

New York Times News Quiz – Oct.13, 2023

- 1) Palestinian militants from the group Hamas attacked Israel on Saturday, killing hundreds of civilians and setting off a war. They launched the assault from the Gaza Strip. They attacked more than 20 sites nearby, killing more than 1,200 people, including women and children, and abducting an estimated 150 others.
- 2) In response, Israel launched airstrikes on Gaza and announced a “complete siege,” cutting off food, power and water from Gaza. A U.N. official in Gaza City on Thursday warned that residents were “facing a huge disaster” as hospitals ran short on fuel required to keep their generators running.
- 3) The assault came 50 years and a day after the Yom Kippur War. On Oct. 6, 1973, invading forces from Egypt and Syria caught Israel off guard, starting a 19-day war for the Sinai Peninsula and Golan Heights. The war began on Yom Kippur, the holiest day on the Jewish calendar.
- 4) House Republicans narrowly nominated, in a closed-door vote, Steve Scalise from Louisiana to be House speaker, only for him to withdraw a day later. He lacked enough support to actually become speaker and withdrew his name on Thursday, leaving the House in tumult.
- 5) Robert F.Kennedy Jr, who had challenged President Biden for the Democratic nomination in 2024, announced he would instead run as an independent candidate. Kennedy, 69, has been a sharp critic of Democratic leadership and accused the party of trying to stifle his challenge to Biden. His bid as an independent could change the dynamics of the 2024 election.
- 6) Claudia Goldin, a Harvard professor, won the Nobel in economics for her work on women in the workforce. Goldin, 77, won for her research on the causes of the gender wage gap and women’s participation in the job market. She’s the first woman to win the Nobel in economics solo.
- 7) A powerful earthquake struck Afghanistan, only days after two major quakes there killed more than 1,000 people. The quakes hit the northwestern part of the country. Many residents have lost most, if not all, of their immediate family.

- 8) Kelvin Kiptum, of Kenya, broke the world marathon record in Chicago, becoming the first to run a record-eligible marathon in under 2:01. Kiptum finished the marathon in Chicago in 2:00:35, beating Eliud Kipchoge's previous record time of 2:01:09, set last year. Kiptum ran the 22nd mile of the race in 4:18.
- 9) Scientists used the gene-editing technology CRISPR to create resistance to bird flu in chickens. The researchers were able to use CRISPR to give chickens some resistance to avian influenza, suggesting that genetic engineering could reduce the dangers of the virus, which pose a grave threat to both animals and humans.
- 10) Birkenstock raised \$1.48 billion in its I.P.O.. The corked-soled sandals became popular in the 1960s with hippies and hikers, and collaborations with Christian Dior, Manolo Blahnik and Valentino Garavani drove sales to \$1.3 billion last year.
- 11) An annular solar eclipse will be visible this weekend from much of North and South America. The moon will block a large portion of the sun but leave a so-called ring of fire around the outside. In the U.S., the best views will be along a path from Southern Oregon to Texas.