

My answers to Wendy's Current Events Quiz (01/25/07):

1. British soccer athlete [David Beckham] has recently signed to play with an American professional team, the LA [WHO CARES?]. His contract pays him \$[several] million.
2. The US military recently bombed (one, two, three) village(s) in Somalia in an unsuccessful attempt to kill three (al Qaeda, Taliban) terrorist members. Somalia has not had a government for (4, 8?, 16) years.
3. Until recently the capital city [Mogadishu sp?] had been controlled by an Islamic religious group called ICU, the [Islamic C... Catholic? U... Union?]. The capital has been recaptured from these Muslims with the help of soldiers from (DR Congo, Ethiopia, Sudan).
4. Somalia is now led by the TFG, the [Terrorist Fascist Guerrillas?], but it is challenged by the ICU and regional (wargods, warlords) who desire to take control.
5. The newly organized (House, Senate) has begun work on its agenda and has passed a bill that would raise the (maximum, minimum) wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25. This is the first time that the wage has changed since (1997, 2000, 2003). The new wage will increase over the next (two, three, four) years.
6. The first minimum wage was \$2.?? and hour in (1878, 1908, 1938).
7. "an increase in prices and a decrease in the dollar's buying power"—Is really bad for the poor. It's also called inflation.
- 8, T/F The possibility exists tht the new minimum wage may force some small businesses to raise prices and lay off workers to meet these higher wages. It depends on who you ask. Liberals will deny this possibility. The right answer, however, is True. But, you misspelled businesses. You could choose False on a technicality.
9. This new legislation will impact [a few] million American workers who currently earn less than \$7.25 an hour.
10. Last night President [George W. Bush] gave the president's annual report to Congress called the [State] of the [Union] speech.
11. This annual speech was included as part of the US (Bill of Rights, Constitution). It was first delivered by (George Washington, Abraham Lincoln) in (New York City; Philadelphia; Washington, D.C.). For many years the report was just read to the combined Congress, but in 1935, it was first broadcast by (cable, radio, television).
12. T/F Some schools are beginning to include body mass index (BMI) as grades on student report cards. True. At the very least, they're threatening to.
13. Approximately (5, 10?, 15) percent of American children are obese.
14. A food (cube, globe, pyramid) is a useful tool in helping a person eat a healthy diet. Healthy diets greatly limit the amount of [calories, trans-fats, heavy metals] consumed. According to health experts one should consume at least [3-4] servings each day of [fruits] and vegetables.
15. Guatemala is located in (North, Central, South) America. Its population is [several] million people, making it the largest population in the region. This land was once ruled by the (Aztec, Maya, Olmec). This area was overtaken by the (English, French, Spanish) in the early 1500s.
16. "a narrow strip of land between two larger land masses"—Isthmus
17. A (civil, revolutionary) war occurred in Guatemala between 1???, on a Thursday and 1???, probably in October (the years). Today (25, 50, 75) percent of its citizens live in poverty.
18. Name three important agricultural products of Guatemala: poverty drugs mosquitos

19. [Your Mom] was the first woman to graduate from medical school in the US> She graduated first in her class on January 23, [A long time ago]. After becoming a doctor she faced (great, little (duh!!!!)) assistance from male doctors. She eventually set up her own (clinic, hospital, medical college). When she died in [her sleep?], there were (5,000; 7,000; 10,000) female doctors. Today a (quarter, third, half) of all students in medical college are women.

20. Felipe Calderon, president of [Mexico], recently announced that he will do all in his power to help bring down the rapidly rising cost of (gasoline, oil, tortillas). In recent months, the price has increased [25ish?] percent due to the increasing price of corn.

21. Steve Jobs is the president of [Apple, Inc.], one of the most important companies in the world (Really?). Its sales of the [Ipod] portable music device has created great success. Its newest release is the (iCamera, iPhone, iRecorder) which is a music and video player, a camera phone, and an internet browser. Mr. Jobs also owns [Pixar?] Animation Studios.

22. The American embassy in (Greece, Spain) was recently bombed. (Many, No?) deaths or injuries occurred).

23. ETA is a terrorist group in (Greece, Spain) that is seeking independence for its [scum-sucking] people. A recent car bomb in (Athens, Madrid) has ended peace talks between this group and the federal government.

Locate on a map (without actually having a map):

Guatemala - Throw a dart just south of Mexico. You might hit it.

Somalia - Northeastern Africa. Curvy shaped country, on the Saudi Penninsula.

Ethiopia - South of Egypt, near Somalia. Did you ask for a reason?

Greece - East of Italy. The other country with its junk in the Mediterranean Sea.

Spain - Head west across Europe, when you hit water turn around and go back one country. Stop before you hit France (or Andorra).