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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 “Hush Money/Election Interference” trial of Donald Trump ended last week with a guilty verdict on all 34 counts. Can you name: The judge who presided over the trial? Donald Trump’s lead attorney? The prosecution attorney who delivered more than four hours of closing argument?
2. Which legendary actor clashed with pro-Trump supporters outside the Manhattan Criminal Court last week?
3. Thanks to this long-awaited change in the “statistical records” of Major League Baseball, power-hitter Josh Gibson, who died in 1947, is the MLB’s all-time career leader in batting average, slugging percentage, and on-base plus slugging percentage.
4. Bao Li and Qing Bao are on their way to the Smithsonian National Zoo. Who are Bao Li and Qing Bao?
5. Who made the news last week when he had to apologize for using a homophobic slur in a closed-door meeting?
6. A Chicago house went on the market last week for \$5.25 million. It was the location for this iconic 1990 Christmastime movie.
7. Who ended a letter written to Congress with this quote: “My wife is fond of flying flags. I am not.”
8. This 6’11” red-haired Hall of Fame basketball center, who played for the Portland Trail Blazers, San Diego/Los Angeles Clippers, and the Boston Celtics, died last week of cancer at age 71. (*Hint: He was also famously known as a devotee of the rock band The Grateful Dead.*)
9. Marian Robinson, who lived in the White House from 2009 to 2016, died last week at the age of 86. Who was Marian Robinson?

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ANSWERS

1. The presiding judge was Juan Marchan; Mr. Trump's lead attorney was Todd Blanche; and the member of the prosecution who delivered the closing argument was Joshua Steinglass.
2. Robert DeNiro
3. The MLB now incorporates the statistics of the Negro League players into its records. Josh Gibson played for the Negro Leagues.
4. Two pandas, which are being loaned by China to the Smithsonian
5. Pope Francis
6. *Home Alone*. In the listing, the *Home Alone* house was described as "one of the most iconic movie residences in American pop culture ... a masterpiece of traditional style."
7. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito, who refused to recuse himself from cases involving the January 6th insurrection on the grounds that it was his wife who flew the "Stop the Steal" flag on their property, not him.
8. Bill Walton
9. Michelle Robinson Obama's mother.