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# Last Week's News

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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. Last week, Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest, which is held every Fourth of July on Coney Island, banned its most famous professional eater – Joey Chestnut, who has won the competition sixteen times and holds the record for eating the most hotdogs in ten minutes: 76! Why was Chestnut banned from this year's competition?
2. Can you name the awards that were handed out last week to the best chefs and restaurants across the US.
3. Although the Southern Baptist Church did not oppose female pastors at its annual convention last week, it did vote to oppose which medical procedure?
4. Last week, North Dakota voters approved a constitutional amendment that would set a maximum age for representing the state in Congress. At what age is a candidate barred from running for office?
5. How did the Supreme Court rule last week on a challenge to the FDA's approval (decades ago) of the medical abortion drug, Mifepristone?
6. Which basketball legend, who died this week at age 86, was the inspiration for the silhouetted figure in the NBA logo?
7. Which US Supreme Court justice was secretly recorded by an "activist journalist" pretending to be a Catholic conservative, agreeing that the US should return to "godliness"?
8. After spending the D-Day anniversary in France, President Biden went to this country to attend the annual G7 economic summit.
9. The Republican-led House voted last week to hold this official in contempt of Congress for defying subpoenas related to Biden's handling of classified documents when he was Vice President.
10. Can you name the member of Israel's War Cabinet who quit the government over Benjamin Netanyahu's handling of the war with Hamas?
11. After a mass shooting in Las Vegas in 2017, in which 60 people were killed and more than 850 injured, a law banning "bump stocks" was passed by Congress. Last week, the Supreme Court overruled that ban. What are "bump stocks."
12. What city, which will be hosting the Republican National Convention next month, did Donald Trump call a "horrible" city.

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## ANSWERS

1. Chestnut signed an endorsement deal with Impossible Foods, a company that makes plant-based hotdogs – a rival of Nathan's and the Major League Eating organization.
2. The James Beard Awards, which have been nicknamed the Oscars of the food world
3. *In vitro* fertilization
4. 81. Candidates who would turn 81 or older by the end of the year before their terms end are barred from running for office. The measure may face court challenges. It's interesting to note that if this age limit were applied nationally, as many as 20 members of the US Congress would be affected.
5. The Supreme Court ruled that the anti-abortion groups that initiated the lawsuit did not have standing. Therefore, access to the drug was upheld. But the decision does not stop other plaintiffs from challenging the drug.
6. Jerry West, who played 14 seasons with the L.A. Lakers
7. Samuel Alito
8. Italy
9. Merrick Garland
10. Benny Gantz. The US had urged Gantz, a moderate, not to leave because it shifts Netanyahu's coalition further to the right.
11. Bump stocks are an accessory that is added to semi-automatic rifles turning them into machine guns that can shoot 400-800 rounds per minute.
12. Milwaukee