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Activities

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

1. What is the name of the book written by Jim Trelease?
2. When is International Women’s Day?
3. In the world of computers, what does IM stand for?
4. How much money do you have to send with your citizenship application?
5. When is Saint Patrick’s Day?
6. Who is the new Secretary of State?
7. Who was Shirley Chisholm?
8. What did Dolores Huerta help organize?
9. When was Cesar Chavez born?
10. What kind of race is the Daytona 500?

II. More careful reading—find these answers:

A. Questions from “Reading aloud is one key to success” (page 1)

1. According to Jim Trelease, what is reading fact Number 1?
2. What does major reading research in the last 25 years confirm?
3. How did the nine-year-old readers in Finland understand what was happening in the TV shows?

B. Questions from “Bush’s second term Cabinet has changes” (p. 4)

1. What was Alberto Gonzales’ job before serving at the Department of Justice?
2. Where was Carlos Gutierrez born?
3. Where was Dr. Condoleeza Rice a professor?

C. Questions from “Bald and beautiful” (p. 6)

1. What are the Grammy awards given out for?
2. How did some people react to Melissa Etheridge’s appearance?
3. For whom was her appearance an inspiration?

D. Questions from “Our readers write” (pp. 7-8)

1. What do you have to be careful with in Mexico City?
2. Where was Juana Morales born?
3. How many rivers are there in the state of Sinaloa?

III. Writing suggestions (stories can be sent via email: easyenglish@aol.com)

1. For the April issue: the environment, spring or about baseball (see Sports, p. 6), by 3/22
2. For the May issue: mothers and/or important women in your life, by 4/20
3. For the June issue: fathers and/or important men in your life, by 5/20
4. For any issue: your job, memories, your hometown, movie/book reviews, etc.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: Across: aim, avoid, bald, laughter, mermaid, overjoyed, struggle, tough Down: achieve, aloud, lullabies, print, union, wages

Crossword Puzzle

(Words are from VOCABULARY HELP)

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Across

1. Melissa Etheridge came on stage with no hair on her head. She was _____ and beautiful.

2. The Women's History Project wants to teach as many people as possible about women's history. That is their _____, their goal.

3. Is it a _____ to learn English? Is it difficult for you? Does it take a lot of effort and energy?

4. A line in the song says that women can be strong. They can be _____.

5. There is a statue of a _____ at the Neptune Pool at Hearst Castle. It is a statue of a mythical being that is half woman, half fish.

6. It is healthy to have a good sense of humor. Many people say that _____ is the best medicine.

7. Some people stay away from reading because they haven't learned that it is pleasurable. They _____ it.

8. When she received a new bicycle for her birthday, she was _____. She was very happy.

Down

9. It's important to have books, magazines and newspapers in a home. If there is _____ in a home, children will look at it.

10. Do you belong to a _____? Do you belong to an organization of workers?

11. I remember my mother's _____ during my toddler years. She sang quiet songs to me as I was falling asleep.

12. Cesar Chavez helped bring better _____ to thousands of migrant workers. He helped them get better pay.

7. Jim Trelease's major thesis is that we need to read _____ to children. We need to read out loud.

2. Students who read the most, _____ the most. They gain success.

