

CURBSIDE

A collection of views from people on the streets

Trimet fare increases

On Sept. 1, Trimet increased fare for Zone 2 and All Zone tickets by five cents. A ride on bus, MAX, WES or Streetcar with a two-hour transfer now costs \$2.10 and \$2.40, respectively. Along with these increased fare prices, Trimet has increased tickets for up to \$175 for fare violators. So Street Roots posed the question: How have the increased Trimet fares affected you personally?

"Considering they haven't made any changes in Trimet as far as scheduling and things like that, I think it's a bunch of garbage." — TIM

"I think the prices are reasonable but I think it's unreasonable when say, you've got to run from a long distance going to another distance and your transfer expires when you get to your destination. Perfect example: You go to Clackamas, you've got to get all the way to Clackamas and your transfer is expired, they write you a ticket and I don't think that's fair. I think they should extend the time-frame on those tickets, instead of like two hours, extend it to at least three-and-a-half hours depending on where you're coming from." — TEXAS

"They have made it a lot harder to ride the bus and the MAX. I can't afford the fine." — RUSSELL

"I want to see a hugely discounted or free pass for low-income people." — AMY

"I use Trimet very rarely. I expect there will be a bunch of people ticked off about it, but what are they going to do? Say no to it? Then how are they going to get the services that they need? You can always expect the fares to go up. Always." — SAUL



"I don't pay fare. I just stay in fareless square." — JUSTIN

"Everything is within the free-zone for me on the train, so me, personally I'm not suffering it. I imagine for people on fixed incomes, any time they add another tax it's just — why not a break? Why not 50 cents less? When they raised it (fares) last year, that's kind of when they lost me. It seems to be a constant thing. It just seems to always go up; it gets tiring. We're all struggling. With what I could end up paying a year for riding Trimet, I could almost afford to feed a horse and go back to riding horses. I think it would be great if we all did!" — RAYMOND

— Compiled by Cole Merkel

Col. Summer Meditations:

By Ruben Niculcea

Here in this city park
I find myself laying in the grass

Thoughts wondering
Mind pondering
Life contemplating

"So many questions
So little time"
The wise man quoteth

The universe is infinitely vast
But we will surely not last
exclaims the scholar.
He looks through his books to find the answers:
But every problem is connected to another.
How is he to enjoy a life without solutions?

But under these blue skies,
Under this great tree
Life is a simple reality

Beauty untold
Meets wonder unknown
In the shape of a child
Playing with her father

For this man these questions don't matter
Rather existence is but a moment in time
Spent with his daughter.

For life is not filled with answers
But rather moments with one another.

PUZZLES

By Cole Merkel

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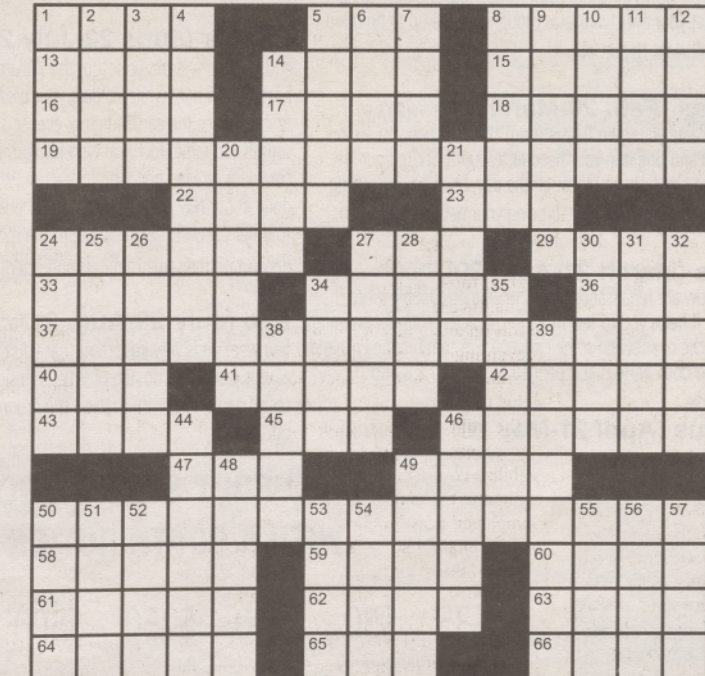
Crossword

Across

1. Old English for "You"
5. Wednesday
8. Zoroastrian Community
13. Cleaning things
14. "I had no ___"
15. Not perfectly round
16. "Cast Away" setting
17. Black cat or broken mirror, maybe
18. Freetown currency unit
19. XP or Linux
22. Orderly, syn.
23. Inclined to
24. Catholic Bishops
27. "___, humbug!"
29. To bluntly declare
33. Soul
34. Rhodes of Rhodesia
36. Central psychoanalytic mediator
37. An EMT, for one
40. To make a mistake.
41. Run off to the chapel
42. "Dressed to the ___"
43. Dirty
45. Goddess of abundance
46. Dead
47. Aluminium, for one
49. Colored portion of the eye
50. "Mission: Impossible" message feature
58. Muse of lyric and love poetry
59. Kuwaiti, e.g.
60. A man devoted to a life of sexual pleasure
61. One who poses a question
62. Greek cheese
63. "___ be a cold day in hell ..."
64. Knowing looks
65. ___ Out
66. Buddies

Down

1. Alkaline
2. Door fastener
3. Provocatively Eye

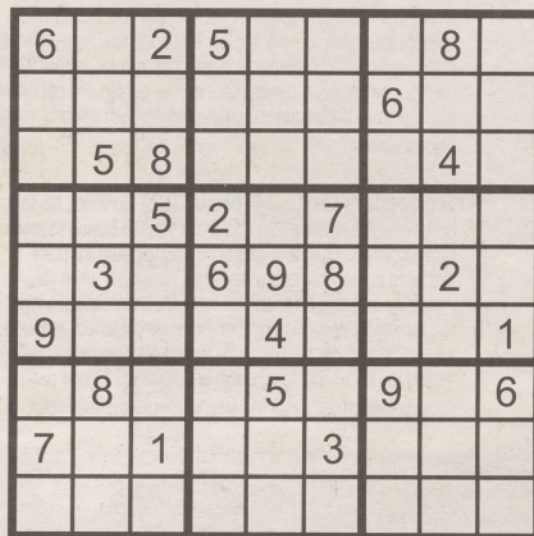


4. ___ and password
5. ___ one
6. Caught in the act
7. Put up, as a picture
8. Coral Organism
9. Collection of sacred Zoroastrian texts
10. Carrot, eg.
11. ___ function
12. Footnote word
14. Bits
20. Dissolve air into a liquid
21. Friend, in Arabic
24. Flower vessels

25. Foreword, for short
26. Wispy clouds
27. Attention-getters
28. One 640th of a square mile
30. "A Journey to the Center of the Earth" writer
31. Molding curves
32. Least best option
34. Butcher Shops on NW 21st and N. Williams
35. Still-water ecosystem
38. Copy
39. Small plane landing space
44. One who picks up

46. Caribbean cruise stop
48. Smells, syn.
49. Furiously angry
50. Close, as an envelope
51. Gaelic's less-commonly known name
52. Huron or Superior
53. Combination box
54. Arduous journey; Mountain bike
55. 14 down, singular
56. Nonexistent
57. Hair goops

Sudoku



The objective Sudoku is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers, from 1 to 9. Every row, column and square must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

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