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I. New Activity for beginning learners of English using the photos and graphics in this issue.

The teacher or tutor reads the following:

1. Page three: Point to the working dog. Point to the cartoon dog. Point to the boy in the dog's house.
2. Page four: Point to the man with the guitar. Point to the graffiti on the wall. Point to the statue.
3. Page five: Point to the flatbed truck. Point to the policemen standing next to the motorcycles, etc.
(Do this activity for the photos and cartoons on subsequent pages. Develop simple questions about the pictures such as "Is the man smelling or touching the steel?" { for p. 5 picture })

II. A quick look at the contents--find the answers.

1. On the morning of 9/11 2001, nearly _____ victims and ____ hijackers died in the attacks.
2. The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial will be dedicated on _____.
3. Across the Horn of Africa, more than _____ people are in need of emergency assistance.
4. The name of Elvis Presley's estate is _____.
5. Cantinflas was a famous Mexican _____.
6. After the World Trade Center site was cleaned up, _____ was collected.

III. Vocabulary quiz: Match the definitions to the phrases in the sentences on the left.

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| ___ 1. The images were played over and over . | a. upset |
| ___ 2. Reagan said to Gorbachev, " Tear down this wall!" | b. done completely |
| ___ 3. The dismantling of the Berlin Wall was carried out by.... | c. again and again |
| ___ 4. The events of 9/11 shook up the entire world. | d. destroy, demolish |

IV. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "The 10th anniversary of 9/11" pages 1 and 5

1. In 2004 who finally claimed responsibility for the attacks of 9/11/01?
2. When will the 9/11 Memorial be dedicated in New York City?

B. From "Remembering the Berlin Wall" page 4

1. Ceremonies were held to observe the 50th anniversary of the _____ of the Berlin Wall.
2. The division of German into a _____ and an _____ happened after World War II.

C. From "World Trade Center steel goes from coast to coast" page 5

1. When some of the steel arrived in Napa, California, there was a _____.
2. When is the Napa 9/11 Memorial Garden scheduled to open?

D. From "Courtship and dating" page 7

1. In Maria's grandparent's time, dating was not always _____.
2. What did Maria's great-grandfather do with her grandmother and her sisters?

V. Writing Suggestions:

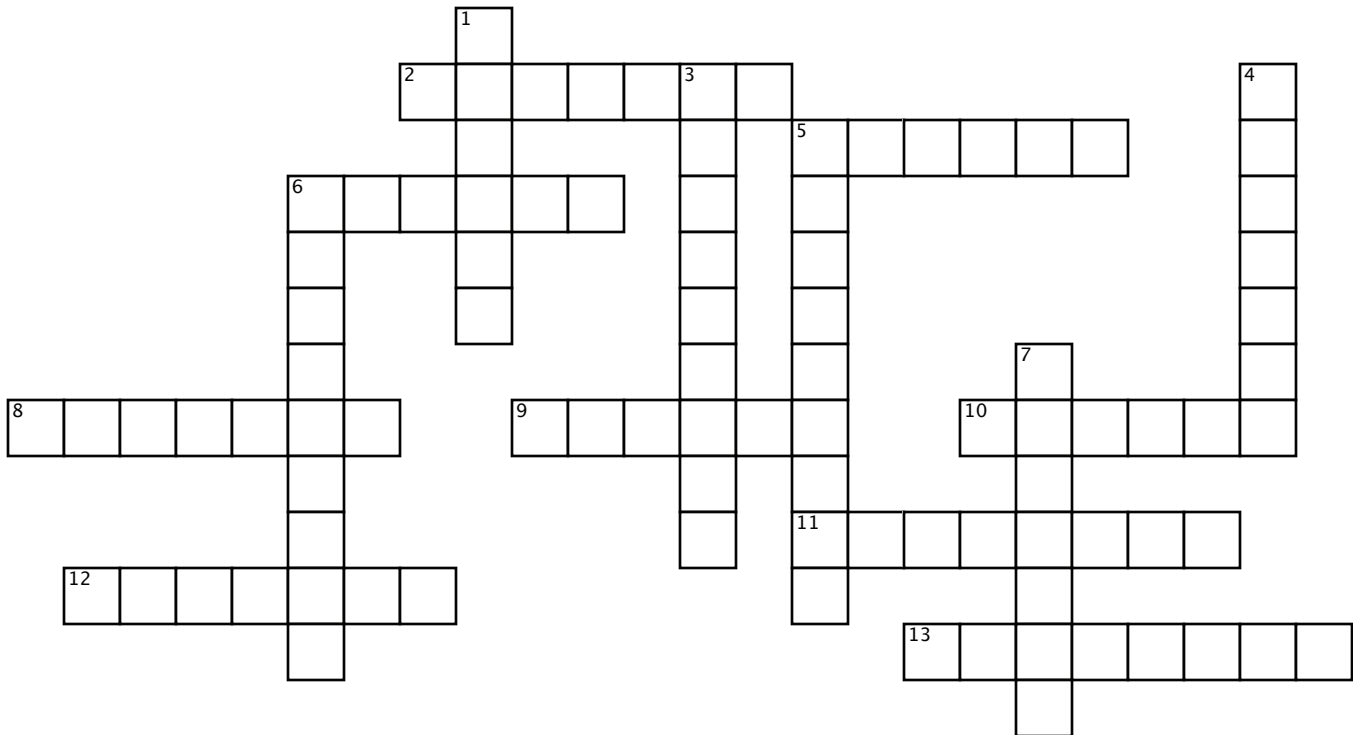
For the October issue, please send stories about Halloween and/or Days of the Dead. You can also send stories about music, pets, your citizenship ceremony, your 9/11 experience, books, movies, sports, your life, your country, your hometown, or your job. **The deadline for the next issue is September 16.**

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: consent, courage, dating, disagreed, forbidden, elsewhere, escorted, famine, journey, joyous, matches, shocked, spread, stealing, thrill

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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All words are from VOCABULARY HELP



Across

2. When terrorists crashed two airliners into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, people were _____. They felt a sudden psychological blow.
5. In the eastern Horn of Africa there is a _____. There is a serious lack of food.
6. Is _____ the same now as it was in your grandparent's time? Has going out on a date changed in the last 50 to 100 years?
8. The Japanese Prime Minister said that the Japanese Women's soccer team brought _____ to the whole nation. They brought bravery and strength of mind and body.
9. The famine in Africa is expected to _____. It will go to many more people.
10. It was a _____ day for the people who became new citizens. It was a happy, cheerful day.
11. Police, firemen and a parade of motorcycles _____ the trucks that were carrying steel beams from the World Trade Center. They accompanied the trucks through the city.
12. Some movies require parental _____. Children are not allowed to see them without their parents' agreement or permission.
13. What do you think about the old custom of _____ women? Do you think it was fair to take a woman from her family without her permission?

Down

1. The speaker said that it was an honor and a _____ for her to be a part of the citizenship ceremony. She felt strong excitement.
3. The Survivor Tree was removed and taken _____ to be nursed back to health. It was taken to some other place.
4. The Japanese soccer team had not beaten the American team in 25 previous _____. They had not won any of the 25 games between the two teams.
5. According to news reports, the Islamist rebels in Somalia have _____ aid agencies to distribute food. They have prohibited the distribution of food.
6. When the girl's parents _____ with the engagement, the girl might decide to "escape". The couple would run away because the parents differed.
7. People on the west coast wanted to touch the steel that had made the _____ from New York. The steel beams had been on a long trip.