

# JUNE 16 NEWS QUIZ

1. Which US president was the first to face federal charges?

- Barack Obama.
- Donald Trump.
- George W. Bush.

2. Who is Scotland's longest-serving first minister?

- The youngest and first minority ethnic first minister.
- The first-ever first minister of Scotland.
- The only woman to hold the position.

3. How many times did Silvio Berlusconi serve as Italy's prime minister?

- Once, and he was impeached for corruption.
- Twice, and he resigned after losing a confidence vote.
- Three times, and he was convicted of tax fraud.

4. How long was the first Tucker on Twitter episode?

- 10 minutes.
- 20 minutes.
- 60 minutes.

5. Why was Ted Kaczynski called the Unabomber?

- Because he was a lone wolf ("uno") detonating bombs.
- Because he liked the card game Uno and used it as a code.
- Because he targeted universities and airlines with explosives.

6. Who is the only male tennis legend to win each of the four Grand Slam tournaments at least THREE times?

- Novak Djokovic.
- Roger Federer.
- Rafael Nadal.

7. The 2023 NBA Finals broke which historical record?

- The highest-scoring game in NBA finals history.
- The first time a team recovered from a 3-0 deficit.
- The highest altitude an NBA finals game was ever played at.

8. How did Lionel Messi shock the soccer world after leaving Paris Saint-Germain?

- He joined Inter Miami and Major League Soccer.

- He returned to Barcelona and sued them for breach of contract.
- He switched sports and joined the NBA's Miami Heat.

9. Which of these authors did Stephen King call "maybe the greatest American novelist of my time"?

- George R.R. Martin.
- Cormac McCarthy.
- Dr. Seuss.

10. What was the name of the hippie leader played by Treat Williams in the 1979 musical film Hair?

- George Berger.
- Danny Zuko.
- Critical Bill.

11. What did AI do for the Beatles in 2023?

- It wrote an original song for them based on their previous lyrics.
- It restored John Lennon's voice from an old demo so they could complete a song.
- It created holograms of John Lennon and George Harrison for their reunion concert.

# ANSWERS

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## 1. Which US president was the first to face federal charges?

- ❑ Donald Trump.

On June 9, 2023, the Department of Justice [unsealed a sweeping 37-count indictment against Donald Trump and his aide Walt Nauta](#). The indictment alleges that they [willfully retained and concealed documents containing the nation's most sensitive secrets](#), including nuclear programs, after he left office. The indictment also [accuses Trump of showing some documents to guests at his golf club](#) in New Jersey and instructing his lawyers and aides to obstruct the investigation into their whereabouts. Trump appeared [in a Florida federal court on June 13, 2023](#). He denounced the indictment as [a political "witch hunt" and claimed he was innocent](#).

## 2. Who is Scotland's longest-serving first minister?

- ❑ The only woman to hold the position.

Nicola Sturgeon became [Scotland's longest-serving First Minister on May 25, 2022](#), serving seven years, six months, and five days after becoming the country's first female first minister. Sturgeon [resigned in February 2023 amid a scandal over her ruling Scottish National Party \(SNP\) funding](#). She was [arrested and questioned by police on June 11, 2023](#), becoming the first Scottish first minister to be arrested. She was released without charge later that day. Sturgeon [maintained her innocence and vowed to clear her name](#). **Fun Fact:** Humza Yousaf is [the current, youngest and first minority ethnic first minister of Scotland](#). He succeeded Nicola Sturgeon in March 2023 after she resigned. He has not been in office long enough to break other records.

## 3. How many times did Silvio Berlusconi serve as Italy's prime minister?

- ❑ Three times, and he was convicted of tax fraud.

Silvio Berlusconi was Italy's longest-serving postwar prime minister, serving three non-consecutive terms: 1994-1995, 2001-2006, and 2008-2011. He was known for his lavish lifestyle, controversial policies, and numerous legal troubles. [In 2013, he was found guilty of tax fraud in a case involving his media empire](#). He was sentenced to four years in prison, later reduced to community service. He was also barred from holding public office for six years. He [died on June 12, 2023, at 86](#), two months after being diagnosed with leukemia.

#### 4. How long was the first Tucker on Twitter episode?

- ❑ 10 minutes.

Tucker Carlson [launched his brand-new show on Twitter on June 6, 2023](#). Carlson's Twitter show, aptly named "[Tucker on Twitter](#)," premiered [with a 10-minute episode](#), receiving millions of views. In the first episode, Carlson suggested that the destruction of a major dam in Ukraine was self-inflicted, as usual, without providing any proof. Fox News has claimed that [Tucker Carlson's new Twitter show violates his contract with the network](#). Carlson's Fox News contract lasts until 2025. He was the top-rated talk show host on US cable television at Fox News.

