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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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## QUESTIONS

1. Pope Leo underwent a successful operation to remove a cancerous nodule from which part of his body?
2. Which US representative from Minnesota was the target of an ICE raid last week?
3. Can you name the White House Press Secretary who was fired less than a week into the job?
4. Can you also name the US Ambassador to Greece who was fired last week, following a series of reports accusing her of misconduct and conflicts of interest?
5. Who gets the title of largest contributor to Republican-aligned groups and candidates in 2026 with donations reaching \$366 million?
6. A 16-year-old assailant shot through locked doors at an elementary school in this Oregon city, killing three children, one teacher, and critically injuring two others.
7. Millions of Medicare enrollees received a letter from President Trump last week stating that a one-time payment to offset some of their Medicare premium costs was coming their way. How much did they receive?
8. Can you name the Canadian-born singer-songwriter, famous for lyrics such as "they paved paradise and put up a parking lot," who became a US citizen last week after living in the States for the last six decades?
9. A small ten-year-old Jack Russell terrier named Luna survived more than a month on her own in this National Park before she was reunited with her owners.

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## ANSWERS

1. Lung. Pope Leo has no known history of smoking.
2. Rep. Ilhan Omar. Immigration agents seized a phone, computers and a passport belonging to the Somalia-born congresswoman and vocal Trump critic. The investigation is “aimed at building a case to strip her of her US citizenship and ultimately deport her,” said *The Wall Street Journal*.
3. Katie Zacharia. Zacharia faced increasingly negative scrutiny over her credentials (she claimed to be a lawyer when she never passed the bar exam) and her performance at her first press briefing.
4. Kimberly Guilfoyle
5. Elon Musk
6. Bend, Oregon
7. \$90. For most Americans, that’s less than half of one month’s premium payment.
8. Joni Mitchell, who also retained her Canadian citizenship as well.
9. Yellowstone National Park. Luna’s strong survival instincts helped her avoid the dangers in a park filled with grizzly bears, wolves, coyotes, and eagles.

