

## New York Times News Quiz – Nov.17, 2023

- 1) The Israeli military took control of Gaza's largest hospital, Al Shifa, this week and has been combing the site, which Israel has said concealed a secret Hamas base. The claim that Hamas operated a secret base within the hospital has been central to Israel's defense of Gaza's death toll, which is over 11,000, according to Gazan health officials. But the Israeli army has yet to present much evidence supporting that claim, and Hamas has denied the accusation.
- 2) Congress passed a bill this week to avert a government shutdown. House Speaker Mike Johnson backed the bill, which passed the House with mostly Democratic votes and extended government funding into early next year, despite its similarity to the measure that led to Kevin McCarthy's ouster as speaker last month. The bill, which later passed the Senate, doesn't include any military aid for Ukraine or Israel.
- 3) The Supreme Court this week adopted an ethics code for the justices after a series of revelations about undisclosed gifts. Yet, no one has been assigned to enforce the code. The ethics code will operate on the honor system, with individual justices deciding for themselves whether their conduct complies with the code.
- 4) President Biden and Xi Jinping, China's leader, met this week in an estate near San Francisco that appeared on the 1980s television drama "Dynasty." They reached modest agreements to ease U.S.-China tensions in their first meeting in a year.
- 5) A man stole \$500 from a church in Houston and showed up at six other parishes in Dallas last month. He impersonated a priest. The unidentified man, who in Houston called himself Father Martin, has also been active in California, Oregon and Ontario, according to memos from March and April from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.
- 6) Tim Scott, a Republican presidential candidate, suspended his or her campaign on Nov. 12. "I think the voters, who are the most remarkable people on the planet, have been really clear that they're telling me, 'Not now, Tim,'" Scott said in a Fox News interview.
- 7) The F.B.I. is investigating whether Eric Adams's 2021 campaign for New York City mayor received illegal donations from nationals of Turkey. Federal prosecutors and the F.B.I. are examining whether Adams's campaign conspired with members of the Turkish

government, including its consulate in New York, according to a search warrant obtained by The Times. Here's what we know.

- 8) This week, the rapper André 3000 released his first solo album — an instrumental work without words. He was a former member of Outkast, the legendary Atlanta rap duo consisting of André 3000 and Big Boi. André's debut solo album, "New Blue Sun," focuses on woodwind instruments.
- 9) In a surprising move, Rishi Sunak, Britain's leader, appointed former Prime Minister David Cameron to his cabinet this week. He is the latest foreign secretary. Cameron, who served as Britain's prime minister from 2010 to 2016, returned to government earlier this week. He remains a divisive figure in the country.
- 10) During a committee hearing this week, Senator Markwayne Mullin, Republican of Oklahoma, rose to his feet in an apparent attempt to fight with Sean O'Brien, leader of the Teamsters union. The two men had taunted one another before, and on Tuesday their feud reached a head when Mullin, a former mixed martial arts fighter, told O'Brien to "stand your butt up" and reached to remove his wedding ring in apparent preparation for a punch.
- 11) Donald Trump called his political opponents "vermin." As critics said his words echoed the language of fascist dictators, his campaign answered that their "sad, miserable existence will be crushed" if Trump wins again. After Trump vowed to "root out the communists, Marxists, fascists and the radical left thugs that live like vermin within the confines of our country" in a Veterans Day speech, a campaign spokesman rejected the criticism and doubled down.