

Nov. 10 Weekly News Quiz

1. In the 2023 SAG-AFTRA Negotiations, Which of The

Following Was NOT A Demand?

- Artificial intelligence usage guidelines.
- Streaming residuals and bonuses.
- Self-driving rides to and from the set.

2. Who's the Politician Who Stirred Up US Congress With a Video?

- Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez with her Green New Deal updates.
- Stacey Abrams for her pivotal role in the 2021 Georgia elections.
- Rashida Tlaib for her statements on Palestinian rights.

3. What Is the Cenotaph in the UK?

- A futuristic monument.
- The London Marathon's starting line.
- A memorial for WWI soldiers.

4. Where Has Amazon's Founder, Jeff Bezos, Set Up His New Home?

- Seattle.
- Miami.
- New York City.

5. WeWork was What Kind of Company Before Bankruptcy?

- A provider of flexible office spaces and co-working environments.
- A global chain of artisanal coffee shops with a side hustle in real estate.
- A pioneer in underwater basket weaving cooperatives.

6. How Many Daughters Does Donald Trump Have?

- Just one, Ivanka.
- Two, Ivanka and Tiffany.
- Three, Ivanka, Melanie, and Tiffany.

7. Who's the First Black Songwriter to Win CMA's Song of The Year?

- Joan Armatrading.
- Tracy Chapman.
- Lionel Richie.

8. Which Boyband Catapulted Robbie Williams to Stardom?

- Take That.
- Boyzone.
- Westlife.

9. Who Wrote Britney Spears' Memoir, "The Woman in Me"?

- Britney Spears by herself.
- Britney Spears with Taylor Swift.
- Britney Spears with Ada Calhoun, Sam Lansky, and Luke Dempsey.

10. In "Rocky", What Is the Stallone Portrayed Character's Last Name?

- Marciano.
- Callahan.
- Balboa.

11. In Her 2023 Book, What Onstage Monster Does Barbra Streisand Confess to Wrestling With?

- A crippling fear of forgotten lyrics.
- An acute case of stage fright.
- A severe Critiquitis

12. Which of these movie franchises is Paul Rudd starring in?

- Art Man.
- Ghostbusters.
- DC's Justice League.

Answers

1. In the Landmark 2023 SAG-AFTRA Negotiations, Which of The Following Was NOT A Demand by The Actors' Union?

- Self-driving rides to and from the set.

During the historic 2023 strike, SAG-AFTRA sought [significant increases in minimum wages](#) to match the rising cost of living. They also sought AI protections ensuring that their digital doubles wouldn't steal the show without compensation, and streaming participation bonuses recognizing that binge-watching isn't just a hobby; it's an economic frontier. The strike, which paused the industry since July 14, [officially ended on November 9, 2023](#). The deal, [described as "historic" by Union President Fran Drescher](#), is set to bring about [the most significant contract-on-contract gains in the union's history](#).

2. Who's This Political Rebel Who Stirred Up the US Congress With a Video?

- Rashida Tlaib for her statements on Palestinian rights.

Rashida Tlaib, the trailblazing Michigan congresswoman and [sole Palestinian American in Congress](#), has recently made waves with [a video accusing President Joe Biden of backing what she termed the "genocide of the Palestinian people,"](#) a statement as subtle as a sledgehammer and as well-received. This political firecracker was dropped on social media on Nov. 3, 2023. With her pointed phrase ["from the river to the sea,"](#) [Tlaib has united Democrats and Republicans](#), though not in the way one might hope—both sides are equally annoyed.

3. What Is the Cenotaph in the UK?

- A memorial honoring soldiers who died in World War I and subsequent conflicts.

[The Cenotaph in Whitehall](#) stands as a silent sentinel in the heart of London, solemnly honoring those who laid down their lives in the Great War and subsequent conflicts. During the Armistice weekend in Nov. 2023, a pro-Palestinian march was rerouted to avoid this iconic memorial, which, after a [political tango involving the Prime Minister and the Metropolitan Police](#), agreed to [a route that respected the sanctity of the remembrance events](#).

4. Where Has Amazon's Founder, Jeff Bezos, Set Up His New Home?

- Miami, where the sun shines as bright as his business sense.

Jeff Bezos, the mastermind behind Amazon and space exploration company Blue Origin, has decided to [trade Seattle's evergreen embrace for Miami's sun-kissed shores](#). This move, [announced via Instagram](#) on Nov. 3, 2023, is a strategic play to be closer to his family, his partner, and the rocket-fueled dreams taking off from Cape Canaveral. Plus, let's not forget the financial cherry on top: Florida's lack of state capital gains taxes surely [sweetens the deal for a billionaire's bank account](#).

