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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. The US Senate primary race in Michigan was closely watched last week. Can you name the winner, a progressive Democrat who beat the more moderate Haley Stevens by a narrow margin?
2. The US Senate voted to confirm Todd Blanche as Attorney General of the United States. Name the two Republicans who voted not to confirm Blanche.
3. In Washington state, the areas around this major city have been devastated by wildfires, one of which may have been started by arson.
4. What MAGA loyalist did President Trump describe as having “choked” and “folded like an umbrella” when she dropped the vandalism charges relating to the Reflecting Pool?
5. Can you name the singer and star of the two *Wicked* films who announced she was taking a step back from visibility due to “endless ongoing public scrutiny” about how thin she is?
6. Can you name the Republican US representative from Ohio, who plans to continue his run for a third term despite the allegations of his ex-wife (the daughter of a US Senator Bernie Moreno) that she and their two-year-old daughter were repeatedly physically abused by him?
7. This 83-year-old musician, who was nominated for 14 Grammy Awards for songs including “You’re So Vain,” “Nobody Does it Better,” and “Let the River Run” announced last week that she was recently diagnosed with Parkinson’s Disease.
8. To avoid what he considers a “politically-motivated witch hunt” by this Republican senator from Kentucky, Dr. Anthony Fauci, former Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, invoked the Fifth Amendment more than 100 times at a Congressional Hearing into the handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.
9. A recent spate of cyberattacks on which infrastructure systems is reportedly the work of Iran-connected hackers?

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ANSWERS

1. He is Abdul El Sayed, a physician and politician who was born in Michigan in 1984 to Egyptian immigrant parents.
2. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Susan Collins of Maine
3. Spokane. Last week a 37-year-old man was arrested after he was seen kneeling in grass that investigators believe ignited the fire.
4. Jeanine Pirro, former FOX host and current US Attorney for the District of Columbia
5. Ariana Grande
6. Rep. Max Miller
7. Carly Simon
8. Senator Rand Paul
9. Water facilities in at least a dozen states have reported operational disruption.