

New York Times News Quiz – Jan.12, 2024

- 1) Winter storms interrupted Republican campaigning in Iowa, where the first contests of the G.O.P. presidential primary are happening next week. The snowstorm — part of a spate of blizzards, floods and high winds that hit much of the country this week — forced Donald Trump and Nikki Haley to cancel campaign events.
- 2) In a federal appeals court this week, a judge asked Donald Trump’s lawyer if, hypothetically, a president who ordered Navy SEALs to kill a political opponent could be charged with a crime. Trump’s lawyer argued that Trump is immune from prosecution over actions he took in office, and that a president who ordered a rival’s assassination would also be immune unless first impeached by the House and convicted by the Senate.
- 3) The 81st Golden Globes took place on Sunday. Oppenheimer took home the award for best picture in the drama category.
- 4) The F.A.A. said that it would require inspections of most Boeing 737 Max 9 airplanes in service, after a door plug out on an Alaska Airlines flight. A panel called a door plug, located where an emergency door would have been if the plane had more seats, blew out at 16,000 feet on Friday and was found in a Portland, Ore., backyard. The grounding caused hundreds of flights to be canceled and drew renewed attention to one of the most scrutinized jets in history.
- 5) The N.Y.P.D. arrested nine people belonging to a prominent Hasidic Jewish movement after chaos broke out over a tunnel someone had secretly built to the movement’s main synagogue. In is it located in Brooklyn. It is not yet known exactly who built the tunnel or why. Two men who said they spoke with some of those who broke through the synagogue wall said the motive was to hasten its expansion.
- 6) Lloyd J. Austin III, the secretary of defense, was absent from his job for three days at the beginning of the year before the White House was informed. Austin was admitted to the intensive care unit at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center on Jan. 1 because of complications from prostate cancer surgery, but the White House was not told until Jan. 4. The White House did not learn until Jan. 9 that Austin had been diagnosed with prostate cancer a month ago.
- 7) Peregrine, a NASA-financed commercial mission to the moon, encountered problems after liftoff this week. The lander’s payloads include materials from several private companies — two of which allow customers to send loved ones’ remains into space — as well as scientific instruments from the U.S., Mexico and Germany. But because of the malfunction, it’s unlikely that the craft will land safely.
- 8) Gabriel Attal, who is just 34, this week became the youngest — and first openly gay — prime minister of France.
- 9) Violence broke out in Ecuador after a powerful gang leader disappeared. Adolfo Macías, known as Fito, is said to have escaped from an overcrowded prison in the coastal city of Guayaquil. Ecuador’s president declared a state of emergency and ordered the military to “neutralize” dozens of gangs as violence spread across the country this week.

- 10) Two of the most successful coaches in football history parted ways with their longtime teams this week. It's Belichick and Saban. Belichick won six Super Bowls over 24 years with the Patriots, and Saban won six national championships with Alabama. Both had the most wins among active coaches in their respective sports.
- 11) A movie based on the 2004 teen comedy film "Mean Girls" hit theaters this week. It's an adaptation of the Broadway musical based on the original film.
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