

Feb 9 Weekly News Quiz

1. What Led to the Reunion Between Prince Harry and King Charles?

- Harry returned to the UK after King Charles was diagnosed with cancer.
- A groundbreaking environmental initiative launched by King Charles.
- The unveiling of a new portrait of Queen Elizabeth II.

2. What Is An "Atmospheric River"?

- A mystical underwater stream.
- A long, narrow, sky-high moisture belt.
- A river on Mars.

3. What Made Target Pull a Civil Rights-Related Item During Black History Month?

- A controversial ad campaign.
- The quality of themed apparel fabric.
- Misidentification of Black leaders.

4. Who Is the First Western Journalist to Interview Putin Since the Ukraine Invasion?

- They're competing for the coolest fan club name.
- Taylor Swift refused to play golf at Trump's resorts.
- Taylor Swift's political endorsements.

6. Why Is Taylor Swift Taking Legal Action Against a College Student?

- He crashed into one of her concerts.
- He created a Twitter account tracking her private jet's flights.
- He wrote a song about her.

7. Who's The Only Artist to Win 4 Album of The Year Grammys?

- Stevie Wonder.
- Frank Sinatra.
- Taylor Swift.

8. How Many Album of The Year Grammys Does Beyoncé Have?

- Zero.
- One.
- Two.

9. Which Movie Series Features Apollo Creed?

- Rocky
- Guardians of the Galaxy
- The Matrix Reloaded

10. What Is the Final Season Of "Curb Your Enthusiasm"?

- Season 10
- Season 12
- Season 15

11. How Are Mark Ronson and Meryl Streep Connected?

- They co-starred in a musical about pop music history.
- Meryl Streep is Mark Ronson's mother-in-law.
- They were both judges on a reality TV show for aspiring musician.

Answers

1. What Event Led to A Heartfelt Reunion Between Prince Harry and King Charles in February 2024?

- Harry returned to the UK after King Charles was diagnosed with cancer.

In a significant familial moment in February 2024, [Prince Harry returned to the UK following King Charles's cancer diagnosis](#). Buckingham Palace announced [King Charles had been diagnosed with cancer](#), discovered during treatment for a benign enlarged prostate. It was explicitly mentioned that [King Charles did not have prostate cancer](#) but was treated for another form of the disease.

2. What Is An "Atmospheric River"?

- A long, narrow, sky-high moisture belt.

An atmospheric river is [a phenomenon where moisture gathers in the atmosphere and moves with the wind](#). This forms [long, narrow bands that transport significant amounts of moisture](#). These rivers in the sky are crucial in determining global precipitation distribution. ["Pineapple Express" refers to a specific type of atmospheric river](#) that brings warm subtropical moisture from near Hawaii to places like California. This moisture can lead to heavy rainfall and snow, causing beneficial water supplies and potentially severe flooding. For instance, [California braced for "life-threatening" flash flooding due to an atmospheric river event expected to bring the season's largest storm](#), as reported in early February 2024.

3. What Made Target Pull a Civil Rights-Related Item During Black History Month 2024?

- Misidentification of Black leaders in an educational product.

In a blunder that made headlines on Feb. 2, 2024, [Target faced backlash for misidentifying Black leaders on products intended to celebrate Black History Month](#). Target swiftly removed these items and apologized. The mistakes in the [Civil Rights Magnetic Learning Activity](#) went viral after [a Las Vegas high school teacher found them and posted them on TikTok](#).

4. Who Is the First Western Journalist to Interview Vladimir Putin Since the Invasion of Ukraine Began?

- Tucker Carlson, offering a controversial platform for Putin's perspectives.

In a move that surprised many and confirmed some suspicions, Tucker Carlson, the former Fox News host known for his divisive commentary, [secured a landmark interview with Russian President Vladimir Putin](#). This interview, conducted in Moscow, marks the first engagement of its kind since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine two years prior. [Carlson's trip and subsequent interview](#) have been framed

as an effort to bring an alternative perspective to the American public, contrasting with what he describes as biased coverage of the Western media. [The decision by the Kremlin](#) to grant Carlson, a figure criticized for promoting conspiracy theories and extremist views, this exclusive opportunity has sparked discussions about the motivations behind it.

