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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 legendary singer-songwriter-actress Dolly Parton died last week after a short battle with cancer. According to the *Hollywood Reporter*, ten essential Dolly Parton songs were her biggest hits. Can you name three of them?
2. British actor and singer Tim Curry also died last week, also at 80. Perhaps his most iconic role was playing Dr. Frank-N-Furter, a transvestite scientist, in both the stage and screen versions of this cult classic.
3. Despite admitting in a debate that this political issue “is not her thing,” Darline Graham, sister of the later Lindsey Graham, won the primary election last week for US senator from South Carolina.
4. Angry about Canada’s retaliation against tariffs imposed on Canadian imports, President Trump signed an executive order directing the US federal government to change the name of this geographical feature.
5. In another executive order, this one designed to restrict mail-in voting, President Trump directed this government agency to help decide which voters should receive mail ballots.
6. These two Himalayan countries were devastated by flash flooding last week, killing hundreds of people instantly, with more than one thousand still missing.
7. Two people died last week in Pennsylvania of this viral illness, which had been declared eliminated in 2000.
8. In Alaska’s Senate race, two Republican candidates that share this same name will appear on the November ballot.
9. What computer tech pioneer published a cautionary essay about artificial intelligence (AI), urging leaders, experts, and communities to come together and prepare for very turbulent times?
10. First President Trump wanted to put his name on the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Now, what does he want to do to that institution?

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ANSWERS

1. "Coat of Many Colors," "Jolene," "I Will Always Love You," "The Bargain Store," "Here You Come Again," "Two Doors Down," "Light of a Clear Blue Morning," "9 to 5," "Islands in the Stream," "Why'd You Come in Here Lookin' Like That"
2. *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*
3. Graham said she didn't know much about national security.
4. Trump wants to change the name of Lake Ontario to Lake America. It's not at all clear that he has the legal right to do that.
5. The US Postal Service
6. Tibet and Nepal (China is also an acceptable answer.)
7. Measles. The resurgence of measles is caused by the drop in vaccinations. So far this year, nearly 400 people in Pennsylvania have been diagnosed with measles, a third of which are children. The two who died last week were unvaccinated. One victim was an infant; the second victim's age has not been reported.
8. Dan Sullivan. Democrats are hoping that name confusion might split the vote and benefit the Democrat candidate, Mary Peltola.
9. Bill Gates
10. Trump has threatened that if he's not allowed to proceed with a planned renovation (which includes adding his name), he will demolish the building.