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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. With apologies to our Canadian subscribers, last week's news was dominated by the mid-term election results in which the Democrats won the majority in both the House and the Senate. As of this writing, the Senate races in two states are still undecided … which are the last two states to determine a winner?
2. Adam Hamilton, a megachurch pastor, won his race for Senator from this state … its first Democratic senator since 1932.
3. Can you name the first Muslim elected to the US Senate? Hint: He's from Michigan.
4. Can you name the newly elected governor of Georgia … the first Black female governor ever elected in the US.
5. Last week, Deb Haaland became the first Native American woman to serve as a state governor … of what state?
6. Can you name the newly elected senator from Texas, who will be that chamber's youngest member at 37 years old?
7. Who did President Trump pick as his new Chief of Staff, to replace the departing Susie Wiles?
8. According to Vice President J.D. Vance, this was the key reason Republicans lost so badly in the 2026 midterms.
9. Which incumbent senator from Connecticut suffered a mild stroke during his son's hockey game last week?
10. Can you name the legendary musician that met with Pope Leo XIV at the Vatican last week (and gave the Pope his autobiography).
11. Forty-one year old Cristiano Ronaldo announced his retirement this week. Who is Cristiano Ronaldo?

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ANSWERS

1. Alaska and Mississippi
2. Kansas
3. Abdul El-Sayed
4. Keisha Lance Bottoms
5. New Mexico
6. James Talarico.
7. Steven Miller
8. The war with Iran
9. Chris Murphy. He is expected to make a full recovery.
10. Bob Dylan
11. Ronaldo, from Portugal, is widely regarded as one of the best professional soccer players of all time.

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