

NEWS QUIZ OF THE WEEK – FEB. 10, 2023.

1. Who broke Abdul-Jabbar's NBA record?
 - Michael Jordan.
 - LeBron James.
 - Kobe Bryant.
 - Magic Johnson.
2. Who built Gaziantep Castle in Turkey?
 - The Roman Empire.
 - The Byzantine emperor Justinian I.
 - The Ottoman Empire.
 - The United Nations.
3. How did Joe Biden open his second State of the Union address?
 - By congratulating the new Republican House speaker.
 - By introducing a father who had lost his daughter to an overdose.
 - By teasing Republicans.
 - By threatening China.
4. What kind of device was shot down over the Atlantic by the US in Feb. 2023?
 - A civilian airship.
 - A Chinese balloon.
 - A US military balloon.
 - A flying saucer.
5. What is "Catch-and-Kill" in journalism?
 - Chasing subjects to collect sensitive information.
 - Editing stories to make them exciting.
 - Buying the rights to embarrassing stories and never publishing them.
 - Luring dangerous animals, then releasing them to attack celebrities.
6. What is Bard?
 - A chatbot service from Microsoft.
 - A personal assistant from Apple.
 - A personal assistant from Google.
 - A chatbot service from Google.
7. What does AMC Theatre call its revamped pricing scheme in the US?
 - "National Cinema Day"
 - "80 for Brady"
 - "Sightline"
 - "Nightline"
8. What's the year in the 1st Indiana Jones?
 - 1980.
 - 1969.
 - 1936.
 - 2011.
9. What was J.K. Rowling's involvement in creating the Hogwarts Legacy video game?
 - She was heavily involved in the creation of the game.
 - She was not involved in the creation of the game.
 - She had limited input into the development of the game.
 - She is only involved in the marketing of the game.
10. As of February 2023, how many Black people have achieved EGOT status?
 - 4.
 - 2.
 - 16.
 - 18.
11. Which of these artists made history at the 2023 Grammy Awards?
 - Adele.
 - Beyoncé.
 - Harry Styles.
 - Jennifer Lopez.

ANSWERS

1. Who broke Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's NBA career scoring record?

- LeBron James.

[Breaking Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's career record of 38,387 points with a fadeaway 2-pointer in a game against the Oklahoma City Thunder](#) on Feb. 7, 2023, [LeBron James became the NBA's leading career scorer](#). He is the first player to top Abdul-Jabbar's 1984 record in nearly 40 years. James [scored the record-breaking 38,388th point in the third quarter of the game](#). After the record-setting shot, the game was paused for a ceremony with Abdul-Jabbar and NBA commissioner Adam Silver.

2. Who built the main building of Gaziantep Castle in Turkey?

- The Roman Empire.

[The Romans built Gaziantep Castle](#) in the second and third centuries. [The Byzantines strengthened and expanded it during Justinian's reign](#). [Two earthquakes hit Turkey on Feb. 6, 2023](#), destroying Gaziantep Castle. [More than 15,000 people were killed in buildings across Turkey and Syria](#) as a [7.8-magnitude earthquake shook the countries, followed by another 7.7-quake later that day](#).

3. How did Joe Biden open his second State of the Union address?

- By congratulating the new Republican House speaker.

President Biden [gave his second State of the Union address on Feb. 7, 2023](#). He began his speech by congratulating the recently elected House speaker, Kevin McCarthy, seated behind him. ["I don't want to ruin your reputation, but I look forward to working with you," the president said](#). McCarthy laughed. At 73 minutes, [it was Biden's longest speech to Congress in his presidency](#). According to Biden, [Republicans must embrace his tax plan for the wealthy and extend social aid](#). Republicans and Democrats [stood up and clapped when Biden urged lawmakers to stand up for seniors](#). He also urged the House to overhaul policing.

4. What kind of device was shot down over the Atlantic by the US in Feb. 2023?

- A Chinese balloon.

US military officials [notified the Biden administration of a “high-altitude surveillance balloon” flying over Montana on Feb. 4, 2023](#). According to the Pentagon, [China launched the balloon to collect military information, but China called it a “mainly meteorological balloon.”](#) On Feb. 5, President Biden stated [he gave orders to shoot down the balloon but was advised to wait until it reached the safest position](#). Later that day, [an F-22 fighter jet destroyed it with an air-to-air missile over the Atlantic Ocean](#). US officials said the balloon’s entry violated US sovereignty and international law. Pentagon officials said [the administration planned to collect debris for intelligence gathering](#).

5. What is “Catch-and-Kill” in the world of journalism?

- Buying the rights to embarrassing stories and never publishing them.

“Catch-and-kill” is [a dubious practice some journalists use to keep political figures or celebrities from getting embarrassed](#). The National Enquirer has been [scrutinized for suppressing stories about Donald Trump during his campaign](#). Amazon founder [Jeff Bezos said that in 2019, the paper tried to extort him with embarrassing pictures](#), which were eventually published. On Feb. 6, 2023, [a360 Media sold the National Enquirer in an all-cash deal to VVIP Ventures](#).

6. What is Bard?

- A chatbot service from Google.

Google announced on Feb. 6, 2023, that it’s [launching a chatbot service called Bard](#). The conversational AI [is being tested for feedback and will be released to the public in the coming weeks](#). In December, [UBS analysts reported that ChatGPT had 57 million unique visitors](#), potentially outpacing TikTok’s adoption rate. [\\$10bn is being invested in OpenAI by Microsoft](#), which plans to integrate AI into every product it makes.

7. What does AMC Theatres call its revamped pricing scheme in the US?

- "Sightline."

AMC Theatres, the largest movie theater chain in the US, [introduced on Feb. 6, 2023, a revised pricing scheme called “Sightline” that determines the price of movie tickets based on your seat location](#). Seats in the middle will be more expensive, while seats in the front row will be cheaper. By the end of the year, all domestic AMC theaters will have “Sightline” during showings after 4 p.m.

8. In what year did the original Indiana Jones movie take place?

- 1936.

The new “Indiana Jones” is coming out on June 30, 2023, and it’s the fifth film in the franchise. As [the first Indiana Jones film took place in 1936](#), Harrison Ford was [digitally de-aged to transport back to 1944 for 2023’s “Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny” ‘s opening scene](#). A special [AI program accessed all the footage Lucasfilm had of Ford, including footage that was never printed](#).

9. What was J.K. Rowling’s involvement in creating the Hogwarts Legacy video game?

- She was not involved in the creation of the game.

On Feb. 6, 2023, [Avalanche Software released Hogwarts Legacy, an open-world action role-playing game](#). The launch [sparked controversy after J.K. Rowling, the author of Harry Potter fiction, was accused of transphobia](#). While [Rowling may benefit from the game’s popularity](#), it was developed entirely by Warner Bros.-owned Avalanche Software. Hogwarts Legacy’s official FAQ notes that [J.K. Rowling was not directly involved in the game’s development](#).

10. As of February 2023, how many Black people have achieved EGOT status?

- 4.

After Whoopi Goldberg, John Legend, and Jennifer Hudson, [Viola Davis is the fourth Black person to achieve EGOT status](#). She [won the Grammy for narrating the audiobook of her memoir “Finding Me” on Feb. 5, 2023](#), to become the 18th person ever to win a competitive Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony.

11. Which of these artists made history at the 2023 Grammy Awards?

- Beyoncé.

Beyoncé won [a record-breaking 32nd Grammy Award](#), overtaking [Hungarian-British conductor George Solti, whose record of 31 Grammys had stood for more than 20 years](#).