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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 top two candidates for the governorship of California have been selected. Can you name them both?
2. Speaking of California: can you name one of the two candidates who will vie for the office of Mayor of Los Angeles in November?
3. What billionaire testified in front of the House Oversight Committee last week about his association with Jeffrey Epstein?
4. Speaking of billionaires: which one achieved the title of trillionaire last week, and how did he do that?
5. President Trump faced loud boos at Madison Square Garden when he attended Game Three of the NBA (Basketball) Finals. Which team won that game?
6. This British-born artist, known for his colorful and often cheerful paintings, died last week, just a month before his 89th birthday.
7. What is the name of the flesh-eating parasite that was recently detected in US livestock for the first time in decades?
8. Can you name the airline that made headlines last week after one of its pilots was accused of flying for 17 years with a fake pilot's license?
9. Who won the controversial Democratic primary for US Senator in Maine?
10. Last week, President Trump walked out on an interview with Kristen Welker, a reporter for this weekly news show.
11. After his first pick for Director of National Intelligence (Bill Pulte) brought a flood of bipartisan criticism, whom did President Trump nominate last week for the cabinet position?

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ANSWERS

1. Xavier Becerra, a Democrat, will face off against Steve Hilton, a Republican. The third-place candidate, Tom Steyer, called on his supporters to unite behind Becerra.
2. The race will pit two Democrats against each other: incumbent Karen Bass and progressive Democrat Nithya Raman. Reality star Spencer Pratt, a Republican, was defeated in the primary.
3. Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft
4. Elon Musk became America's first trillionaire after his company, Space X, went public with the initial stock price of \$135 per share.
5. The San Antonio Spurs won the game, breaking the New York Knicks' 13-game post-season winning streak. (Some ardent fans blame President Trump!)
6. David Hockney
7. The screwworm
8. Air Canada
9. Despite a swirl of controversies over his past behavior, Graham Platner won the primary and will face the incumbent senator, Republican Susan Collins, in November.
10. *Meet The Press*. Trump objected to Welker's questions, and called her and the media "crooked" while complaining about the "fake, dirty press."
11. Jay Clayton, who has served as the US Attorney for the Southern District of New York since 2025, and previously served as the chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission from 2017 to 2020.