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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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1. There were several high stakes debates last week. Can you name the two opponents in the three highest profile matches: Georgia, Michigan, and Maine?
2. What professional football player, coach, and sports commentator, who spent most of his career with the Chicago Bears, died last week at age 86?
3. Ping Ping and Fu Shuang arrived in the US from China last week. Who are they?
4. Capitulating to a strong bipartisan backlash, President Trump announced that his super PAC, MAGA Inc., will pay for this activity, that was previously (and likely illegally) paid for by the US taxpayers.
5. Anne Carson, the professor, writer, poet, essayist, and translator of ancient Greek tragedies, won the Nobel Prize in Literature last week. What country is Carson from?
6. Eva Marie Saint died this week at the age of 102. She won her first and only Academy Award for her film debut in this 1954 classic, in which she starred opposite Marlon Brando.
7. In his new book, outgoing Republican Senator Thom Tillis of North Carolina said that confirming this Trump Cabinet member is the biggest regret of his (Tillis') career.
8. Just before this current ambassador to Greece (and former fiancée of Donald Trump, Jr.) was confirmed, she asked a Trump donor to secretly wire her \$100,000 to pay her American Express bill and in exchange, she would offer access to top Trump officials.
9. When this Arkansas senator failed to support making Daylight Saving Time permanent year-round, President Trump published his personal phone number in the hope that he would be pressured to change his mind.
10. President Trump has approved the execution of Major Nidal Malik Hasan, who was convicted of a mass shooting at Fort Hood in Texas in 2009. How, according to Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth, will the execution be carried out?

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ANSWERS

1. Georgia: Jon Osoff (D) and Mike Collins (R). Michigan: Abdul El-Sayed (D) and Mike Rogers (R). Maine: Susan Collins (R) and Troy Jackson (D)
2. Mike Ditka
3. They are pandas who are on loan from China and will live in Atlanta for the next ten years.
4. The White House said that the president will, from now on, pay for the publicity/campaign ads that have been running for over a month. However, the president does not plan to reimburse taxpayers for the more than \$10 million already spent on the ads.
5. Carson is Canadian – the third Canadian-born writer to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. Carson and her husband have also held Icelandic citizenship since 2022.
6. *On the Waterfront*
7. Secretary of Defense, Pete Hegseth
8. Kimberly Guilfoyle
9. Tom Cotton
10. By firing squad, with the execution live-streamed so that the public can watch. Hasan will be the first person executed through the military justice system since 1961. The possibility of carrying out what would amount to a public execution has been met with intense domestic backlash and worldwide criticism.