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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. Lisa Cook, a governor for the Federal Reserve, was fired last week by President Trump. What did he cite as the reason for her dismissal?
2. Another firing last week. Susan Monarez was ousted as head of which government agency after only a few weeks on the job?
3. The home of this member of the first Trump administration, and now prominent Trump critic, was searched last week by the FBI.
4. According to the lawyers for Kilmar Abrego Garcia (the immigrant who was wrongfully expelled to El Salvador then returned to the United States), the Trump Administration is now threatening to deport him to this country.
5. On the third day of school, two students were killed and more than a dozen others were injured in a shooting at a Catholic school and church in this state.
6. Which newspaper, founded in 1868, announced last week that it would stop print publication and only appear online.
7. You might be living in a cave if you didn't hear that this couple got engaged last week.
8. What restaurant chain changed its logo – only to quickly revert back to the old one after an intense right-wing backlash.
9. President Trump called (again) on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to revoke the licenses for which two broadcasters?

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ANSWERS

1. He accused her of mortgage fraud. As of this writing, Ms. Cook has refused to step down. (I think that's still true, but you should probably double-check.)
2. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC). As a result of Monarez' firing, four other top CDC officials resigned to protest the continued spreading of misinformation about vaccines by Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr and others.
3. John Bolton, a former National Security Advisor to Trump
4. Uganda. However, a judge has temporarily barred the government from re-expelling him.
5. Minnesota
6. *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, which had been the largest daily newspaper yet to completely abandon print
7. Football player Travis Kelce and singer/songwriter Taylor Swift
8. Cracker Barrel. Cracker Barrel debuted a new logo, without the barrel or the old-fashioned man. A right-wing ruckus followed, with President Trump, various influencers, charging that the company had "lost its values" and "gone woke." Even the stock market reacted negatively. Trump congratulated the company after it walked back the changes.
9. NBC and ABC. According to a posting on Truth Social, Trump says that both ABC and NBC air "BAD STORIES" about him.