A Guide to Correct English

(0) Use of Adjectives
(A) Some mistakes are made for adverbs. Wrong: She spoke loudly. Right: She spoke in a loud manner.
(B) She walked lonely in the woods. Right: She walked alone in the woods.
(C) She felt very cold. Wrong: She felt coldly. Right: She felt very cold.

(0) Some mistakes are made for finite verbs.
Wrong: I am afraid of punishment. Right: I am afraid of pain.
Wrong: John found books. Right: John is fond of books.
Wrong: I asked skill, skill, many, tired, push, full, filled. Right: I asked skill, skill, many, tired, push, full, filled.

(0) In use of any and some.
Wrong: Is there some ink in your suitcase? Right: Is there any ink in your suitcase?

LETTER WRITING
by Nancy Kao

I was very interested in a recent article by you in the Chinese newspaper.

A horse jumped over the fence with grace; it is very tall and strong.

Modern writers often use Chinese characters for their names, especially in the titles of their books.

There were several pictures in the room, which was spacious and luxuriously decorated, but they didn’t like them at all.

A GOOD DEED A DAY

Three boyscouts reported to their scoutmaster that they had done a good deed this day. "We helped a little old lady across the street," they told him.

"That is a good deed," the scoutmaster beamed. "But why did it take three of you to help her across the street?"

"Because," one of the scouts explained, "she didn’t want to go.

CHICKEN PIE

"Waiter," asked the customer, "What is this that you have brought me?" "Chicken pie," answered the waiter. "But there isn’t any chicken in it." protested the customer, "No," said the waiter, "There’s no chicken in it, it’s just a hot dog, isn’t it?"

IDIOMS

1. across the street (to come across or go across an optimist)
2. for the most part (the most part)
3. lost in thought (he was sitting in the back porch)
4. to do one’s utmost (to make one’s utmost)
5. to keep an eye on (you should keep an eye on the children when they are playing).