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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. This pioneering jazz saxophonist died last week at the age of 95.
2. Despite his history of impeachment, indictment, and accusations of fraud and adultery, Ken Paxton, the current attorney general of Texas won his primary bid for the US Senate last week. What four-term incumbent senator did Paxton defeat?
3. This week the US Justice Department opened a criminal investigation into this woman who sued President Trump in 2023 and 2024 (and won ... twice).
4. Which Italian luxury car maker released its first electric vehicle last week? Called the Luce (Italian for "light"), the car comes with a \$640,000 price tag.
5. "As I watched it, I thought, 'Oh my God, he's having a stroke.' And it scared me to death." What political wife made that confession during a TV interview last week?
6. In his first encyclical since assuming the papacy, Pope Leo warned about this controversial technology.
7. The Pabst Company announced that this iconic Midwestern beer ("The beer that made Milwaukee famous") was ceasing production after 177 years.
8. What song did Paul McCartney and Stephen Colbert sing together to end Colbert's final late-night show last week?
9. Why are construction crews building a huge 5,000 seat temporary "cage" on the South Lawn of the White House?
10. Last week, a federal judge ordered President Trump to remove his name from what Washington DC building?
11. President Trump wants the US Treasury to create a \$250 bill with his portrait on it to celebrate the country's 250th birthday. Can he do that?

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ANSWERS

1. Sonny Rollins
2. John Cornyn. In November, Paxton will face off against Democrat James Talarico.
3. E. Jean Carroll, a former magazine writer who prevailed in a civil trial after accusing Trump of sexual abuse and defamation
4. Ferrari
5. Jill Biden, who was describing her shock and horror at her husband's performance during the 2024 Trump-Biden debate. "I was frightened," she said, "because I had never ever seen Joe like that before or since. Never!"
6. AI (Artificial Intelligence), which the Pope advised should be "disarmed" for the sake of humanity
7. Schlitz
8. "Hello, Goodbye"
9. President Trump plans to celebrate his 80th birthday and the nation's 250th birthday with a live UFC fight event next month. It will be the first sporting event ever held on White House grounds.
10. The Kennedy Center. As the judge stated, Trump and the trustees he installed did not have the authority to change the name of the Kennedy Center; only Congress has the legal authority to do that.
11. No. It is illegal to put a living person on US currency.