *Drag X Drive* for their flagship console in 2025. What company has released 2026 titles such as *Star Fox* and *Splatoon Raiders* for its Switch 2?
ANSWER: **Nintendo**

10. In August 2026, the founder of this country's Evergrande Group was sentenced to life under charges of fraud and ultimately causing a real estate crisis. What country's car manufacturer BYD Auto surpassed Tesla as the largest seller of electric vehicles?
ANSWER: People's Republic of **China**

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1. This organization published the GSAi chatbot to 1500 employees, and later sent an email titled “Fork in the Road” to all federal employees. What federal agency was founded by Elon Musk and shut down on the 250th Independence Day?
ANSWER: **DOGE** [or **Department of Government Efficiency**; accept **United States DOGE Service**; prompt on United States Digital Service]

2. In August 2026, this governor declared a state of emergency in response to the Pine Tree Road Fire in Union County. What daughter of Mike Huckabee is the governor of Arkansas?
ANSWER: Sarah Huckabee **Sanders** [prompt on Huckabee]

3. A 2024 event in this city organized by Tony Estanguet led to protests involving pollution of the Seine River. Emmanuel Macron called snap elections before what capital of France hosted the Summer Olympics?
ANSWER: **Paris**, France

4. During one film, this character is seen with Franklin Richards while holding his mask. This character’s actor was revealed at 2024 San Diego Comic-Con to be Robert Downey Jr. What enemy of the Fantastic Four is the next major Marvel villain?
ANSWER: Doctor **Doom** [accept Victor von **Doom**]

5. Bullets used by this man were marked with the words “Delay, Deny, Depose.” After a five-day manhunt, this man was arrested in a McDonald’s in Altoona, Pennsylvania. What man is accused of killing United Healthcare CEO Brian Thompson?
ANSWER: Luigi **Mangione**

6. In 2026, this country amended its constitution to authorize a nuclear strike if its leader is ever assassinated. What self-described “democratic people’s republic” is led from Pyongyang by Kim Jong Un?
ANSWER: **North Korea** [accept **Democratic People’s Republic of Korea** or **DPRK**; reject "Republic of Korea"]

7. For the 2026 Super Bowl, this company produced a Taika Waititi-directed ad titled "Jurassic Park... Works." What advertiser of high-speed Internet is a Comcast division which uses the slogan “the future of awesome”?
ANSWER: Comcast **Xfinity**

8. A 2021 novel about this woman by Xiran Jay Zhao is named *Iron Widow*. A 2026 game about the life of this woman included streamer Ludwig as the prince of Fuling. *Road to Empress* follows what woman, the only female emperor of China?
ANSWER: Empress **Wu** [or **Wu** Zetian or **Wu** Zhao or **Wu** Meiniang or **Wu** Hou]

9. One of these disasters led to the collapse of 80% of buildings in La Guaira, where two of these events happened in between 39 seconds of each other. What disasters at magnitudes over 7 devastated countries such as Japan and the Philippines?
ANSWER: earth**quake**s

10. Evidence linking this country’s lost city of Mesen to Tell Abu Saifi was strengthened by 2026 discoveries led by its Supreme Council of Antiquities. Mesen was a stop on the Way of Horus that connected the Levant to what country’s Nile Delta?
ANSWER: **Egypt** [or ***Misr***]

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1. This state is governed by a reluctant colleague of Peter Welch, stock car racer Phil Scott. Bernie Sanders' primary home is in what Northeastern state's city of Burlington?
ANSWER: **Vermont**

2. This leader succeeded in a legislative midterm in which his party, La Libertad Avanza, more than doubled its seats in both legislative chambers. What leader feuded with Lula da Silva, causing Lula to pull his ambassador out of Argentina?
ANSWER: Javier **Milei**

3. Curtis Lee backed this organization after The Pentagon removed its designation as a "Christian" organization. What religious organization recently established temples in Zimbabwe and Cambodia?
ANSWER: The **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** [accept **LDS** Church or **Mormon**ism]

4. The U.S. government is allegedly seeking to ban a type of these things called the Unitree G1. One of what beings beat Usain Bolt's time in the 100 metres in the 2026 Humanoid Games in Beijing?
ANSWER: **robot**s [accept Chinese **robot**s or clear equivalents]

