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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. Who won the Senate seat in Pennsylvania, and in so doing, flipped the seat, which had been held by a Republican for more than a decade, to a Democrat?
2. Which state will hold a runoff election for a US Senate seat after neither candidate cleared the 50% threshold to win outright?
3. Who will be the next governor of Texas?
4. The race for US Senate from Arizona was won by just over five percentage points by this incumbent Democrat.
5. On the other hand, the governor's race in Arizona between these two candidates is running neck and neck and will not be called until all votes are in.
6. The margin between candidates Catherine Cortez Masto and Adam Laxalt is, at this writing, razor thin. Fewer than 1,000 votes currently separate the two candidates for US Senate from this state.
7. In which state was Democrat Maura Healey elected as the nation's first openly lesbian governor?
8. What was the name of the tropical storm that hit Florida last week, even as some residents are still recovering from Hurricane Ian?
9. A single winning ticket for the record \$2.04 billion Powerball lottery was sold last week in what state?
10. Who won the World Series championship last week?
11. Who was voted *People* magazine's Sexiest Man Alive for 2022?
12. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis won his reelection handily and emerged as a serious challenger to a 2024 Donald Trump run for the White House. What nickname did the former president recently bestow on Governor DeSantis?

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ANSWERS

1. John Fetterman, who beat Mehmet Oz by nearly 5 percentage points. It is interesting to note that although Oprah Winfrey gave Dr. Oz his start on television in the early 2000s, she did not endorse him as a Senate candidate.
2. Georgia. The runoff vote between incumbent Senator Raphael Warnock and Herschel Walker will be held in December.
3. Greg Abbot won re-election against Democratic opponent Beto O'Rourke.
4. Former astronaut Mark Kelly
5. Kari Lake (Republican) and Katie Hobbs (Democrat)
6. Nevada
7. Massachusetts
8. Nicole, which made landfall as a Category 1 hurricane before weakening to a tropical storm
9. California. More specifically, the winning ticket was sold in Altadena, California, near Los Angeles. At this writing, the holder of the ticket has yet to come forward.
10. The Houston Astros beat the Philadelphia Phillies in six games.
11. Actor Chris Evans
12. Ron DeSanctimonious