5. What Beef Do Trump Fans Have with Swifties?

- Taylor Swift's political endorsements.

The core of the disagreement lies in [Taylor Swift's active political involvement and endorsement of Joe Biden in the 2020 presidential elections](#). Her potential influence on the 2024 presidential race, especially among young and female voters, has [sparked conspiracy theories involving the Pentagon and the NFL from right-wing media and MAGA supporters](#). They view her as wielding significant cultural influence that could sway the election.

6. Why Is Taylor Swift's Legal Team Taking Action Against a College Student Named Jack Sweeney?

- He created a Twitter account tracking her private jet's flights.

Taylor Swift's legal squad is not amused by [Jack Sweeney's hobby of tracking her jet-setting lifestyle](#). Sweeney, a rather resourceful college student, decided that the world needed to know whenever Swift's private jet took to the skies. He created a Twitter account using publicly available flight data that served up real-time updates on Swift's aerial comings and goings. Swift's legal team, in a move that was more about privacy and safety than stopping high-flying gossip, [sent Sweeney a cease-and-desist letter in early February 2024](#).

7. Who's The Only Artist to Win the Album of The Year Grammy Four Times?

- Taylor Swift.

In a groundbreaking moment at the 2024 Grammy Awards, [Taylor Swift shattered records by winning Album of the Year for "Midnights,"](#) marking her as [the first artist in history to win this coveted award four times](#). Swift's previous wins in this category include "Fearless" (2010), "1989" (2016), and "Folklore" (2021), with "Midnights" (2024) being the latest addition to her Grammy collection. This historic win [propelled Swift past music legends Stevie Wonder, Paul Simon, and Frank Sinatra](#), who each held three wins in the Album of the Year category.

8. Despite Her Record-Breaking Grammy Collection, How Many Album of The Year Awards Does Beyoncé Currently Have on Her Mantle?

- Zero.

Beyoncé has an illustrious [Grammy history with a record-breaking tally](#) that cements her as one of the most awarded artists. However, amidst her vast collection of golden gramophones, the Album of the Year award is a conspicuous absence. [Despite being nominated for this prestigious category multiple times, Beyoncé has yet to clinch the title.](#) This leaves her with zero Album of the Year Grammys on her shelf. Jay-Z highlighted this fact during his [acceptance speech for the Dr. Dre Global Impact Award at the 2024 Grammys.](#) He emphasized the discrepancy between [Beyoncé's significant Grammy success and the absence of an Album of the Year award.](#)

9. Which Movie Series Features Apollo Creed?

- Rocky

[Carl Weathers' portrayal of Apollo Creed](#), the charismatic and formidable boxing champion, is a defining feature of the ["Rocky" movie series.](#) Apollo Creed started as Rocky Balboa's rival in the original 1976 film and evolved into one of his greatest allies and friends throughout the series. [On Feb. 1, 2024, Weathers died at 76.](#) Beyond the "Rocky" series, [Weathers starred in the film "Predator" alongside Arnold Schwarzenegger and appeared in Adam Sandler's "Happy Gilmore."](#)

10. What Is the Final Season Of "Curb Your Enthusiasm"?

- Season 12

"Curb Your Enthusiasm" [ended its illustrious run with its 12th season.](#) Larry David, the mastermind behind the series, confirmed in his press engagements that, despite previous seasons where the end was teased, [season 12 marks the definitive conclusion.](#)

11. How Are Mark Ronson and Meryl Streep Connected?

- Meryl Streep is Mark Ronson's mother-in-law.

Music producer [Mark Ronson and acting legend Meryl Streep](#) are connected through matrimony – well, not theirs, but close enough. He married her daughter, [actress Grace Gummer](#), in 2021. During the 2024 Grammys, host Trevor Noah brought attention to this fascinating familial link by [pointing out that Streep was in attendance as Ronson's mother-in-law.](#)