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ANSWER KEY

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

1. The nickname of the possible new planet is PLANET NINE. (p. 1)
2. More immigrants from Mexico are LEAVING the U.S. than coming into the country. (p. 1)
3. The word stutter means to talk with BROKEN SPEECH. (p. 3)
4. The Monarch butterflies live as far north as CANADA. (p. 4)
5. Only male elephant seals grow a LONG NOSE around age 5. (p. 4)
6. The Chinese New Year will start on FEBRUARY 8, 2016. (p. 4)
7. The most famous monument to Lincoln is THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL in Washington DC. (p. 5)
8. If you see someone commit a crime, first of all PROTECT YOURSELF and those with you. (p. 5)
9. The film 'The Martian' is based on a science fiction novel by ANDY WEIR. (p. 6)
10. The planet Mars is about half the size of EARTH. (p. 6)

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

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| ___c_ 1....you are always on the go . | a. ridicules, teases |
| ___d_ 2. Some grow out of it by ages seven or eight. | b. omits |
| ___a_ 3. If someone makes fun of me.... | c. moving |
| ___b_ 4. The film leaves out many of the science roadblocks. | d. become too old for something |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Evidence found of another planet in our solar system" (pages 1 and 6)

1. Batygin and Brown discovered the planet's existence using MATHEMATICS and COMPUTER SIMULATIONS.
2. In the late 1990s astronomers began to argue about whether PLUTO was a planet.

B. From "The miracle of migration of Monarch butterflies" (page 4)

1. Monarchs who live east of the Rocky Mountains spend their winters in CENTRAL MEXICO.
2. The butterflies hang in CLUSTERS in the trees.

C. From "Elephant seals make a long journey" (page 4)

1. Elephant seals are larger than WALRUSES. They are also more AGGRESSIVE.
2. They may travel up to 21,000 MILES in a year, the longest MIGRATION for any mammal.

D. From "Lincoln 'lives' around the country" (page 5)

1. The Lincoln Memorial was built to honor the 16TH President of the United States.
2. The animated statue of Lincoln in Sparks, Nevada is very LIFE-LIKE.

Crossword puzzle answers:

ACROSS: 2. cure 6. faith 7. noticed 11. yet 12. embarrassed 13. greed 14. heading
15. expected 17. pretending 20. witnesses 21. argue 22. bother

DOWN: 1. pride 3. plot 4. chunk 5. data 6. fierce 8. immigrants 9. mischievous
10. trace 16. clusters 18. guess 19. loop