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May 2018 Learning Activities

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

1. The students learned about _____ in a new program in San Mateo, Calif. (p. 1)
2. On April 19 more than _____ people from some _____ countries became U.S. citizens. (p. 1)
3. Barbara Bush was the _____ of one president and the _____ of another. (p. 1)
4. There are _____ million veterans who have served since September 11, _____. (p. 2)
5. Memorial Day is a day of patriotic ceremonies to honor the _____. (p. 3)
6. Gabby Ilan is an IT (_____) support specialist. (p. 4)
7. Students wrote paragraphs on some of the _____ between their countries and San Diego. (p. 4)
8. The ceremonial "Haft-Seen" table is part of the celebration of _____ New Year. (p. 4)
9. Some soldiers in World War II said they were fighting for _____. (p. 5)
10. The Speaker of the House of Representatives is chosen by the _____ party. (p. 5)
11. A person who is "born with a silver spoon in his or her mouth" is born _____. (p. 6)
12. Wall Street is the _____ District in New York City. (p. 6)
13. If a business is "in the black" it is _____. (p. 6)
14. Pittsburgh won a place on Amazon's _____. It is one of _____ finalists. (p. 7)
15. Cinco de Mayo celebrates the _____ Battle of Puebla on May 5, _____. (p. 7)
16. "Lucha libre" is a form of professional _____ that was developed in _____. (p. 7)
17. Guillermo del Toro won best _____ and best _____ for his film "The Shape of Water." (p. 8)
18. Tammy Duckworth is the first U.S. Senator to have a child while _____. (p. 8)

II. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Former First Lady Barbara Bush dies" (pages 1 & 2)

1. Barbara Bush's son Jeb was the governor of _____ from 1999 to 2007.
2. She enjoyed a _____ public image during her years as first lady, but she could also be _____ and direct.
3. The hallmark of Barbara Bush's time as first lady was her campaign to help fight _____.

B. From "Our readers write from San Diego, California" (page 4)

1. In Colombia, the buses run very _____ while in California, it can _____.
2. In Turkey when somebody has a farm or a big house with a garden he'll need to have a _____ dog.
3. In Egypt Muslim women have to wear long _____, long _____ and _____.

III. Find and read the quotations (quotes) on pages 1, 2, and 6. Which ones do you agree with?

IV. Writing suggestions: **The deadline for the June 2018 issue is May 18.** Write about your father, grandfather, or an important man in your life. What are your plans for Father's Day? Will you be celebrating a graduation or wedding in June? Send us a paragraph with differences between your native city and the place where you live now. Your "Brave stories" are always welcome. Also send stories about your favorite sport, your job, or anything else of general interest.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order:

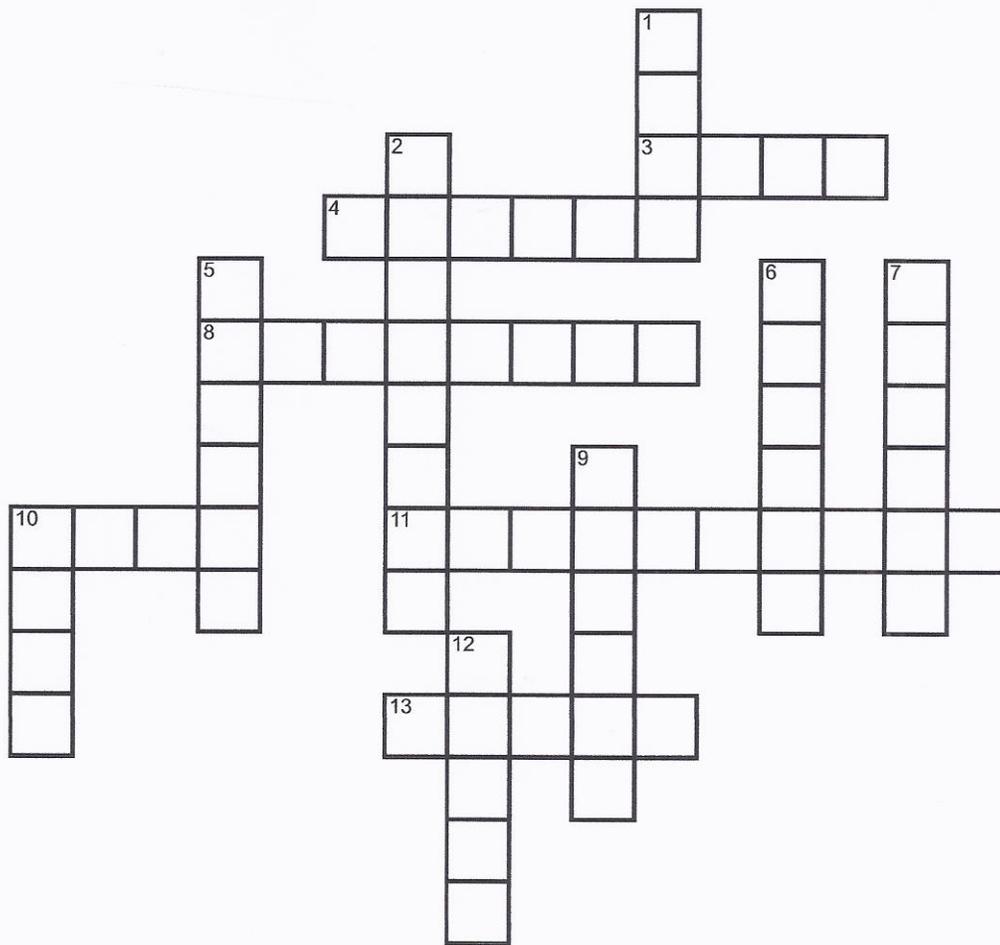
bargains, budget, fair, fins, flyers, gills, longings, manage, mute, nightmares, risky,
slogan, tale, thrill

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Crossword Puzzle - May 2018

All words are from VOCABULARY HELP.



Across

- 3 A fictitious or true narrative or story that is imaginatively told is a _____.
- 4 When you _____ to do something, you succeed in reaching your objective.
- 8 Feelings of intense desire are _____.
- 10 "It's not _____," cried the child. It's not just.
- 11 Frightening or unpleasant dreams are _____.
- 13 The respiratory organs of fish are _____.

Down

- 1 A person who lacks the faculty of speech is _____.
- 2 Things bought or offered for sale more cheaply than is usual or expected are _____.
- 5 Small printed notices advertising an event or product are _____.
- 6 A motto associated with a political party, movement or other group is a _____.
- 7 A _____ is an estimate of income and expenditures for a set period of time.
- 9 An experience that produces a feeling of excitement is a _____.
- 10 The Amphibian man had _____ which he could use to propel himself in the water.
- 12 Opening a new business is _____. It is full of the possibility of failure, loss or danger.