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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. The war in Iran has slowed traffic through this waterway, disrupting the global oil supply.
2. Last week, Tehran, the capital of Iran, experienced an unusual phenomenon called "black rain," in which dark, oily smoke spread over the city and black rain fell on the streets. What caused the black rain?
3. There has been an increase in violent attacks in the US. Can you identify:
 - a. The city where homemade bombs were found outside the mayor's residence?
 - b. The state where a man drove his vehicle through the front doors and into the hallway of Temple Israel Synagogue?
 - c. The university where a shooter opened fire in an ROTC classroom, killing the teacher and injuring two others?
4. Which group of government employees has been expected to work without pay for over a month?
5. Do you know which Canadian province set their clocks forward for the last time last week?
6. A new sculpture of President Trump and this infamous friend of his has appeared on the National Mall. It recreates the "I'm king of the world" scene from the movie *Titanic* in which Jack and Rose look out over the bow of the ship.
7. Why did the US Department of Defense ban photographers from press briefings on the US-Israeli conflict with Iran?
8. This soon-to-be 86-year-old congressman from South Carolina, a Democrat, announced last week that he will run for office in 2026.
9. According to reports, how much did the United States spend on munitions in the first two days of the war with Iran?
10. Democrat Shawn Harris and Republican Clay Fuller advanced to an April 7 runoff to fill whose vacated House seat?

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ANSWERS

1. The Strait of Hormuz, which runs between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman and supplies fuel to most of Asia
2. Israel bombed fuel depositories near the capital. The “rain” was actually fuel, and the polluted air was filled with toxins, health experts said. Many residents described experiencing migraines and dizziness.
3. Violent attacks:
 - a. The bombs were discovered outside New York City’s Gracie Mansion. The pair arrested for the crime have previous affiliation with the radical Islamic terrorist group ISIS.
 - b. Michigan. The attacker, a naturalized US citizen who was killed in the attack, had lost four family members in an Israeli air strike in Beirut the week before.
 - c. Old Dominion University in Virginia
4. TSA, the Transportation Security Administration
5. British Columbia. According to the premier of British Columbia, 90% of the population supports permanent Daylight Saving Time.
6. Jeffrey Epstein. The statue is titled “The King of the World.”
7. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth’s team was upset that an “unflattering” photo of Hegseth scowling was used by the media.
8. James Clyburn
9. Five billion dollars
10. Marjorie Taylor Greene