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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. Last week, the US Supreme Court allowed the government to deport eight men to this violence-plagued country in Africa.
2. Last week, this Republican Senator from North Carolina and this five-term Republican Representative from Nebraska announced their retirement from politics. Both said they feel “out of step” with the current Republican party.
3. Can you name the House Democratic leader (from New York) who gave the longest floor speech (nearly 9 hours) in history, to delay the vote on President Trump’s budget bill?
4. In addition to including sweeping tax cuts, President Trump’s domestic policy bill also cuts nearly \$1 trillion over the next decade from what safety net program?
5. In a New York courtroom, this hip-hop music mogul was convicted of two prostitution related offenses last week but acquitted of sex trafficking and racketeering charges that could have put him behind bars for the rest of his life.
6. This charismatic televangelist, who was ousted by his global Pentecostal church (the Assemblies of God) in 1988 over encounters he had with prostitutes, died last week at age 90.
7. Which 40-year-old basketball player will be returning to the Los Angeles Lakers to play next season. He will be the first player in basketball history to complete 23 seasons.
8. President Trump signed an executive order ending US sanctions on this Middle Eastern country.
9. Can you name the 41-year-old professional eater who returned to Coney Island and won his 17th hotdog competition on July 4th? For extra kudos, can you guess how many hotdogs he ate?

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ANSWERS

1. South Sudan. Only one of the eight men is from South Sudan, and neither the US nor South Sudan has said what will happen to the men once they arrive.
2. North Carolina Senator Thom Tillis and Nebraska Representative Don Bacon
3. Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries. Jeffries wanted to be sure that Republicans were prevented from passing the bill in the middle of the night when few Americans were watching.
4. Medicaid
5. Sean "Diddy" Combs. Combs will remain in jail until his sentencing.
6. Jimmy Swaggart
7. LeBron James
8. Syria
9. Joey Chestnut ate 70.5 hot dogs in ten minutes. (He did not beat his own record of 76 hotdogs set in 2021.)