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ANSWER KEY

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

1. The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to two CHILDREN'S RIGHTS activists. (p. 1)
2. Members of the Republican Party will have a MAJORITY in the U.S. Senate and will continue to have a majority in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES when they take office on Jan. 3, 2015. (p. 1)
3. The cities of Ashland, Oregon and Guanajuato, Mexico SHARE a love of birds. (p. 1)
4. The Disappearing Trades exhibit features PHOTOGRAPHS of traditional Mexican jobs. (p. 2)
5. Transmission of Ebola is by DIRECT CONTACT with infected blood or body fluids of sick patients. (p. 2)
6. World AIDS Day is important in reminding people that HIV has not GONE AWAY. (p. 2)
7. Letters that children write to Santa Claus normally contain a WISH LIST of toys. (p. 3)
8. Aidee Garcia writes that a jumil is an INSECT that is rich in protein. (p. 5)
9. Native American Heritage Day is the DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING. (p. 6)
10. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii brought America into WORLD WAR II. (p. 7)

II. More careful reading--find these answers

A. From "Sister Cities share a love of birds" (pages 1 and 8)

1. Ashland and Guanajuato are connected by MIGRATORY birds.
2. Some of our smallest birds, including WARBLERS and HUMMINGBIRDS, migrate thousands of miles.

B. From "Disappearing Trades in Mexico exhibit opens" (page 2.)

1. Jorge Santana is a RETIRED university professor and a SELF-TAUGHT photographer.
2. You can see his exhibit in the Mexican Consul Gallery in SACRAMENTO.

C. From "Ebola outbreak" (page 2)

1. The World Health Organization estimated that 13,700 people have been infected with Ebola in West Africa.
2. A few people, who returned to the US after caring for Ebola patients in Africa have been in QUARANTINE.

D. From "DVD review -- *Moscow on the Hudson*" (page 8)

1. In this film Robin Williams plays the role of a SAXOPHONE player with the orchestra of a MOSCOW circus.
2. The circus people go shopping at Bloomingdale's DEPARTMENT STORE in New York City.

Crossword puzzle answers

Across: 1. slogan 3. mugged 5. homesick 9. recovered 10. deadly 11. dated 14. decline
15. refunded

Down: 1. sneak 2. defect 4. pier 6. saddles 7. clear 8. holy 12. aware 13. lumber