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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. Lindsey Graham died suddenly last week at the age of 71. What state did he represent as senator since 2003? Who was appointed to finish his term? And what was Graham's cause of death?
2. After the cease-fire between the US and Iran collapsed, President Trump announced that the US would be charging fees for ... what?
3. ICE officers shot and killed two Latino immigrants in these two cities last week.
4. Can you name the two Trump cabinet nominees (and the positions for which they are hoping to be confirmed), who underwent hearings last week?
5. Officials have been looking for the source of Cyclospora, a severe stomach bug that has been spreading in the United States. It looks like they found the potential source last week ... where?
6. President Trump has suggested revoking the licenses of ABC and NBC because they did not carry this programming.
7. What caused the yellow skies and orange sun in the northeast US last week?
8. Can you name the British MP who was named the leader of the Labour Party last week? He is now poised to become the country's next prime minister, replacing Keir Starmer who announced his resignation last month.
9. Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell's absence was finally explained last week. Why has he been missing from the Senate for a month?
10. New Zealand actor Sam Neill died last week at age 78. His role as Dr. Alan Grant in this 1993 science fiction film helped Neill rise to international prominence.
11. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth said last week that he wants to do a blood screening of soldiers for this hormone.

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ANSWERS

1. Lindsey Graham represented South Carolina. His sister Darline Graham Nordone was appointed to replace him. Graham died from a tear in his aorta, caused by cardiovascular disease.
2. President Trump said he would charge cargo ships a toll (20% of the value of their cargo) to protect them through the Strait of Hormuz – despite months of public insistence from his own administration that such fees (if instituted by Iran) would violate international law. Within days, he dropped the idea.
3. Lorenzo Salgado Araujo was killed by ICE in Houston, Texas and Joan Sebastian Guerrero was killed in Biddeford, Maine. Neither victim had a criminal record, and neither of them were actual targets of the immigrant enforcement operations during which they were fatally shot.
4. Todd Blanche, who is seeking the job of Attorney General of the United States and Jay Clayton, who is hoping to become the next Director of National Intelligence.
5. It was likely due to contaminated lettuce (or salad greens) that were possibly sold to Taco Bell restaurants.
6. His prime-time speech. Other networks (including Fox News) carried the speech, but interrupted it when the president's claims could not be substantiated.
7. Smoke from wildfires in Canada.
8. Andy Burnham
9. McConnell was injured in a fall and subsequently developed pneumonia.
10. *Jurassic Park*
11. Testosterone. Hegseth is concerned about testosterone deficiency among his "warriors" and wants to "restore and optimize their natural capabilities."