#### 5. Why was Ted Kaczynski called the Unabomber?

- ❑ Because he targeted universities and airlines with explosives.

Ted Kaczynski was [an American domestic terrorist who killed three people and injured 23 others](#) with mail bombs from 1978 to 1995. He was [motivated by a radical anti-technology ideology](#) and wanted to stop industrial society from destroying nature and human freedom. He mainly targeted professors, scientists, and executives in engineering, computer science, psychology, and genetics. Before his identity was revealed, [the FBI gave him the case name UNABOM, for University and Airline Bomber](#). The media adopted this name and called him the Unabomber. He was finally captured in 1996 after his brother David recognized his writing style in [a manifesto published in The New York Times and The Washington Post](#). He pleaded guilty in 1998 and was sentenced to life imprisonment without parole. He [died by suicide in prison on June 10, 2023, at 81](#).

#### 6. Who is the only male tennis legend to win each of the four Grand Slam tournaments at least THREE times?

- ❑ Novak Djokovic.

Novak Djokovic is the only male tennis player to achieve this feat. He [won his third French Open title on June 11, 2023](#). He also [holds the record for most Grand Slam singles titles won by a male player with 23](#). Djokovic is also the only male player to win all nine Masters tournaments and has done so twice. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest tennis players ever. Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal have both won each of the four Grand Slam tournaments at least once, but not three times.

### 7. The 2023 NBA Finals broke which historical record?

- ❑ The highest altitude an NBA finals game was ever played at.

The Denver Nuggets play their home games at [Ball Arena, 5,280 feet \(1,609 meters\) above sea level](#). This makes it the highest-altitude arena in the NBA and the highest venue for any major professional sports team in North America. The Miami Heat, who faced the Nuggets in the 2023 NBA finals, had to [deal with thin air and low oxygen levels](#). The Nuggets [won all three home games in the series, including the decisive Game 5 on June 12, 2023](#). They beat the Heat 94-89 to [clinich their first-ever NBA title](#). Nuggets center [Nikola Jokić was named the NBA Finals MVP](#) after averaging 30.2 points, 14.0 rebounds, and 7.2 assists in the series.

### 8. How did Lionel Messi shock the soccer world after leaving Paris Saint-Germain?

- ❑ He joined Inter Miami and Major League Soccer.

Lionel Messi, one of the greatest soccer players of all time, [announced on June 7, 2023, that he had joined Inter Miami](#). This is a club [owned by another soccer legend, David Beckham](#). Messi [played for Paris Saint-Germain for two years](#) after leaving Barcelona, his long-time club, in 2021. He won the World Cup with Argentina in 2022. Messi had [other offers from Europe and Saudi Arabia](#), but he chose Miami for its lifestyle and brand opportunities.

### 9. Which of these authors did Stephen King call “maybe the greatest American novelist of my time”?

- ❑ Cormac McCarthy.

Cormac McCarthy was a [celebrated US novelist](#) who wrote acclaimed books such as *The Road*, *No Country for Old Men*, and *Blood Meridian*. He [died of natural causes at his home in Santa Fe, New Mexico](#), on June 13, 2023, at 89. Stephen King tweeted his tribute to McCarthy, [calling him “maybe the greatest American novelist of my time.”](#) McCarthy was known for his bleak and violent visions of the American South and West and his sparse prose that influenced many other writers.

10. What was the name of the hippie leader played by Treat Williams in the 1979 musical film Hair?

- ❑ George Berger.

[Treat Williams starred as George Berger](#), a charismatic hippie, in the film, directed by Milos Forman and based on the Broadway musical Hair. Some of his other notable appearances include Things to Do in Denver When You're Dead, Deep Rising, and TV's Everwood. Williams [died on June 13, 2023, at 71](#), after a motorcycle accident in Vermont, where he lived. He [posted a photo of his lawn mower on Twitter hours before he died](#).

11. What did AI do for the Beatles in 2023?

- ❑ It restored John Lennon's voice from an old demo so they could complete a song.

According to Paul McCartney, who spoke to BBC Radio 4's Today program on June 12, 2023, [AI technology was used to separate Lennon's voice and a piano from a 1978 demo recorded two years before his death](#). The demo, likely to be [a song called "Now And Then,"](#) was given to McCartney by Yoko Ono in 1994. Two other songs from the same cassette, "Free as A Bird" and "Real Love," were released in 1995 and 1996 as part of the Beatles' Anthology series. However, "Now and Then" [was abandoned due to background noise and technical issues](#). McCartney said AI had given him another chance to finish the song, which he called "the final Beatles record." He said the song would be released in 2023.