5. This country's Prosperity Party won a majority in its legislature, re-electing Abiy Ahmed as prime minister. What country's government has been fighting insurgents in Tigray from its headquarters in Addis Ababa?
ANSWER: Federal Democratic Republic of **Ethiopia**

6. In 2026, this team beat the Royals on an "ultimate grand slam" hit by Kody Clemens. Ryan Jeffers and Byron Buxton were not traded at the deadline by what MLB team, which plays at Target Field in Minneapolis?
ANSWER: **Minnesota** **Twins** [accept either]

7. In June, this city saw a visit and blessing given by Leo XIV on the centenary of an architect's tragic death. After 144 years, construction was finally completed on Antoni Gaudí's basilica, the Sagrada Familia, in which Catalonian city?
ANSWER: **Barcelona**

8. This governor was mocked by *Rolling Stone* for misspelling the names of several of his state's musicians in a "Summer Playlist." In 2026, the extradition of an ICE agent was the subject of a lawsuit launched by Minnesota AG Keith Ellison against what governor of Texas?
ANSWER: Greg **Abbott** [accept Gregg **Abit**]

9. This nation's stock market index, KOSPI, has more than doubled in value over the last year, in part due to small investors termed "ants." What nation issued leveraged single stock ETFs in companies such as SK Hynix and Samsung?
ANSWER: **South Korea**

10. In 2026, this company collaborated with *Hello Kitty and Friends* and *Godzilla* to create toys like My Melody x Mothra. Those toys can be found in the Happy Meals of what company, which recently brought back their Spicy Chicken McNuggets?
ANSWER: **McDonald's**

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1. In July 2026, this state paused enrollment in a Dolly Parton-backed program to mail a free monthly book to children under age five, its Imagination Library. Mike Parson governs what state from the seat of Cole County, Jefferson City?
ANSWER: **Missouri**

2. This organization won the Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting in 2026 and revealed that two girls had faced abuse from Cesar Chavez. The popularity of online games like Midi and Wordle brought new members to what news organization?
ANSWER: *The* ***New York Times*** [accept ***NYT*** or ***NY Times*** or ***The Times***]

3. This president left the UDI to found his country's Republican Party in 2019. What current world leader supported a Yes vote in a 1988 referendum on whether Pinochet should continue to be president, and succeeded Gabriel Boric in Chile?
ANSWER: Jose Antonio **Kast**

4. A university in this state won the 2025 NCAA Women's Volleyball title and plays football at Kyle Field. Brendan Sorsby was investigated for gambling after transferring to a university in what state's town of Lubbock?
ANSWER: **Texas** [or **TX**]

5. This man commissioned Chinese architect Ma Yansong's design of a building that resembles a futuristic cruise ship. An upcoming "museum of narrative art" in Los Angeles is funded by what founder of THX and owner of the Skywalker Ranch?
ANSWER: George **Lucas** [or George Walton **Lucas** Jr.]

6. This man cited the Fifth Amendment over 100 times in an August 2026 congressional hearing regarding gain of function research. What former head of NIAID was the public face of the U.S. government's response to COVID-19?
ANSWER: Anthony **Fauci**

7. Bangladesh is experiencing an ongoing outbreak of this disease, in which six European countries lost their "elimination" status by 2026. Donald Trump signed an executive order in August 2026 to separate mumps and rubella vaccinations from those of what disease?
ANSWER: **measles** [accept **rubeola**]

8. This nation's Velichie party came under controversy for locking their MPs in a barn against their will. What nation had eight elections from April 2021 until now-PM Rumen Radev won an absolute majority in May of 2026?
ANSWER: Republic of **Bulgaria**

9. This company bought AI startup OpenRouter for a reported $7.5 billion. Along with Advent, what financial tech company made a $53 billion bid to buy PayPal in 2026?
ANSWER: **Stripe**, Inc.

10. The incumbent governor of this state said "I am" this state in a debate with his challenger, CVS executive Helena Foulkes. The Washington Bridge is set to reopen in 2028 in what state governed by Dan McKee from Providence?
ANSWER: **Rhode Island**