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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. Some questions about last week's elections:
 - a. Who is the mayor-elect of New York City and how old is he?
 - b. Who is the governor-elect of Virginia?
 - c. Who is the governor-elect of New Jersey?
 - d. For extra credit: Mikie Sherrill will be New Jersey's second woman governor. Who was the first?
 - e. There were no candidates on the California ballot, just Proposition 50. In a nutshell, what is Proposition 50?
2. Can you name the former US vice president who died last week at age 84, along with the state was he from?
3. Can you name the US Representative from California who will be retiring in 2026?
4. Where did a UPS cargo plane crash last week, leaving a fiery trail of death and destruction?
5. Tom Brady and his pet dog Junie made news last week. Why?
6. Last week, President Trump posted photos of his marble and gold renovations to this White House room in the executive suite.
7. Last week, on the night before SNAP (or food stamp) benefits ended for millions of Americans, the president hosted a decadent party at Mar-a-Lago inspired by what novel?
8. Last week, Sean Dunn was found not guilty of assaulting a federal officer at a Washington, DC protest against immigration raids. What was Dunn's chosen weapon?
9. Last week, Nobel Prize winner James Watson died at age 97 in a Long Island, NY hospice. What was Watson's groundbreaking discovery?

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ANSWERS

1. Last week's elections:
 - a. Zohran Mamdani is 34 years old.
 - b. Abigail Spanberger
 - c. Mikie Sherrill
 - d. Republican Christine Todd Whitman (1994-2001)
 - e. Proposition 50 authorizes the California legislature to redraw its congressional districts in such a way that Democrats could gain up to five seats in the US House of Representatives. Proposition 50 is in direct response to the mid-decade Republican gerrymandering in Texas.
2. Dick Cheney, who was from Wyoming, died of cardiovascular disease.
3. Nancy Pelosi, 85, who will have served 20 two-year terms
4. The plane crashed shortly after taking off in Louisville, Kentucky.
5. Brady revealed that Junie is actually a clone of Luna, his dead pit bull mix.
6. The Lincoln bathroom
7. *The Great Gatsby*. The tone-deaf theme for the party was "A Little Party Never Killed Nobody."
8. A Subway Foot-long sandwich. The prosecutor, former Fox News host Jeanine Pirro, apparently didn't convince the jury that a sandwich rose to the level of an assault weapon.
9. In 1953, Watson co-discovered (with his colleague, British geneticist Francis Crick) the structure of DNA, the blueprint for all life on earth.