

**Their favorite Little Boy**

By Gerald A. McBreen

His father told him it was time to go.  
The hour of separation had arrived.  
The divorce gavel fell  
And their favorite little boy  
Marched off with this mother in tow

As he left he saluted his faithful toys  
Bidding them to wait for his return  
Then pressing his lips on top of his fist  
He blew them each a kiss.

Little toy Batman is showing his wear  
Yet proud and loyal he keeps  
Battle-scarred GI Joe stands by his jeep  
His rifle webbed in his grip

Faithful they are to their favorite little boy  
Awaiting his laughter and his joy  
Batman's cape flung with a flair  
And GI Joe still standing there

They wonder in the dust of that closed off room  
Whatever became of their favorite little boy  
Since he pressed his lips on top of his fist  
And blew them each a kiss.

**Untitled**

By Ronald Sanford

Foreclosures, lack of work  
The machine of outsourcing is producing results.  
But don't you judge.  
You may be next, groping your way through an urban jungle.  
Haughty eyes have no place when your blind to me.  
Cast an insult and I'll smile back.  
Save the aversions, the perversions, the presumptions, the assumptions.  
A nowhere person keeps the change  
And so the glory of the world passes away

**The Beginning of the End**

By Valerie

This emotion that is within  
It feels like sin  
A lot going through me like water  
My love for you is starting to fade  
As my heart is torn into a million pieces  
The dark hole within has soon grown much more  
Imagine a pain going through you that you never felt before  
Can't believe that this is happening again  
This is the beginning of the end

Is there really such a thing as "true love"?  
Is there even a thing called love?  
Despite what I felt from above  
The darkness is rising from below  
As the tear runs down my face  
Each tear leaves a scar  
My emotion towards you is unreachable  
Like it can't be controlled  
It is harder to go through this  
Why dream if it isn't coming true?  
Why live if nothing to live for?

As mind and body go blank  
There is at least something to thank  
Being hurt so many times  
Starting to get used to its demands  
Why put pain onto it if it is already there  
Such tragic lives  
No values and meaning  
Wish things would go back to the way they were

**PUZZLES**

By Cole Merkel

Answers on page 6

**Crossword**

- Across**  
1. Pool shade  
5. Kindergarten disrupters  
10. Hang loosely  
13. Moves at a speed faster than walking  
14. Breathing problem  
15. Make, as a CD  
16. Head criminal  
18. Nitrogen-substance in mammal's urine  
19. Malleable, ductile silvery-white metal  
20. Arm spray in "Monster's Inc."  
22. Aurora Borealis  
26. Special kind of treatment  
27. Memorization method  
28. Corner piece  
29. Evil spirit  
30. Early search engine  
32. Overly sentimental  
36. Shepard Fairey's order  
38. Drink glass on ice  
40. Irritate  
41. Iron age empire; Roman province  
43. Milan's La \_\_\_\_  
45. "Dog Day Afternoon" character  
46. "Silent Spring" subject  
48. "Once \_\_\_\_ a time..."  
49. For a waiter or waitress  
50. Outline of duties  
55. Blank  
56. B & B  
57. Fizzles out  
58. Elevated about face value  
64. Euphemism for God  
65. To this point  
66. Breakfast area  
67. "Star Trek" rank; Abbr.  
68. Be theatrical  
69. Jittery

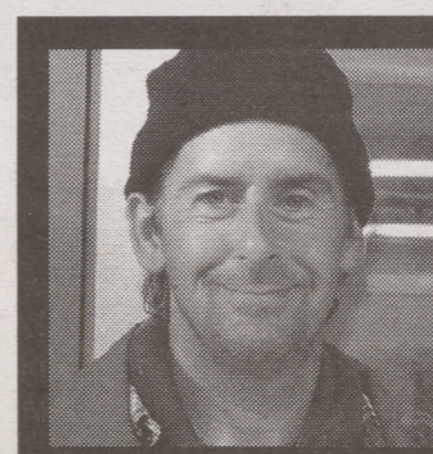
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3. Without cork  
4. Buzzing  
5. Lawyer's licensure  
6. Engine rotation, for short  
7. Difrancio  
8. Part of a joint  
9. Cowboy's seat  
10. Chapter of the Qur'an  
11. Don't exist  
12. Tiny flies  
15. Thief  
17. Way in  
21. Alternative to acrylics  
22. Opposed to land developments  
23. Icy coating  
24. Cultural values  
25. Happening again  
26. Six-stringed instrument  
31. Cousin of a giraffe  
33. Crosshead connector  
34. Kansas or Missouri  
35. Cry of pain  
37. German dialect of Hebrew  
39. Unappetizing food  
42. Yemen's Gulf of \_\_\_\_  
44. Shenanigan  
47. Sleeping sickness carrier  
50. Court presider  
51. Whopper topper  
52. Sanctify  
53. Kind of drive  
54. Senseless  
59. Roswell sighting  
60. "Welcome" site  
61. Before: Prefix  
62. Canine companion  
63. Wild blue yonder

**Sudoku**

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The objective of 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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