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ANSWER KEY

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

1. President Trump said that the national state of emergency was to address the BORDER CRISIS. (1)
2. The Dept. of the Treasury manages FEDERAL finances by collecting TAXES and paying BILLS. (1)
3. The National Cherry Blossom Festival is scheduled for the time when the trees will be IN BLOOM. (p. 1)
4. March typically has BETTER weather by the end of the month. (p. 2)
5. César Chávez Day serves as a tribute to his work for SOCIAL JUSTICE and respect for HUMAN DIGNITY. (p. 2)
6. Jimmy Carter and his wife have been working with Habitat for more than THREE DECADES. (p. 3)
7. Eleven women are being honored for their efforts to make our world a more PEACEFUL PLACE. (4)
8. By hiding her husband away until he RECOVERED, Edith Wilson was able to protect him. (p. 4)
9. National Arbor Day is a day dedicated to public TREE PLANTING. (p. 4)
10. A limerick is a SILLY POEM with five lines. Edward Lear wrote "The Book of NONSENSE" in 1846. (p. 5)
11. Financial literacy is more than just being able to BALANCE YOUR CHECKBOOK. (p. 6)
12. A budget is a financial planning TOOL. (p. 6)
13. All of the paper bills in the U.S. have pictures of MEN on them. (p. 7)
14. Sacajawea was the SHOSHONE guide who helped LEWIS and CLARK when they explored. (p. 7)

II. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "President Trump declares national emergency; protests follow" (pages 1 and 5)

1. Congress is the branch of government that decides how to spend the MONEY it COLLECTS.
2. Sixteen states SUED President Trump's administration over his decision to declare a national emergency.

B. From "Why is a budget important? " (pages 6 and 8)

1. Seventy-eight percent of U.S. workers live PAYCHECK to PAYCHECK.
2. More than half of minimum wage workers say they have to work more than one job to MAKE ENDS MEET.

C. From "The men on the paper money... and two women on dollar coins." (page 7)

1. The men on the paper money are FORMER presidents and STATESMEN.
2. The U.S. MINT has not produced the coin with Sacajawea on it since 2011.

Crossword puzzle answers

Across: 4. guarantee 5. faith 7. budget 8. pinch 9. wicked 11. customer 12. affordable

Down: 1. wage 2. bargains 3. might 6. risky 10. borrow