

# JUNE 2 NEWS QUIZ

1. How long has Recep Tayyip Erdogan ruled Turkey?

- 15 years and counting.
- Two decades and counting.
- 25 years and counting.

2. How did Russia react to Sen. Lindsey Graham's meeting with Volodymyr Zelenskyy on May 30, 2023?

- They invited him to a friendly chess game with Putin.
- They issued a warrant for his arrest.
- They sent him a gift basket with caviar and vodka.

3. How did Ron DeSantis announce he was running for president?

- On a glitchy Twitter stream with Elon Musk.
- On a Fox News interview where he vowed to "destroy leftism."
- In a pudding-eating contest with Donald Trump.

4. Which company became the first chipmaker to reach a \$1tn valuation?

- Intel.
- Nvidia.
- Chips Ahoy.

5. What was Elizabeth Holmes' famous scam?

- Inventing a device that turns water into wine.
- Lying about being related to Sherlock Holmes.
- Selling fake blood tests claiming to detect countless diseases.

6. What was the reason behind the 2023 Emilia Romagna Grand Prix cancellation?

- A swarm of bees invaded the track.
- A traffic jam blocked the entrance.
- A heavy rainstorm flooded the area.

7. How old was Tina Turner when she recorded her first solo album?

- 19 years young.
- 36 years old.
- 44 years old.

8. What kind of movie is Anatomy of a Fall that won the Palme d'Or at the 2023 Cannes Film Festival?

- A sci-fi thriller.
- A courtroom drama.
- A musical.

9. What is the last name of Samantha, the sassy publicist on HBO's Sex and the City?

- Smith.
- Brown.
- Jones.

10. How old is Al Pacino?

- 83 Years-old.
- 73 Years-old.
- 63 Years-old.

11. In the grand finale of HBO's Succession, who ended up sitting on the corporate throne of Waystar Royco?

- Tom "The Underdog" Wambsgans.
- Shiv "The Power Woman" Roy.
- Kendall "The Eldest Boy" Roy.

# ANSWERS

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## 1. How long has Recep Tayyip Erdogan ruled Turkey?

- Two decades and counting.

Turkey's presidential election saw [an unprecedented runoff on May 28, 2023](#). Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the man who's been at the helm for two decades and counting, [won 52.1% of the votes](#). His victory means continuing his populist politics. Erdogan's rule has been marked by [a painful cost-of-living crisis](#), limited freedom of speech, and recent earthquakes.

## 2. How did Russia react to Sen. Lindsey Graham's meeting with Volodymyr Zelenskyy on May 30, 2023?

- They issued a warrant for his arrest.

Russia's Interior Ministry [issued an arrest warrant for Sen. Lindsey Graham \(R-S.C.\) after criticizing the Putin regime and praising US military assistance to Ukraine](#) during a meeting with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv on May 30, 2023. Graham responded defiantly by challenging Russia to submit to the International Criminal Court, where [Putin faces a warrant for forced transfers of children from Ukraine](#). He also said he would [wear the arrest warrant as a badge of honor](#).

## 3. How did Ron DeSantis announce he was running for president?

- On a glitchy Twitter stream with Elon Musk.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis [filed paperwork to run for president on May 24, 2023](#). He announced his decision on Twitter, [just ahead of a scheduled Twitter Spaces conversation with Twitter chief Elon Musk](#). The event faced [more than 20 minutes of technical problems and attracted only about 300,000 concurrent listeners](#) and 3.4 million total listeners - far below expectations.

## 4. Which company became the first chipmaker to reach a \$1tn valuation in May 2023, thanks to its dominance of the artificial intelligence market?

- Nvidia.

Nvidia is the leading producer of graphics processing units (GPUs), essential for running complex AI models that generate human-like content. The company's shares have [soared by more than 200% since October 2023](#) as investors were impressed by its revenue forecast and generative AI innovation. On May 30, 2023, [Nvidia briefly joined the exclusive club of US companies with a market value](#) of \$1tn. This club includes Apple, Alphabet, Microsoft, and Amazon.

### 5. What was Elizabeth Holmes' famous scam?

- Selling fake blood tests claiming to detect countless diseases.

