

**Blue Butterfly**  
By Elizabeth Stansberry

Blue, butterfly, crush,  
with unmovable arms,  
she tries to fly above  
She is always stuck on  
the ground.

She wants to be invisible.  
She is too powerful,  
too vulnerable,  
too beautiful to remain invisible.

She clenches her jaw  
and stares at the world  
with both eyes open.

A blue gaze,  
that could tear your heart apart.

In mere minutes  
she has scars  
a wired jaw,  
a neck pieced together  
with nuts and bolts.

She has wisdom,  
and black memories.

She doesn't have a mother,  
she doesn't have a father.

She has a blanket and courage  
to keep her warm at night.

She never had a chance.  
Her days have all been numbered  
and her life has been built on  
random miracles and a thin veil of hope.

But she's a real woman  
she doesn't need much  
to survive and she can push  
her worldly desires aside.

She is a crooked angel  
with the sweet mischievous smile.

She has a heart that shines  
like a pink diamond.

Her mind is an ancient antique.  
She is brilliant and magical  
and completely fucked up and broken.

She is the one with dirty hair  
and a sad face  
The one you never look at  
when you cross the street to get your coffee.

She is the rising phoenix  
eyes and eyebrows etched in ash  
she is underestimated, tossed around,  
beaten down, worn out and fed up.

She will stumble, trip and fall,  
then walk on with her head held high.

She is composed  
of beauty and light  
and proves this daily.

She is a real woman,  
She doesn't need much to survive,  
a blue notebook,  
a flowered backpack,  
a genuine smile,

she may not have a home  
but she has a name  
she has a purpose  
she has dreams  
and you ought to get to know her  
because she is the best thing  
that will ever happen to you.

**What Brought Him**

By David Mair

What brought him to end it  
Thought of having it all  
Top the world was he  
Even to the far reach of each tree knew he  
Mourning after, Morning after, Mourning,  
Waking to the smell of every cry  
Faking to want to help why?  
Flushed with power  
Hushed by the hour  
Living in the cobblestone grave of his own  
Bombs of despair blew  
Couldn't find the time to meet his mind  
He knew the dagger of love beseech the power  
Simply forgot to measure  
For it was always right  
in front of him

**PUZZLES**

By Cole Merkel

Answers on page 6

**Crossword**

- Across**
- 1. Lasso material
  - 5. Meteorologist's line
  - 11. Additionally
  - 14. Make, as money
  - 15. Steamed dish (wrapped in a cornhusk)
  - 16. Nail holder
  - 17. Questionable
  - 19. Mandela's org.
  - 20. Mourn
  - 21. Not so tough
  - 23. "Four Quartets" poet
  - 26. Learned
  - 28. Tree death caused by Ceratocystis ulmi
  - 32. A type of curry
  - 33. Born French female
  - 34. Gusto
  - 35. Winter log
  - 37. Hors d'oeuvres
  - 39. Nervous twitches
  - 43. Entrepreneur's deg.
  - 45. Victorian, for one
  - 46. Morse bit
  - 47. "Mad as a hatter"
  - 53. Retaliator
  - 54. Wheel turners
  - 55. \_\_\_\_\_ Blair, of "The Exorcist"
  - 56. Reproducing asexually
  - 60. Boy
  - 61. Possessed as 55 across
  - 66. Neighbor of Ida.
  - 67. Some oil barons
  - 68. Ascent
  - 69. Lambda, upside down
  - 70. Belonging to the third from the sun
  - 71. "Bill & \_\_\_\_\_ Excellent Adventure"

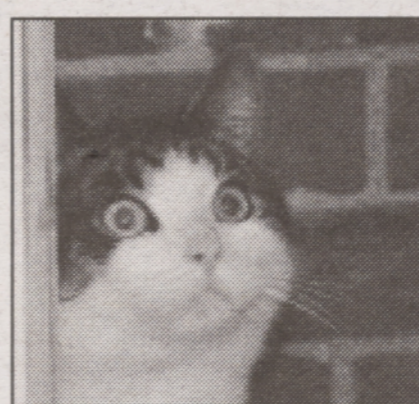
- Down**
- 1. Boehner or Pelosi, abbr.
  - 2. Crew tool
  - 3. Quid \_\_\_\_ quo
  - 4. As a whole
  - 5. Big-ticket \_\_\_\_
  - 6. Identical
  - 7. Gulf sultanate
  - 8. Swung
  - 9. Sports Illustrated's 1974 Sportsman of the Year
  - 10. Emily Dickinson, for one
  - 11. Loss of muscle coordination
  - 12. Nine instrument compilation
  - 13. Formal order
  - 18. Strip of wood
  - 22. Expert
  - 23. Whirlpool
  - 24. Molokai meal
  - 25. "\_\_\_\_ be a cold day in hell ..."
  - 27. Carpentry tool
  - 29. Sheathe
  - 30. Meadow
  - 31. Taxi ticker
  - 36. Edit
  - 38. Before, of yore
  - 40. False god
  - 41. Four six-packs
  - 42. Tom Jones's "\_\_\_\_ a Lady"
  - 44. Sugar cane residue
  - 47. Reverse
  - 48. It's for the birds
  - 49. Buyer
  - 50. Oregon's deepest lake
  - 51. Not of the cloth
  - 52. Old time work wagon
  - 57. Trot or canter
  - 58. Pharaoh's symbol
  - 59. Overlook
  - 62. "Eureka!"
  - 63. Stretch out
  - 64. Kesey's drug of choice
  - 65. "Absolutely!"

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**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.



Office Cat Rooty says  
thank you to all our  
volunteers who work so  
hard to keep us moving  
forward. You're the best!  
Thank you!