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# Last Week's News

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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. Which state was drenched by a powerful storm last week that caused widespread flooding and power outages?
2. What phone number, which has been used at least since 1930, is going out of service for millions of Americans?
3. Prince Harry published his memoir this week, which details some controversial claims about the British royal family. What is the title of Harry's book?
4. What government official needs to answer for small batches of classified documents being found in one of his former offices and in one of his homes?
5. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commissioner, what popular appliance has been found to emit pollutants and has been linked to diseases such as asthma?
6. Why is the price of eggs reaching incredible heights of nearly \$10 per dozen in the US and around the world?
7. Last week, thousands of Brazilians stormed government buildings in the nation's capital of Brasilia. What were they protesting?
8. What happened in the US last week for the first time since September 11, 2001?
9. In the wake of the Highland Park shooting last Fourth of July, Democratic governor J. B. Pritzker of this state signed a bill that bans semi-automatic weapons.
10. For the first time, a vaccine for insects has been approved in the US. The vaccine is for a bacterial disease that causes colony death in which insects?
11. What famous daughter, a singer and songwriter in her own right, died last week at the age of 54 of cardiac arrest?

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## ANSWERS

1. California
2. 411. Beginning this month, AT&T customers with digital landlines won't be able to dial 411 or 0 to get directory assistance or reach an operator. The company is instead directing customers to find addresses and phone numbers on Google or online directories.
3. *Spare*, which is a reference to "the heir and a spare," an age-old phrase indicating the need for any monarchy to have a secure line of succession. In the British royal family, the present heir is Prince William, while Prince Harry grew up as the "spare."
4. President Joe Biden. President Joe Biden's legal team found batches of classified government records that were incorrectly handled following his time as vice president. Classified documents are supposed to go to the National Archives when an administration ends.
5. Gas stoves. It should be noted, however, that despite some political messaging to the contrary, the government does not plan to ban gas stoves.
6. A deadly avian flu is causing widespread shortages of eggs.
7. They were supporters of former president Jair Bolsonaro, and they were protesting Brazil's recent presidential election, which they falsely claimed had been stolen.
8. All airline flights were grounded. After several hours, it was learned that the problem that caused the stoppage was due to a failure in the safety alert system.
9. Illinois, which is the ninth state to ban automatic weapons
10. Honeybees
11. Lisa Marie Presley, the daughter of rock and roll legend, Elvis Presley