5. WeWork Stitched Itself as What Kind of Company Before Unraveling into Bankruptcy?

- A provider of flexible office spaces and co-working environments.

WeWork [entered the business world in 2010](#) and was the maestro of modern, flexible office spaces and co-working environments. WeWork enthusiastically took on [rooms](#). This strategy may have contributed to their financial woes, culminating in [a bankruptcy filing on Nov. 6, 2023](#), listing about \$15 billion in assets and [over \\$18 billion in debt](#). However, despite the bankruptcy filing, [WeWork's spaces remain open and operational](#).

6. How Many Daughters Fell from The Donald Branch in The Trump Family Tree?

- Two, Ivanka and Tiffany, a pair of Trumpettes.

Donald Trump has two daughters, [Ivanka and Tiffany](#). Ivanka, often in the spotlight, is [a central figure in the Trump Organization](#) and her father's political ventures. Tiffany, less in the public eye, is the [only child from Donald Trump's marriage to Marla Maples](#). Ivanka Trump testified on Nov. 8, 2023, [at her father's New York civil fraud trial](#). She was [questioned about her involvement in the Trump Organization's](#) business dealings.

7. Who Became the First Black Songwriter to Win Song of The Year at The Country Music Awards?

- Tracy Chapman.

In a historic turn at the 2023 CMAs, [Tracy Chapman's 1988 hit "Fast Car"](#) given a new lease on life with Luke Combs' cover, sped past the competition to win Song of the Year. This made Chapman [the first Black songwriter ever to snag the award](#). This win came 35 years after the song's debut. The CMAs aired on ABC on Nov. 8, 2023, at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville. Chapman was not present at the ceremony but sent a prepared statement that presenter Sara Evans read.

8. In Her Latest Tell-All Book, What Onstage Monster Does Barbra Streisand Confess to Wrestling with Throughout Her Career?

- An acute case of spotlight syndrome (Stagefright).

Barbra Streisand, the multi-talented diva who conquered Broadway, Hollywood, and the music charts, reveals in [her memoir "My Name Is Barbra"](#) that [she has been shadowboxing with stage fright](#). Her book hit the shelves in November 2023 after a decade-long gestation period.

9. Who Wrote Britney Spears' Memoir, "The Woman in Me"?

- Britney Spears with Ada Calhoun, Sam Lansky, and Luke Dempsey.

[Britney Spears' memoir, "The Woman in Me,"](#) which [delves into her journey from pop stardom to conservatorship](#), was written by the pop icon with the help of three accomplished writers: [Ada Calhoun, who initiated the first draft](#); Sam Lansky, a former Time magazine editor, [who came in after Spears felt the writing was not in her voice](#); and Luke Dempsey, who has worked with Priscilla and Lisa Marie Presley in the past. Lauren Spiegel, an editor at Gallery Publishing, was also a constant collaborator.

10. In the Iconic "Rocky" Film Series, What Is the Sylvester Stallone Portrayed Character's Last Name?

- Balboa.

[Rocky Balboa](#), the underdog boxer with a heart of gold, catapulted Sylvester Stallone to stardom in the 1976 classic "Rocky." [The Netflix documentary "Sly"](#) premiered on Nov. 3, 2023, and [delves into the actor's rise to fame](#), including the pivotal moments of the "Rocky" series.

Fun Fact: The character's softer side, highlighted by his love interest and less "thuggish" demeanor, resulted from Stallone's rewrite after a friend's critique.

11. Which Boyband Catapulted Robbie Williams to Stardom in the UK?

- Take That.

[Robbie Williams](#) shot to fame as the young, cheeky member of Take That, the boyband that ruled the UK charts in the '90s. [A 2023 Netflix documentary](#) dives into Robbie's rollercoaster life, from his Take That days to his solo stardom. It also covers his not-so-smooth attempt to charm the US.

Fun Fact: [The doc was narrated by Williams himself](#), sometimes from the comfort of his bed.

12. Which of these movie franchises is Paul Rudd starring in?

- Ghostbusters.

Besides Marvel's Ant-Man franchise, Paul Rudd stars in [the 2023 installment of the Ghostbusters franchise](#), "Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire," a chilly sequel to the warm reception of 2021's "Ghostbusters: Afterlife." In this frosty follow-up, [Rudd and the gang return to the iconic New York City firehouse](#), where the original Ghostbusters have been cooking up some top-secret ghost-busting tech. Set to hit theaters on March 29, this movie promises to bring a whole new meaning to the term 'cold open.'