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I. Find the answers:

1. What is a tsunami?
2. Who needed a kidney donation?
3. Which airline started daily service to Vietnam in December?
4. What national park is depicted on the California quarter?
5. Where is Hugo Gil's hometown located?
6. Which city is the old capital of the Inca's empire in Peru?
7. Who is Popeye?

II. Scan for information: Directions: Scan the newspaper to find the answers to the questions below. You can underline your answers or write them on a separate page.

A. From "Huge earthquake and deadly waves hit on Dec. 26" (pages 1 & 8)

1. Which island was the nearest to the earthquake's epicenter?
2. In addition to losing their homes, what did many victims lose?
3. When did the earthquake occur in the Iranian city of Bam?

B. From "The Liberty Bell" (page 8)

1. Who created Pennsylvania's government?
2. Who started calling the old State House bell the Liberty Bell?
3. Why did the Liberty Bell travel around the country?

C. From "Holiday honors civil rights leader" (page 3)

1. Where was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. born?
2. What did the boycott leaders ask people to stop doing?
3. When is the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday this year?

D. From "Memories" (page 7)

1. What did Esther Lamas' dad like to plant?
2. How long did Sou Saelee live in a refugee camp?
3. What kind of music did Raudel's favorite radio station play?

III. Writing suggestions:

1. For the next issue (February) send us stories related to the Dec. 26, 2004 earthquake and tsunamis. Do you know people who were there? What part have you played in the relief effort? (Deadline 1/20)
2. Also for the February issue, send us stories about love and friendship.
3. For any issue, try writing a short autobiography (no more than 300 words) or tell about your job, your hometown, a favorite gift, or a book or video that you enjoyed.

IV. More news

California readers need to pay attention to a new law regarding where children can sit in a car. As of January 1, 2005, it is illegal to put children under age six--or weighing less than 60 pounds--in the front seat of the car. The law was enacted to keep children safe from injury due to adult-sized air bags. Exceptions to the law are if your car or truck does not have a back seat or if the back seat is already crowded.

Answers to crossword puzzle in alphabetical order: Across: aid, crushed, flooded, healing, magnitude, toll, tossed Down: devastated, gain, gobble, lack lean, poke

Crossword Puzzle

(Words are from VOCABULARY HELP)

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Across

1. We remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as a man who brought hope and _____ to America. He helped the country become healthier, especially regarding civil rights.

2. The tidal waves were caused by an earthquake of 9.0 _____. The force was very strong.

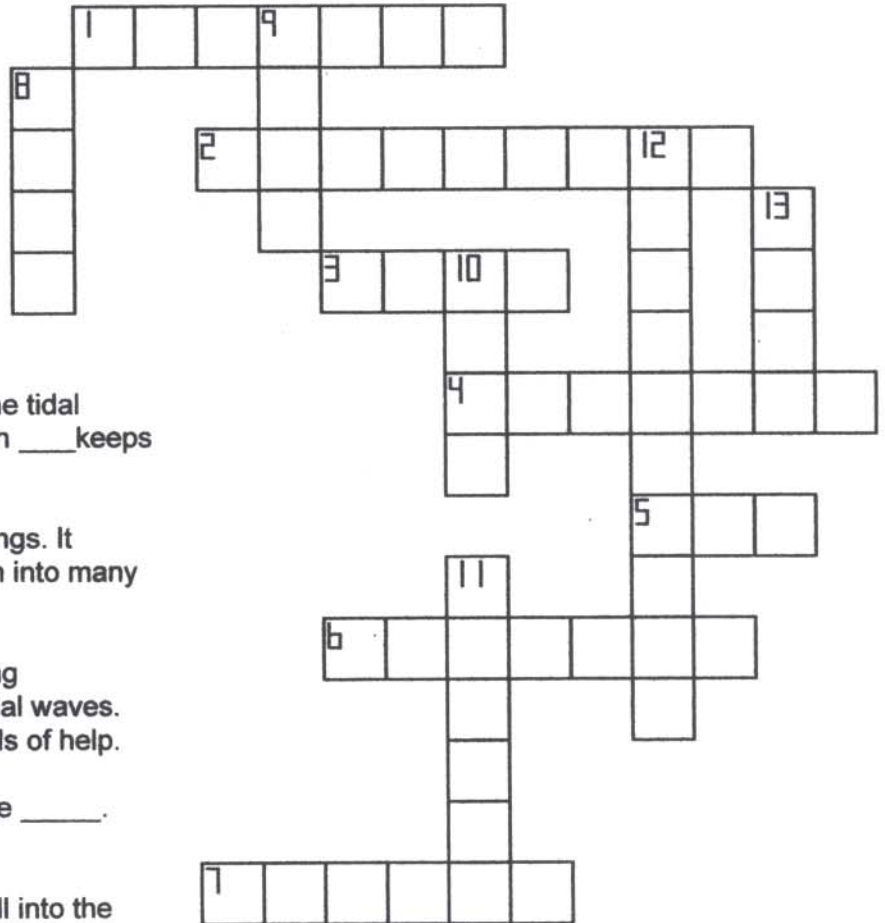
3. The count of people who died after the tidal waves struck keeps going up. The death ____ keeps on rising.

4. The tidal waves _____ a lot of buildings. It smashed them violently and broke them into many pieces.

5. People all over the world are providing _____ to the countries affected by the tidal waves. They are sending money and other kinds of help.

6. Many coastal towns and villages were _____. They were filled with water.

7. The big billy goat Gruff _____ the troll into the brook. He threw him in.



Down

8. Most people don't want to ___ weight. They don't want to obtain extra pounds so they look and feel fat.

9. People who run for exercise are usually very _____. They are thin, not fat.

10. One of the reasons people in this country become overweight is ___ of exercise. They get too little exercise.

11. The troll wanted to _____ up the billy goats. He wanted to eat them up quickly and noisily.

12. Many villages were _____ by the tidal waves. They were completely destroyed.

13. He told his wife to _____ him if he started to fall asleep. He told her to jab him with her fingers or elbow.