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Baseball Fever ?

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Eve and I have been SF Giants season ticket subscribers since 2010, when the team responded to our spending splurge by winning their first-ever World Series in their West Coast era. But in the abbreviated-by-Covid 2020 season, watching from our season ticket seats wasn't possible. We were watching our team on TV, while large cardboard cut-out images of us were set up alongside those of other subscribers (in much nicer seats than ours are) to create the illusion of fans filling the stands at Oracle Park.

The 2021 season began with the Giants emptying the stadium of the cardboard (packing and sending them back to subscribers who wanted them as keepsakes), setting up sections for vaccinated fans and other sections – with greater distancing – for fans who were unvaccinated but had tested negative. Eve and I took advantage of the opportunity to attend three of those games in the early months. We paid quite a tidy sum to sit in those better seats, lower and closer to the field, than the View Reserve seats (section 318) that have been ours since 2010.

In late June, however, Covid restrictions were lifted, with vaccinations and negative tests no longer required to come to the stadium. Wearing a mask was advised for those entering enclosed areas, such as the restrooms and the club level. With this change, we began to attend ALL home games, sitting in our usual seats, finding hardly a soul wearing a mask, and sometimes learning that

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Aaron's Question Column



Fukutoku-Okanoba (top)

Map detailing the location of the Iwo Islands (bottom)

Question: There was a recent headline: **“Undersea volcanic eruption creates new Japanese island** Can you research to see what you can share with us about how often such a thing occurs? And how long it typically takes for such an island to develop vegetation and other forms of life?

-Jerry

Aaron's Answer (A'sA): The world has many archipelagos scattered around the oceans, the Philippines, Japan, and Hawaii to name a few.

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