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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. After Russia released an American hostage, President Trump's Special Envoy Steve Witkoff, called Vladimir Putin this.
2. This candidate for governor of Ohio faced bipartisan backlash for running an ad against his opponent, Amy Acton, in which her mother calls her a liar.
3. In another Ohio race: can you name the Republican candidate for US Senate whose physique and body parts have been praised repeatedly by President Trump in his stump speeches?
4. The Trump Administration started cutting down hundreds of trees in this public Washington, DC site after he claimed to have finalized plans to renovate it.
5. News broke last week that the prominent Herrera family hired Alina Habba, one of Trump's personal lawyers, to help secure a pardon. How much did the family offer her?
6. 75% of voters in this oil-rich Canadian province rejected a Conservative plan to secede from the nation.
7. What 43-year veteran of CNN announced that she will be leaving the network in 2027?
8. According to new data, Pennsylvania is experiencing the biggest outbreak of this disease in 30 years.

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ANSWERS

1. A humanitarian. Witkoff's remarks garnered bipartisan backlash, including from Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), who called Putin a "stone cold killer," and Thom Tillis (R-NC), who said Witkoff's statement was "embarrassing and outrageous."
2. Vivek Ramaswamy. In response to that accusation, Acton's campaign produced court records to prove that her stepfather had been indicted for raping her in 1978 when she was 12 years old, and that her mother chose to flee with her husband to avoid trial, abandoning and ultimately losing custody of her two children.
3. John Husted. According to Trump, "I never did this with a man before. I examined his ass, and then I looked at his shoulders. I looked at his feet. I looked at his hand. I looked at his jawline. Studied him. He's got a jawline."
4. A golf course (The East Potomac Golf Links). The announcement has led to a prolonged standoff between a federal judge and the Justice Department.
5. More than $50 million. A few weeks after Ms. Habba was hired in January, Trump pardoned Julio Herrera Velutini, a Venezuelan billionaire banker, of the federal felony bribery charges he had been facing since late 2024. While those charges were pending, his daughter Isabella donated at least $3.5 million to MAGA Inc., Trump's super PAC.
6. Alberta
7. Christiane Amanpour
8. Measles

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