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Activities

I. A quick look at the contents—find the answers:

1. What is the date of the 100th anniversary of the San Francisco earthquake?
2. On what day do we especially celebrate the beauty of the earth and learn about how to protect our planet?
3. Where is the display that reminds us that trees have longer lifespans than people?
4. Where was John Muir born?
5. What did Mark Bittner feed the wild parrots?
6. What is an important communication skill?
7. What did Nicole want for her birthday?
8. What country did Japan beat in the final game of the World Baseball Classic?
9. What are people drinking less of these days?
10. Where will the 61st Grand National Rodeo be held?

II. More careful reading—find these answers:

A. "San Francisco remembers the earthquake of 1906" (pages 1 & 7)

1. What happened after the quake?
2. How many people died as a result of that earthquake according to recent estimates?
3. Where did San Franciscans go to try to find family and friends?

B. Questions from "Who was John Muir?" (pages 1 & 6)

1. What did John Muir explore after he came to California in 1868?
2. What did Muir inspire people all over the world to do?
3. Why did Muir and other supporters form the Sierra Club?

C. Questions from "My village and experiences on Nias Island" (pages 1 & 5)

1. Where is Nias Island?
2. How many years had it been since Jetti Salemi had seen her village and her parents?
3. What did the people on Nias Island shout two hours after they felt the earthquake on December 26?

D. Questions from "See cowboys at the rodeo" (page 7)

1. Which rodeo event is scheduled for women at Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association rodeos?
2. In bull riding, how long do cowboys try to stay on the bull?
3. After a bull rider falls off the bull, who helps him get to safety?

III. Writing Suggestions

1. For the May issue, send stories about mothers and grandmothers. (By 4/21)
2. For the June issue, send stories about fathers and grandfathers. (By 5/19)
3. For any issue: send stories about your hometown, your job, your life, special people, special gifts, your pets, etc. Also send us names of successful immigrants that you would like to read about.

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Crossword Puzzle answers in alphabetical order: **Across:** dairy, fine, handled, jug, ponytail, reflexes, tear **Down:** cottage, daydreaming, fault, memoir, wonders

Crossword Puzzle

(Words are from VOCABULARY HELP)

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Across

1. Drinking milk has lots of benefits. There is new research which suggests that calcium from _____ products may promote weight loss.

2. People who have long hair often wear it in a _____. This is a style where the hair is gathered at the back of the head and hangs down.

3. The little girl was sad. I saw a _____ roll down her cheek.

4. The _____ for pouring used motor oil into the street or on the ground can be very expensive. People who are caught dumping oil illegally have to pay a lot of money as punishment.

5. It is very important that used motor oil is _____ properly. When it is taken care of correctly, the toxic oil will not harm the environment.

6. A cowboy who tries to ride a bull has to have fast _____. He has to have quick reactions.

7. The milkmaid carried a _____ of milk on her head. The milk was in a container with a handle.

Down

8. John Muir wrote many books and articles describing natural _____. He described the spectacular things he found in the wilderness.

9. The team member said, "I'm sorry. It was my _____ that we lost the game. I will take responsibility for losing."

10. The milkmaid was _____. She was thinking pleasant thoughts about what she could do with the money she got.

11. Mark Bittner fed the wild parrots while he was living in a _____ on Telegraph Hill. He was living in a small, simple house.

12. Bittner wrote a _____ about his experiences with the wild parrots. He wrote about his life with the birds.

