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

1. When is Memorial Day?
2. What country was at war when Yancy Gonzalez was a little girl?
3. Why is John Wayne famous?
4. How old is Pei Jun Chen's mother?
5. What day is always celebrated as Mother's Day in the USA?
6. How did Maria Isabel Monsivais Sanchez feel when she came to the USA?
7. What does Carlos Perez Aviña like about wine caves?
8. Why does Ping Guan always get home late from her job?
9. What auto race will be held on May 29?
10. Where did the new Secretary of Education attend school?

II. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. Questions from "A moving tribute" (pages 1 and 5)

1. What do the boots symbolize?
2. Whose names are on the wall of remembrance at the exhibit?
3. Who visit and pay tribute to the empty boots as they travel the country?

B. Questions from "Disneyland celebration" (pages 1 and 6)

1. When will Disneyland celebrate its 50th anniversary?
2. What is at the center of the park in Anaheim?
3. Who was Walt Disney and what did he want?

C. Questions from "New pope is from Germany" (page 2)

1. What was the signal that the Cardinals had elected a new pope?
2. When did Joseph Ratzinger become a priest?
3. Where does the name Benedict come from and what does it mean?

D. Questions from "Lance Armstrong announces his retirement" and "Health: Living with cancer" (page 7)

1. How many Tour de France bicycle races has Lance Armstrong won?
2. What do the yellow plastic wristbands say?
3. What do the sales of the official Lance Armstrong foundation wristbands benefit?

III. Writing Suggestions

1. For the June issue: fathers and/or important men in your life, by 5/20.
2. For the July issue: a favorite vacation, by 6/20.
3. For any issue: memories, your hometown, your job, special gifts, your best friend, a book or video review, etc.

(Note to people who submit writing. If you send writing and photos via email, please do not send the photos as a part of the story. Rather, send your photos in a separate file. Or send regular photos which we will return to you.)

Crossword Puzzle answers in alphabetical order: **Across:** blast, cycling, grief, journey, rules, task, theme **Down:** cheered, digs, humble, steel, tribute

Crossword Puzzle

(Words are from VOCABULARY HELP)

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Across

1. General Colin Powell said that at the Indy 500 he will need to keep his eyes on the road and on the _____ in front of him. He will focus on his job.

2. Disneyland in Anaheim, CA was the first Disney _____ park. It now has eight areas which have central ideas.

3. Would you like to go _____? Would you like to go riding on a bicycle or motorcycle?

4. In making a wine cave, when the ground is pure rock they have to _____ with dynamite. They have to make an explosion.

5. The pope _____ the church from the Vatican in Italy. He governs and decides officially what will be done.

6. Many people expressed _____ when Pope John Paul II died. They felt great sadness.

7. The "Eyes Wide Open" display is on a _____ around the country. It has traveled to many cities.

Down

8. The new pope called himself "a simple and _____ laborer in the vineyard of the Lord." He said that he is modest and unassuming.

9. They put _____ bars around the cave. The bars are made of a hard metal which consists of iron and carbon.

10. There is a machine that _____ the ground in order to take dirt out of a cave. It makes holes by taking away earth.

11. The display of empty boots pays _____ to the men and women who have died in Iraq. It is a way to show praise, honor and admiration.

3. The people in Saint Peter's Square in Rome _____ when there was news of a new pope. They shouted with delight and admiration.

