

# HSAS COMMON SENSE: CURRENT EVENTS RELEASE

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## American Politics: Trump's rally at Madison Square Garden

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- Just over a week before the 2024 Presidential Election, Republican nominee Donald Trump held a rally at New York's Madison Square Garden.
  - The rally was full of racist comments, including from comedian Tony Hinchliff, who called Puerto Rico a "floating island of garbage."
  - Conservative radio host Sid Rosenberg criticized Hillary Clinton for comparing the rally to a Nazi rally, calling her a "sick son of a b\*\*\*."
  - The rally lasted for over 6 hours, with Trump himself speaking 2 hours behind schedule. By the end of his over-an-hour-long speech, the crowd noticeably began to dwindle.
  - Following the rally, the Trump campaign tried to distance themselves from the comments made, saying that the views of Hinchliff do not reflect the views of Trump's campaign.
  - These incendiary comments could hurt Trump with the millions of Puerto Rican voters around the country, including in the crucial battleground state of Pennsylvania.
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## Global Natural Disaster: Flooding Strikes Spain

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- On Thursday, October 31, an intense storm dumped a year's worth of rain on Spain's Eastern and Southern regions in a matter of eight hours.
  - The storm, created by cold winds blowing over the warm Mediterranean Sea, produced deadly flash floods.
  - With a total of 205 confirmed deaths and dozens missing, this storm has proven to be the most deadly in 50 years for Spain.
  - Thousands of soldiers and volunteers have gathered in the hard-hit city of Valencia to help with search and rescue, cleanup, and food distribution.
  - The destruction of infrastructure has made rescue efforts very difficult in the more rural areas of the region.
  - Most basic services have not been restored as of Sunday, and electricity and internet connectivity is sporadic.
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## Miscellaneous Events:

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- The New York Yankees lost the World Series to the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 5, giving up a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the fifth inning.
- Concerns were raised about New York City's aging infrastructure after a barge drilled into the Queens-Midtown Tunnel last month, causing significant flooding.
- A new piece of music by the composer Frédéric Chopin, who died in 1849, was discovered in the archives of a Manhattan museum. The rare find comes shortly after a composition by Mozart was found in a German museum.
- Through aerial scans, experts discovered an ancient city in Mexico that appears to have been part of the Maya civilization. The city has since been named Valeriana, and the new knowledge of its existence has raised many questions about the Maya civilization, especially regarding the civilization's collapse.

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