

New York Times News Quiz – Sept.29, 2023

- 1) Senator Robert Menendez of New Jersey and his wife, Nadine, face federal bribery charges in what prosecutors say was a conspiracy involving weapons sales and aid to Egypt. Prosecutors said the couple accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars, bars of gold bullion and a Mercedes-Benz convertible from three New Jersey businessmen in exchange for the senator's efforts to direct federal aid and weapons sales to Egypt. Menendez and his wife pleaded not guilty on Wednesday in Manhattan.
- 2) According to historians, President Biden this week became the first sitting U.S. president to join a picket line. Biden joined striking autoworkers in Michigan on Tuesday in an extraordinary show of support for labor unions. "You deserve what you've earned, and you've earned a hell of a lot more than you get paid now," he said through a bullhorn.
- 3) The Writers Guild of America ended its strike against Hollywood studios this week after 148 days. It was the second longest in the union's history. While not receiving everything it sought, the union achieved major gains. Members will start voting on the deal's ratification next week.
- 4) The speaker of Canada's House of Commons resigned this week after introducing a Nazi veteran as a "hero". The speaker, Anthony Rota, introduced a 98-year-old Ukrainian who had served with a Nazi SS unit that declared allegiance to Hitler during World War II, to a joint session of Parliament and President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine, who is Jewish.
- 5) After an outbreak of hostilities last week, Azerbaijan seized Nagorno-Karabakh, a breakaway republic, from Armenian control. In 1991 Nagorno-Karabakh declared independence. The battle between the Muslim and Turkic Azerbaijanis and the Christian Armenians over Nagorno-Karabakh, a mountainous enclave of 150,000 people, began under Soviet rule and escalated into war after Azerbaijan and Armenia gained independence.

- 6) The Federal Trade Commission and 17 states sued Amazon this week, accusing the company of illegally stifling competition. The lawsuit accused Amazon of protecting a monopoly over swaths of online retail by squeezing merchants and favoring its own services.
- 7) Taylor Swift attended a Kansas City Chiefs game this week. She was there to see Travis Kelce, Kansas City's star tight end. The two have remained quiet about whether they are friends, or a couple, or just two celebrities trying to leverage each other's fame.
- 8) During the second Republican presidential debate, Nikki Haley told Vivek Ramaswamy onstage, "Every time I hear you, I feel a little bit dumber", after he had explained his decision to join TikTok. Haley's strong performance seemed to solidify her standing in the race, our reporters said. Read more of their takeaways.
- 9) The Golden Bachelor premiered this week on ABC and all contestants are above 60. The reality show features Gerry Turner, 72, who will date 22 women aged between 60 and 75. Turner was married to his high school sweetheart, who died in 2017, for more than four decades.
- 10) One of President Biden's dogs, Commander, bit a Secret Service officer on Monday. The 2-year-old German shepherd has bitten several members of the Secret Service since arriving at the White House.
- 11) A NASA spacecraft returned to Earth this week after a seven-year mission in which it collected samples from the surface of Bennu, a near-Earth asteroid that could offer clues about the genesis of life on Earth. Scientists will study some of the material now, but they will save most of it for future generations.