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# Last Week's News

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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes  
Number of players: Unlimited  
Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers  
Suitable for visually impaired players.

## Overview:

This quiz explores some of the news and current events that occurred last week.

## Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may 'buzz' in and answer.
4. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.

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1. Name the two legendary artists who sang their iconic 1970's and 1980's hit songs ("Both Sides Now" and "Fast Car") at the Grammy Awards last week.
2. The 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution has been in the news lately, and last week, the Supreme Court considered it in connection with former president Donald Trump. What does the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment deal with?
3. As a follow-up to the previous question, which US state determined that Trump should be removed from the ballot because he fomented the insurrection of January 6, 2021, prompting Trump's attorneys appeal to the Supreme Court?
4. Whom did Nikki Haley lose to in the Nevada presidential primary last week?
5. Last week, Britain's King Charles was released from the hospital after treatment for an enlarged prostate. What other additional health issue did the King face this week?
6. Whom did Tucker Carlson interview last week in a controversial effort to strengthen Donald Trump's candidacy, weaken Biden's, and, according to a Berlin-based expert analyst, reinforce a false narrative about Ukraine?
7. A chaotic effort by House Republicans to impeach this member of President Biden's cabinet failed last week by two votes. Can you come up with the name of this Secretary, and/or his position in the cabinet?
8. A jury in Michigan last week convicted Jennifer Crumbley on four counts of involuntary manslaughter in connection with what crime?
9. A bipartisan bill aimed at tackling immigration at the southern border, which was crafted by Senators James Lankford (R) OK, Kirsten Sinema (I) AZ, and Chris Murphy (D) CT, was rejected by Republicans in Congress – even though they had asked for this bill to be attached to a request for funding the wars in Ukraine and Israel. Why was the bill rejected?
10. Last week, a special counsel hired to investigate President Biden decided not to indict him for ... what?
11. Following up on the last question. Democrats were up in arms about the opinions expressed by the special counsel in his final report, but President Biden was incensed that the counsel report that Biden had forgotten ... what?

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## ANSWERS

1. Joni Mitchell and Tracy Chapman
2. The 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which was added to the US Constitution after the Civil War to block former Confederate leaders from holding office, stipulates that any officer of the US government who has taken an oath and broken that oath by fomenting, participating in, or aiding insurrection is not eligible to hold elected office.
3. Colorado
4. She lost to the ballot option “none of these candidates.” The 32% to 62% loss is basically meaningless, because Donald Trump decided to skip the Nevada primary in favor of the Nevada GOP-run caucuses, which he won, giving him all that state’s delegates.
5. King Charles has been diagnosed with cancer. Though Buckingham Palace is not revealing what form of cancer he has, it did announce that he would be cutting back on his public duties for a while. Prince William is expected to fill in during his father’s absence.
6. Vladimir Putin
7. Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas. Criticized for not correctly counting the votes before introducing the measure in Congress, Republican Speaker of the House Mike Johnson blamed Representative Al Green (D) of Texas, who returned from the hospital to vote against impeachment. Three Republicans jumped ship and voted “nay” as well.
8. A school shooting committed by her son. Mrs. Crumbley bought the gun her son used to kill four high school classmates in Oxford, MI in 2021. The trial has become a lightning rod for issues of parental responsibility.
9. As several leaders, including Mitch McConnell, admitted, Donald Trump wanted to run on the issues of immigration. Passage of a bipartisan bill would not serve those interests.
10. For having classified documents in his possession.
11. The counsel included in the report that Biden has forgotten when his son Beau died.