

New York Times News Quiz – Jan.19, 2024

- 1) Donald Trump won the Iowa caucuses on Monday with a dominant 51 percent of the vote. According to the current results, he won 98 of the 99 counties. The current tally shows that Trump lost Johnson County, Iowa's bluest, to Nikki Haley by a single vote. Overall, Trump's nearly 30-point margin of victory set a record for a contested Republican caucus in the state.
- 2) Vivek Ramaswamy, the self-funded biotech entrepreneur, finished fourth in the Iowa caucuses and subsequently dropped out of the race. He then endorsed Donald Trump.
- 3) Donald Trump spent part of his week in a New York courtroom, taking part in a trial to determine his penalty for defaming the writer E.Jean Carroll. She accused Trump of rape in 2019 and already won one civil case in which a jury found that Trump had sexually abused and defamed her. In the new trial, Carroll is seeking at least \$10 million in damages.
- 4) The U.S. and Britain recently launched strikes on military sites in Yemen, which officials said were in retaliation for the Houthi militia's attacks on ships in the Red Sea. The group has portrayed its campaign as a battle to force Israel to end its siege of Gaza, although many of its targets have had no clear connection to Israel. The U.S. and U.K. airstrikes have not deterred the Houthis. Instead, the group has expanded its list of declared targets to include American and British interests in the region.
- 5) Iran fired missiles this week on nearby countries, after a terrorist attack killed dozens within its borders. Iran struck targets in the Kurdistan region of Iraq, Pakistan and Syria. Iranian officials said they were going after militants they accused of being behind recent attacks that killed 84 people at a memorial procession for a revered Iranian military leader. The missile strikes raised fears that upheaval in the Middle East could spiral out of control. The next day, Pakistan retaliated.
- 6) Taiwan recently picked a new president, in an election shaped in part by the island's relationship with China. Lai of the D.P.P., the center-left party that has governed Taiwan for the past eight years and has historically favored independence from China, won. The election of Lai, the current vice president, may worsen Taiwan's relationship with Beijing.
- 7) At the Emmys this week, Quinta Brunson won the best actress in a comedy award for her work on the sitcom "Abbott Elementary". She is the first Black woman to win the award since 1981.
- 8) China released new population data this week. It showed that the number of births in the country has fallen for seven straight years, despite the end of its one-child policy in 2015. China has more older people than anywhere else in the world, and many young women view the government's efforts to push them toward motherhood as regressive.
- 9) A federal judge on Tuesday blocked a proposed \$3.8 billion merger between JetBlue and Spirit Airlines. The judge sided with the Department of Justice, which had opposed the deal, arguing that the reduced competition would harm travelers.

10) Bobi, a Portuguese Rafeiro do Alentejo, was named as the world's oldest dog last year, but his title was put on hold this week amid widespread doubts. His owners claim he is 31 years old. The Guinness World Book of Records announced that it was conducting a formal investigation into the record after veterinarians expressed skepticism.

11) On Wednesday, the Supreme Court heard arguments on whether to overturn a key legal precedent, one of the most cited in American law, the Chevron deference, which says that judges must defer to government agencies' interpretations of ambiguous statutes. Discarding it could threaten government agencies' power to regulate the environment, health care and consumer safety, among many other areas.