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Activities

I. A quick look at the contents—find the answers:

1. In Chinese mythology what determines your animal?
2. When will the Chinese New Year parade take place in San Francisco?
3. What are the dates for the special Season for Nonviolence?
4. What is it called when people send thousands of emails asking for private information?
5. What are some fish contaminated with?
6. What is the name of the little statues that the Academy Award winners receive?
7. What actor plays the role of Viktor Navorski in the film *The Terminal*?
8. Who is called "the king of rock and roll"?
9. For how many years did Johnny Carson host the Tonight Show?
10. What is the name of the movie that is about Howard Hughes?

II. More careful reading—find these answers:

A. Questions from "Asian families celebrate the Lunar New Year" (page 1)

1. What is the date of the lunar New Year based on?
2. Name six countries where they celebrate the Lunar New Year.
3. Where do Chinese people put money for their children?

B. Questions from San Francisco Chinese New Year Parade has history (pgs. 1 & 3)

1. What is the biggest attraction of the Chinese New Year parade?
2. What brought many people to California in 1849?
3. What kinds of business did the Chinese people have in San Francisco?

C. Questions from "Stories about love and friendship" (page 4)

1. Who did Nancy Farias know in her computer class?
2. What does Lily Corrales compare her mother to?
3. What refreshes Peggy Yu's mind when she is driving?

D. Questions from "Probe discovers outer space secrets" (page 5)

1. How long did it take the Cassini spacecraft to get into orbit around Saturn?
2. Why did they name the probe that went from Cassini to Titan?
3. What did the probe discover about the rivers and lakes on Titan?

III. Writing Suggestions

1. For the March issue: Remembering Cesar Chavez (by February 18)
2. For the April issue: the environment, spring (by 3/22)
3. For any issue: memories, your hometown, your job, special gifts, book or video reviews, etc.

Crossword Puzzle answers in alphabetical order: **Across:** fictitious, germs, remarkable, risked, unanimously, widow **Down:** detect, frontier, limited, stuck, views

Crossword Puzzle

(Words are from VOCABULARY HELP)

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Across

1. Washington was the only president to be elected _____. He got 100% of the votes.

2. Howard Hughes _____ his life many times. He was a daredevil pilot who put his life in danger.

3. Washington married a wealthy _____. Martha's first husband had died.

4. The story of how scientists got the Cassini spacecraft to Saturn is _____. It is extraordinary.

5. The main character in the film, *The Terminal*, is from a _____ country. The country is not real. It is imaginary.

6. We must wash our hands often when we have a cold to prevent the spread of _____. These small organisms can cause illness or disease.

Down

7. Lincoln was born in a log cabin on the _____ of Kentucky. At that time Kentucky was at the outer edge of land exploration.

8. Washington's _____ on slavery began to change during the Revolutionary War. His opinions changed.

9. The instruments on the spacecraft can _____ visible light, radio frequencies and magnetic fields. They can find information about outer space.

10. Viktor Navorski can't leave the airport and he can't go back to his country. He is _____ in the airport. He is unable to continue in any direction.

11. Navorski has _____ English language skills. He only speaks a little English.

