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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. Who won the US Senate race in Mississippi? And who lost?
2. Can you name the Taiwanese-American CEO and founder of the pioneering Artificial Intelligence company NVIDIA (pronounced: en•VID•ee•ah) who resigned last week after confessing to having an affair with an alleged Chinese spy.
3. Which US senator has put his hat in the ring to challenge Chuck Schumer as Senate Majority Leader.
4. The *SS United States*, a decommissioned passenger liner, was intentionally sunk off the coast of Florida last week to create this type of artificial habitat for fish?
5. The governor of this state spared the lives of 548 prisoners on death row by reducing their sentences to life in prison without parole – a move that cancels approximately 25% of all death sentences nationwide.
6. California voters rejected Proposition 40, a ballot initiative that would have imposed a one-time five percent tax on whom?
7. Representative Thomas Massie (R-KY) introduced articles of impeachment against Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth. One reason it was defeated is because no other republicans voted for it. Another reason is that eleven Democrats did not show up to vote. Why?
8. According to the *Washington Post,* which member of the Trump cabinet has spent over $1.2 million of taxpayer money traveling to his son's football games in Florida?
9. All flights across the United States were grounded last Friday. Why?

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ANSWERS

1. Scott Colom (Democrat) won and made history as the first black US senator from Mississippi in nearly 150 years. Cindy Hyde-Smith (Republican), after serving nearly five years in the office, lost by 7,553 votes.
2. Jensen Huang
3. Senator Chris Van Hollen (D) of Maryland. Van Hollen is 63 years old. Schumer, who has represented NY in the Senate for 27 years, is 76.
4. A coral reef
5. California. Just two months before leaving office, Governor Gavin Newsom announced his decision that will still require approval from the state's highest court.
6. The Ultra-wealthy. Critics of the tax, including Gov. Gavin Newsom, said it would have prompted ultrawealthy taxpayers to leave the state.
7. Many of them were caught in a traffic jam and couldn't make it on time.
8. Marco Rubio
9. At this writing the cause appears to be a failure of communication technology.

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