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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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1. The Oscar nominations were announced last week. Can you name the film, described as an absurdist comedy-drama, that centers on a Chinese-American immigrant who finds herself fighting alternate universes to save the world?
2. Which two California cities experienced back-to-back mass shootings last week?
3. More violence in America last week. Five police officers in this city beat a 29-year-old man, who had allegedly been stopped for a traffic violation, to death.
4. Two crime videos were released last week. Particularly hard to watch was the shocking body camera video of the five policemen in Memphis beating Tyre Nichols to death. The other video captured this San Francisco crime.
5. Roughly a dozen classified documents were discovered last week in the home of this former office holder.
6. In addition to the United States, which country announced that it will send tanks to Ukraine, following weeks of diplomatic pressure to do so?
7. Which brand of candy is temporarily retiring its animated character mascots and replacing them as spokes "persons" with real actress Maya Rudolph?
8. The Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing last week on Ticketmaster's hold over the entertainment industry, after the company bungled sales for this megastar musician's latest tour.
9. What US Representative from Arizona announced last week that he will seek the Senate seat held by Kyrsten Sinema?
10. After being removed from the House Intelligence Committee by Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy, this US Representative from California announced that he will be seeking the Senate seat currently held by Dianne Feinstein, who is expected to retire next year.
11. A new bill from a group of House conservatives would abolish the current tax system and replace it with this kind of tax.
12. The price of a first-class stamp has gone up once again. What is the new price of a first-class "Forever" stamp?
13. Can you name President Biden's Chief of Staff, who last week announced that he would be stepping down from that role in the near future?

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## ANSWERS

1. *Everything, Everywhere, All at Once*
2. Monterrey Park (in Los Angeles County) and Half Moon Bay (near San Francisco). In both cases, Asian American communities were targeted.
3. Memphis, Tennessee. The police officers have been arrested and charged with second-degree murder, aggravated assault and kidnapping, and official misconduct.
4. The video of the right-wing terrorist breaking into Nancy and Paul Pelosi's San Francisco home and ultimate of the perpetrator beating 80-year-old Paul Pelosi with a hammer.
5. Vice President Mike Pence. The representatives for former Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and the late George H.W. Bush all told CNN that all classified records from those administrations were turned over to the National Archives when each of those Chief Executives left office.
6. Germany
7. M&Ms. The makers of M&Ms decided to "bring down the temperature" by putting the colorful characters on pause after the Far Right media, especially Tucker Carlson of Fox, harangued the company for its "wokeness" when it updated Green and Brown's "sexy" footwear and rebranded its other colorful characters to be more inclusive and diverse.
8. Taylor Swift
9. Ruben Gallego
10. Adam Schiff
11. A sales tax. Representative Buddy Carter of Georgia introduced the bill, with support from thirty other Republicans, in which Americans would pay a hefty 30 percent sales tax on all purchases.
12. 63 cents
13. Ron Klain