Holmes was the founder and CEO of [Theranos, a startup that raised nearly \\$1 billion from investors](#) and became a Silicon Valley sensation. However, The Wall Street Journal exposed her technology [as flawed and dangerous](#) in 2015. She was convicted of fraud and conspiracy in January 2022 and [sentenced to 11 years in prison in May 2023](#). She was incarcerated on May 30, 2023, in [a women's prison camp in Texas](#).

### 6. What was the reason behind the 2023 Emilia Romagna Grand Prix cancellation?

- A heavy rainstorm flooded the area.

The Emilia Romagna Grand Prix in Italy, scheduled for May 21, 2023, [was canceled due to sudden floods](#), its management announced on May 17. It was the first Grand Prix canceled since [the 2020 Australian Grand Prix](#), which was called off due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The floods [had disastrous effects on the Emilia Romagna region](#). Interestingly, another major racing event, [the Coca-Cola 600 race, scheduled for Sunday, May 28, 2023, at Charlotte Motor Speedway, was postponed to Monday, May 29, 2023](#), due to persistent and heavy rain.

### 7. How old was Tina Turner when she recorded her first solo album?

- 44 years old.

Tina Turner was 44 when she released her first solo album, ["Private Dancer" in 1984](#). The album [sold five million copies and launched her tour career](#), which made her a worldwide phenomenon. At the 1985 Grammys, [the album won her three awards for "What's Love Got To Do With It" and a fourth award for "Better Be Good To Me."](#) [Turner died on May 24, 2023, at her home in Küsnacht, Switzerland](#), near Zurich. She was 83 years old.

### 8. What kind of movie is Anatomy of a Fall, that won the Palme d'Or at the 2023 Cannes Film Festival?

- A courtroom drama.

Anatomy of a Fall, directed by Justine Triet, stars Sandra Hüller as [Alice, a popular writer who claims her husband committed suicide by jumping from their balcony](#). However, the police suspect foul play and arrest Alice for homicide. The film [won the Palme d'Or, the highest prize at the Cannes Film Festival, on May 27, 2023](#). [Triet is only the third woman to win the Palme d'Or](#), after Jane Campion for The Piano in 1993 and Julia Ducournau for Titane in 2021.

**9. What is the last name of Samantha, the sassy publicist on HBO's Sex and the City?**

- Jones.

Samantha Jones was played by Kim Cattrall, who won a Golden Globe for her performance in 2002. She was one of the four main characters of the show, along with Carrie Bradshaw (Sarah Jessica Parker), Miranda Hobbes (Cynthia Nixon), and Charlotte York (Kristin Davis). The show ran for six seasons and spawned two feature films. However, Cattrall declined to take part in a third film or the reboot series And Just Like That..., [citing personal issues with Parker](#). The good news: In June 2023, [Cattrall filmed a cameo scene as Samantha for the second season of the reboot series](#). The scene involved a video conversation with Carrie and was filmed without meeting any of the cast.

**10. How old is Al Pacino?**

- 83 Years-old.

Only weeks after 79 years-old Robert De Niro announced he had just had his 7th child, [83 years-old Al Pacino confirmed on May 31, 2023, that his 29-year-old girlfriend, Noor Alfallah, is 8 months pregnant with his fourth child](#). According to TMZ, who broke the news, [Alfallah has been linked to Pacino since April 2022](#) and had a previous relationship with Mick Jagger in 2018.

**11. In the grand finale of HBO's Succession, who ended up sitting on the corporate throne of Waystar Royco?**

- Tom "The Underdog" Wambsgans.

In a twist of events that could only be expected in the world of Succession, Tom "The Underdog" Wambsgans (Matthew Macfadyen) ascends to the throne of Waystar Royco as CEO [in the series finale, titled "With Open Eyes," which aired on May 28, 2023](#). Shiv Roy, initially considered the favorite for the CEO position, [was sidelined when tech mogul Lukas Matsson had a change of heart](#) and saw Tom as a more pliable choice. Meanwhile, [Kendall Roy was left staring blankly at the water](#).