

By Rob Patrasek

**Haiku**

By Duane "Rick" Wagner

Portland Cat Rooty  
Is dormant on Shanghai steps  
The wet sidewalk yellows.

In the December trees  
Blinded by the gallowing fog  
The white bottle screams.

Under sun shines so brightly  
A sturdy man displays his  
The baker in the store.

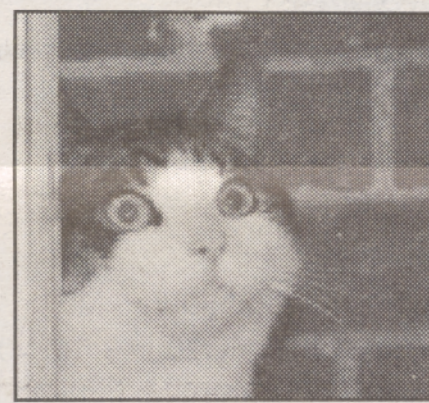
**Dull Point Blues**

By Mike Vance

Black shadows of loneliness and despair  
Are hanged like rotten wet socks  
From every powerline and traffic light  
Down here.  
Every grave is dopesick  
And trembling with anticipation  
For one of us to get sucked up  
Through the cotton  
And into the reapers of a dirty right  
So that death can get well.

Cut your fucking puppet strings!  
Get hungry for anything better!  
Now!

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Office Cat Rooty says thank  
you to everyone who came to  
our open house on April 19.  
It was great to finally meet all  
the folks who support my  
vendor friends. Thank you!

**PUZZLES**

By Cole Merkel

Answers on page 6

**Crossword**

- Across**
- Sugar molecule
  - Dress (up)
  - Dry lake bed
  - Burn balm
  - Estimate follower
  - Crackly breaths
  - Volcano flow
  - Pepsi or RC
  - Quartz variety
  - Pays d'outre-mer containing Tahiti
  - What you used to be
  - Paddle
  - War on \_\_\_\_\_; courtesy of the US government since 2001
  - Down Under bird
  - Bursae
  - Bay window
  - Future fungus
  - Lingerie item
  - Genuinely comfortable with oneself
  - Bit of business attire
  - Archaic alas
  - The 1%
  - Word repeated after "Que," in song
  - Charlie Brown exclamation
  - "Oh \_\_\_\_\_," 1998 Neutral Milk Hotel song
  - Colonial Indian mail system
  - Land-owning Romans
  - Offsetting actions
  - Wine-making byproduct
  - Long, long time
  - Delhi dress
  - Mediterranean nation in the British Commonwealth
  - Aquarium
  - Axis of \_\_\_\_\_
  - Uses
  - Unspecified number
  - Pursue

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- Down**
- Young seal
  - Controversial apple spray
  - Controversial Bush staffer
  - Like Jack climbed?
  - Figure of speech
  - Nobel Peace Prize city
  - Good shot
  - Sanskrit solar energy
  - Rock Bottom's Swan Island or HUB's Czech Pilsener
  - Word of woe
  - Abominable Snowman
  - Between ports
  - Earthy pigment
  - Spiny, cylindrical cactus
  - Complimentary close
  - Racetrack tipsters
  - Bert's bestie
  - Stage item
  - Historical period
  - Brother
  - Overhead
  - Draconian
  - Flippant
  - Welsh tear
  - Sounds reflected
  - Chance occurrence
  - Short syllables followed by long
  - As stamens attached to petals
  - Metallic sound
  - Book of maps
  - Indiana's state flower
  - Summer haven
  - Face-to-face exam
  - Wrinkly fruit
  - Pro \_\_\_\_\_
  - Average
  - All-night party
  - Lake near Niagara Falls
  - Wormy scarf material

**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.



*This woman  
works.  
So does  
Street Roots.*