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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. The election results are in. When the new Congress convenes in January, which party will control each of the two chambers (the House and the Senate)?
2. Although the control of the Senate has been determined, what is the one Senate race that will be decided on December 6 with a run-off vote?
3. Who stepped down last week from a leadership position in the House of Representatives, but will stay on to represent California's 12th congressional district?
4. Who was the first candidate to announce his bid for the 2024 presidential election?
5. Democrat Karen Bass defeated former Republican Rick Caruso (who ran as a Democrat) to become the first woman mayor of which American city?
6. World leaders worked to defuse a potential escalation in the Ukraine war after a Russian-made missile landed in which NATO country last week?
7. FTX, a company founded three years ago by then 27-year-old American entrepreneur Sam Bankman-Fried, was valued at \$32 billion a couple of weeks ago. Last week, FTX filed for bankruptcy, due to risky financial maneuverings and mishandling of customer funds. What kind of company is FTX?
8. The Senate voted 62 to 37 this week (12 Republicans joined all Democrats) to advance a bipartisan bill that would protect what rights?
9. To what singer did Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos give the Courage and Civility Award that comes with a \$100 million grant to be distributed to charities as the recipient sees fit?
10. Which member of the Trump administration released a new biography last week entitled *So Help Me God*?
11. What refreshment has the country of Qatar banned at the upcoming FIFA (soccer) World Cup games, which open there next week?

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ANSWERS

1. The Republicans will control the House of Representatives by an historically slim margin, and the Democrats will control the Senate.
2. The Georgia race between incumbent Democrat Raphael Warnock and Republican challenger Herschel Walker
3. Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi
4. Donald Trump
5. Los Angeles
6. Poland. The blast, which briefly raised anxieties of a wider war, was most likely an accident caused by a Ukrainian defense missile, according to Poland's president and NATO officials.
7. FTX is a company that handles exchanges of crypto, or digital, currencies.
8. Same sex marriage rights
9. Dolly Parton
10. Former Vice President Mike Pence
11. Beer