News Break Scavenger Hunt

Sunday’s News Break challenges you to hunt through the Sunday, March 14, 2021 print replica of The Seattle Times to find answers to the following questions.

1. The ___________________ rover, fresh off its flawless landing, was on a mission, scouring the surface of Mars for evidence of ancient life, relaying crystal-clear images of an alien world, proving that when it comes to space exploration, no one does it better than the United States. (MAIN)

2. The Biden administration is mobilizing the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help care for the overwhelming number of ______________________ filling detention cells and tent shelters along the Mexico border, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said late Saturday. (MAIN)

3. Air travel: On Friday, ______ million people passed through U.S. airports, the highest number on any day since March 2020, just after the World health organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a pandemic. (MAIN)

4. TODAY IN HISTORY: Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America’s cotton industry. What year did this take place? (MAIN)

5. Kentucky’s Republic-an-majority Senate moved forward a bill last week that would make it easier to arrest protesters for insulting a police officer, a measure that critics say would stifle what? (MAIN)

6. For nearly three decades, teaching ___________ in Alabama’s public schools has been forbidden by the state’s school board. (MAIN)

7. Hundreds of people from all walks of life pledged Saturday to protect each other from racialized violence and abuse directed at __________ during the COVID-19 pandemic, which has appeared to worsen in recent weeks with a string of high-profile attacks, including on elders. (MAIN)

8. As its name suggests, the Seattle Flu Study was designed to monitor the virus that rolls in like clockwork every fall, trailing misery in its wake. But this season — for the first time — there hasn’t been much to track. Out of the more than 17,000 specimens the team has analyzed, fewer than a dozen tested positive for influenza. Dr. Helen Chu, a study leader and UW Medicine virologist, had to cancel a study on flu treatment in homeless shelters because there was no flu. “In the last two decades, I’ve never seen anything like this,” she said. Nationwide, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says this has been the lowest flu season on record. Washington, which averages about 160 confirmed flu deaths a year, has recorded none. And it’s not just flu that’s absent. Chu and her colleagues test for 27 respiratory pathogens, and nearly all have been close to nonexistent. What do scientists attribute this to? (NW)
9. Whereas most grains are seeds of the Poaceae botanical family of grasses — also known as cereals —________________________ are the seeds of unrelated plant families that happen to look like, and have similar functions as, cereal grains. (THE MIX)

10. Craig Canapari, director of the Yale Pediatric Sleep Center, is used to sleepless parents calling him. He said I could try adult __________________, which is just using weighted blankets. There is good research on the efficacy of weighted blankets for insomnia and anxiety in adults: randomized, controlled studies have shown that weighted blankets improved sleep quality, and reduced feelings of fatigue, anxiety and depression during waking hours. There are no serious side effects to using a weighted blanket, and it’s a comparatively inexpensive solution — certainly cheaper than getting a new mattress. (AT HOME IN THE NW)