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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. After a call from President Trump, Gianni Infantino, the head of this organization, lifted the suspension of US soccer player Folarin Balogun.
2. The controversy surrounding President Trump's interference in a soccer call soon disappeared after the USA team's dreams of winning the World Cup ended with a 4-1 loss to this European country.
3. This high-profile US senator has been hospitalized for more than three weeks without explanation (as of this writing).
4. This Senate candidate from Maine ended his campaign after a former girlfriend accused him of raping her in 2021.
5. Last week, a federal judge ordered that President Trump pay the \$5.8 million judgement he owes to this journalist/advice columnist after he was found guilty of sexual abuse and defamation.
6. Last week, President Trump attended a NATO summit in which country?
7. Although the President flew to the NATO summit on the new Qatari Air Force One, he returned home on an older presidential aircraft. What did the President say was the reason? And for extra points, what did the Secret Service say was the reason?
8. Can you name the medical drama series that garnered the most Emmy award nominations, which were announced last week?
9. The Running of the Bulls kicked off this week on the 100th anniversary of the publication of *The Sun Also Rises* by this American author, which popularized the annual nine-day event in Pamplona, Spain.
10. Only one North American city made it to the *Economist's* list of the 10 most livable cities ... and it's not in the USA.
11. Another ICE scandal is emerging in this city where a man, who was not a target of an ICE arrest, was shot and killed by an ICE officer, who claimed the man went after him in his car. Three witnesses report the incident differently.

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ANSWERS

1. FIFA, the international governing body for association football (soccer). Balogun had been suspended for serious foul play when he stepped on the ankle of Tarik Muharemovic of Bosnia-Herzegovina and twisted his foot.
2. Belgium
3. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky
4. Graham Platner
5. E. Jean Carroll
6. Turkey
7. Trump said that the new Air Force One was going to “a couple of big bases in Europe” to be shown to US troops there. But the Secret Service reportedly urged the switch due to security risks, saying the new jet lacks the advanced defensive countermeasures and antimissile capabilities of the previous models.
8. *The Pitt*, which receive 25 nominations
9. Ernest Hemingway
10. Vancouver. The top three were Copenhagen, Vienna, and Melbourne. The highest-rated US city was Honolulu, in 25th place.
11. Houston