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Last Week's News

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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QUESTIONS

1. About 200 National Guard troops from this state traveled to Illinois last week to deploy in Chicago.
2. What was the official reason the Trump administration gave for the deployment of National Guard troops in Chicago and Portland?
3. Israel and Hamas agreed to the first phase of a US-brokered ceasefire plan this week. Can you name one of the three key elements of the deal?
4. Maria Corina Machado of Venezuela won this honor last week, much to the chagrin of President Trump.
5. The US Justice Department was busy last week. Can you name the two high-profile individuals who were indicted last week, one accused of lying to Congress two years ago and the other accused of mortgage fraud.
6. What was the key cause of flight delays at major airports across the US last week?
7. According to multiple news sources, this former National Security Adviser during Trump's first administration is expected to be criminally charged next week with improperly keeping classified documents in his Maryland home.
8. Although Speaker of the House Mike Johnson denies the accusation, House Democrats argue that the Speaker has delayed doing what for nearly a month in order to prevent a vote on releasing the Epstein files. Representative Johnson has refused to swear in Arizona Representative Adelita Grijalva, who is poised to be the 218th vote in favor of releasing the Epstein files.
9. Born in Los Angeles in 1946, this versatile actress won an Academy Award for Best Actress for the title role in Woody Allen's 1977 film, *Annie Hall*. She died last week in California at the age of 79.

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ANSWERS

1. Texas. While many governors see this Texas action as a betrayal, even an “invasion” of Illinois, most observers consider the action to be unconstitutional.
2. The official reason was to respond to protests at ICE facilities in the two cities.
3. The agreement included 1) the release of all hostages in Gaza, 2) Israel’s withdrawal to an agreed upon point, and 3) the release of some Palestinian prisoners
4. Machado, who lives in hiding from her government, won the Nobel Peace Prize for her untiring fight for democracy and human rights in Venezuela. This highly anticipated decision came after President Trump spent months advocating that he be given the award. According to Politico, he called Norway’s finance minister to discuss his effort to obtain the Peace Prize and in September, he told the UN General Assembly that “everyone says I should get the Nobel Peace Prize.”
5. James Comey, former head of the FBI was indicted for lying to Congress and Leticia James, Attorney General for the state of New York was accused on mortgage fraud.
6. Air traffic controller shortage. The existing shortage of air traffic controllers was exacerbated by the government shut down. The controllers are considered essential employees and must work without pay during a shutdown, so many called in sick, creating a worse shortage of personnel.
7. John Bolton
8. Speaker of the House Johnson has refused to swear in Arizona Representative Adelita Grijalva, who is poised to be the 218th vote in favor of releasing the Epstein files.
9. Diane Keaton