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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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1. This former Federal Reserve chairman, who led the central bank under four presidents from 1987 to 2006, died last week at age 100.
2. With the announcement that the current prime minister will leave office in September, this European nation will have a record-breaking seventh prime minister in just over a decade.
3. Can you name the Argentine soccer player whose two-goal performance last week catapulted him into the record books as the all-time leading scorer in FIFA World Cup?
4. Creator of countless iconic characters, including The 2000-Year-Old Man, this legendary comedian, writer, filmmaker, and actor turns 100 on Sunday.
5. A federal judge ordered this Washington institution to explain why its front façade is still covered with a large tarp.
6. According to President Trump, what happened to the D.C. Reflecting Pool?
7. Last week's Supreme Court ruling allows President Trump to end TPS (Temporary Protected Status), which could immediately affect more than 350,000 individuals from these two countries.
8. Two major earthquakes struck this South American country last week.
9. This legend of the music industry, who is credited with signing many blockbuster acts – from Tony Orlando and Barry Manilow to Janis Joplin, Billy Joel, Bruce Springsteen, Whitney Houston, and many others – to their first recording contracts, died last week in New York City at the age of 94.
10. A massive heat dome covered much of Western Europe last week. Which country broke all records with temperatures exceeding 112° Fahrenheit?
11. As the week came to an end, this former member of the Biden Cabinet revealed that an anonymous tipster falsely accused him of violent crimes, prompting Child Protective Services and the police to investigate.

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ANSWERS

1. Alan Greenspan
2. The United Kingdom. Prime Minister Keir Starmer, leader of the Labor Party, assumed office in July 2024.
3. Lionel Messi
4. Mel Brooks
5. The Kennedy Center
6. Trump has repeatedly blamed vandals ("radical left" vandals) for slicing the blue lining of the pool and for dumping materials that caused the algae growth. While there is no evidence to back up those claims, several people, including a former Olympic canoeist, have been arrested and charged with destruction of property.
7. Haiti and Syria. It should be noted that the legal implications of the termination of TPS can ultimately extend far beyond these two groups.
8. Venezuela. At this writing, more than 1,400 deaths have been recognized, with hundreds more people still trapped in the rubble or unaccounted for.
9. Clive Davis
10. France
11. Former Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, who was separated from his children for 24 hours until authorities deemed the claims to be unfounded.