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Learning Activities

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

1. As this newspaper went to press, the partial government shutdown was in its _____ week. (p. 1)
2. The Coast Guard is well known for _____ and _____ work. (p. 1, caption)
3. The National Museum of African American History and Culture is in _____. (p. 1, caption)
4. In 1926 Dr. Carter G. Woodson started _____. (p. 2)
5. Nancy Pelosi is the _____ to ever serve as Speaker of the _____. (p. 2)
6. The new earthquake warning app is called _____. (p. 2)
7. It is _____ that Donald Trump will run for reelection in _____. (p. 2)
8. According to TheChineseZodiac.org, the Year of the Pig is a year of _____ and _____. (p. 3)
9. Several states have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of _____ and _____. (p. 4)
10. On Feb. 2 a special groundhog will _____ from his _____ and look for his _____. (p. 4)
11. The Mt. Rushmore National Memorial is a sculpture _____ into the granite face of a mountain. (p. 4)
12. The Little Red-Haired Girl is an _____ character in the _____ comic strip. (p. 7)
13. The Green Book was a travel _____ of restaurants and motels that black people could visit in the segregated _____ in the 1960s. (p. 8)

II. Vocabulary quiz: Match the definitions to the sentences or phrases on the left.

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| ___ 1. Roll up your sleeves. | a. cope, get by with the limited means available |
| ___ 2. Bring home the bacon. | b. prepare to work |
| ___ 3. ...getting a few seconds heads-up... | c. earn a living |
| ___ 4. They had to make do. | d. advanced warning |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Impacts of partial shutdown of U.S. government" (pages 1 and 7)

1. The issue that caused the shutdown is _____ for President Trump's _____.
2. The _____ was the only branch of the military working without pay.

B. From "Black History Month" (page 2)

1. Two men who helped the American black population were _____ and President _____.
2. In 1619 about 20 Africans became part of the _____ Settlement in _____.

C. From "Presidents' Day" (page 4)

1. George Washington was the only U.S. President who did not live in the _____.
2. The myths say that Washington threw a silver dollar across the _____ and that he used a _____ on his father's cherry tree.

IV. Find and read the quotations on pages 2, 6, 7, & 8. Which one do like the most?

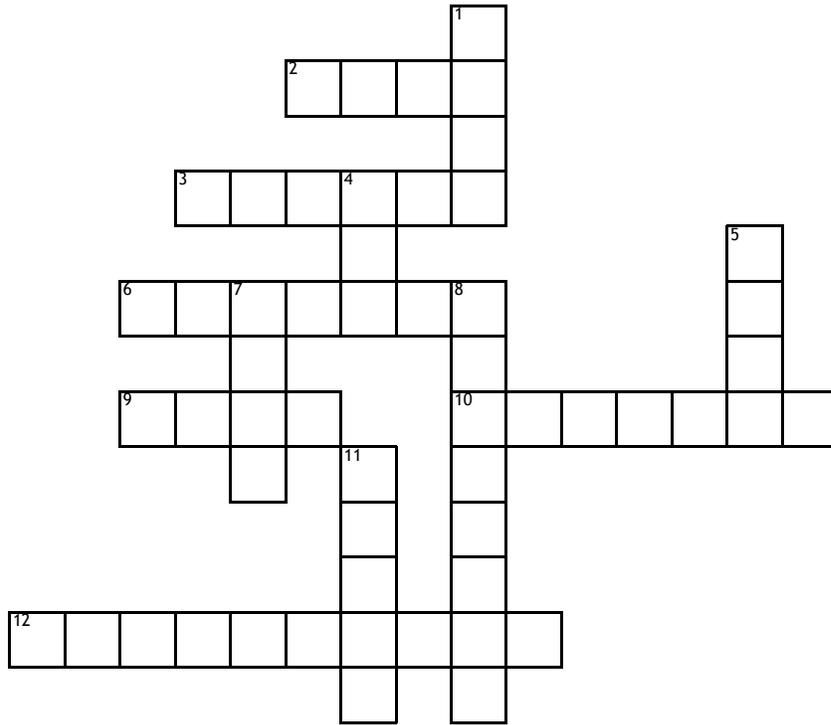
V. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the March 2019 issue is Feb. 15. Send stories about your dating experiences, your job, favorite sports, movies, books, or any topic of general interest.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: barrier, chaperones, date, embraced, envy, groom, lovable, myth, rub, search, skip, veil

See our website for the Answer Key and a vocabulary matching exercise.

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Crossword Puzzle - February 2019



Across

2. She felt _____ for her friend's car. She longed to have one like it.
3. When you try to find someone or something by looking carefully, you _____.
6. The baby is very _____. She inspires love and affection.
9. To _____ is to move along lightly, stepping with a little jump.
10. President Trump wants a _____ to be constructed. He wants a fence or wall.
12. The school needs some _____ to accompany the children on a field trip.

Down

1. A _____ is a widely held but false belief or idea.
4. Please _____ my back. Move your hand back and forth on my back.
5. Can you remember your first _____? Where did you go? What did you do?
7. The bride's _____ covered her face.
8. The father _____ his son. He held him in his arms.
11. On his wedding day, the man is called the _____.