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Activities

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

1. Which two Presidents does Presidents' Day honor?
2. When did Black History Week become expanded into Black History month?
3. Name two famous people who were born in the Year of the Pig.
4. Where did Haiku poetry originate?
5. What is "The Road to the Oscars?"
6. When was "The Cat in the Hat" first published?
7. When we say things that aren't true for negative reasons, what is it called?
8. Who is the director and star of the film, "The Lost City"?

II. Vocabulary quiz

Match the definitions to the phrases found in the sentences below.

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| _____ 1. One of the people that Bush <i>singled out</i> | a. to stay dignified, lessen embarrassment |
| _____ 2. Most children will try to <i>save face</i> | b. to start doing or continue with something |
| _____ 3... about a family that is <i>caught up in</i> | c. chose from a group |
| _____ 4.... no pathway to <i>get on with</i> their lives | d. unwillingly involved in |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "President Bush addresses immigration issues," pages 1 & 8

1. To whom was President Bush's State of the Union speech made?
2. According to Bush, what does the tradition of the "melting pot" do?
3. Who gave the Democratic response to Bush's State of the Union speech?

B. From "Pacoima Skills Center student praises his teacher" page 2

1. How many instructors has Jesus Perez had in his life?
2. What does Sandra Henriks advise her students if they have children?
3. Name three things Henriks expresses her feelings about.

C. From "Journey to Africa: Mama Anna makes cheese," page 5

1. Where is Mama Anna's Cheese Farm?
2. How did Mama Anna receive training in making cheese?
3. How did Betty Malmgren and her tour group end their visit to Mama Anna's?

D. From "DVD review: "The Lost City" page 7

1. Where was this movie filmed?
2. In addition to actors and actresses, what plays a major role in the film?
3. Where did Andy Garcia's father work when the family got to Miami?

IV. Writing Suggestions

1. For the March issue: "Remembering Cesar Chavez" or "An important woman from history" (by 2/21)
2. For any issue, send us stories about your hometown, your job, your pets, childhood memories, a favorite teacher, book or movie, and/or haiku poetry (see page 3).

SEND US YOUR IDEAS FOR TOPICS TO EXPLORE IN *Easy English Times* IN 2007!

Crossword Puzzle answers in alphabetical order: Across: Caring, deep, enacted, muddy, overthrow, seldom Down: chop, devour, duty, eradicate, fuzzy, livestock

Crossword Puzzle

(Words are from VOCABULARY HELP)

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Across

1. Houston Rockets basketball player Dikembe Mutombo has been called the "Most _____ Athlete." He shows great concern for others.

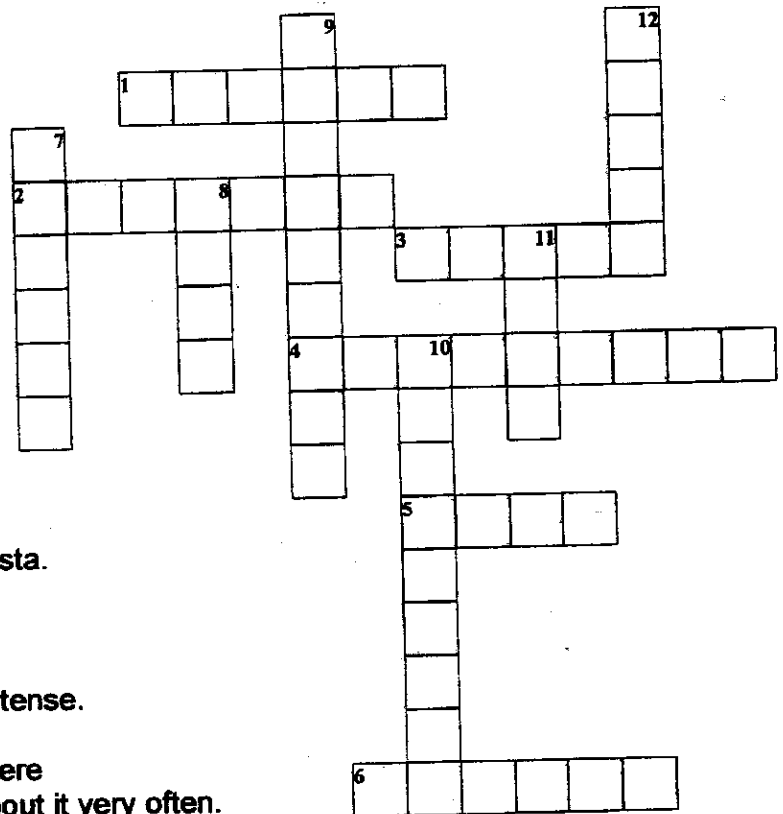
2. If _____, the DREAM Act will be good news for students who came to the USA as undocumented children.

3. Dirt roads become _____ after a rain. They are full of mud, a combination of dirt and water.

4. In 1958 Fidel Castro was successful in his attempt to _____ the government of Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista.

5. President Bush said that convictions run _____ about immigration issues. Different viewpoints about immigration are intense.

6. People in the USA _____ think about where their coffee comes from. They don't think about it very often.



Down

7. Nian was a Chinese beast that the ancients believed would _____ people on New Years Eve. The beast would eat them up quickly and completely.

8. According to the myth, six-year-old George Washington tried to _____ everything he saw. He tried to cut things with hard, sharp blows of the small ax.

9. The Heifer Project is dedicated to ending world hunger by providing families with _____ and training. People receive farm animals from the project.

10. The goal of the Mutombo Foundation is to _____ many childhood diseases in the Congo. They hope to completely eliminate those diseases.

11. Dikembe Mutombo has never forgotten the land of his birth or the _____ to share his blessings with others. He feels a responsibility to help people in Africa.

12. According to Janet Gonzalez-Mena, sometimes children have a _____ line between fantasy and reality. Their way of seeing is unclear or blurry.