Joe on Krazy

by John R. Brown

In my homeless life I've met
a man with a woman's voice
and a woman with the voice of a man.
That's just the luck of the genetic lottery.
I've also met a black man who loves vigilantes
and a gay veteran who misses W.
Both seek the succor of Fox News,
the balm of Glenn Beck and Sean Hannity.
Succor and balm indeed!
I've heard a fat guy complain about food stamps
(but that was just Rush Limbaugh)
and Sarah Palin decry contraceptives.
Joe the Bartender used to ask Krazy Gugenheim
"How can you argue with that?"

A Microwave for Sylvia

By Andrea Shetzline

Into the not mattering
One-finned goldfish
Flail sidewise into yet
Another belle jour.

In primitive Zen
My disgraceful hum of
Breath continues
What for, what for.

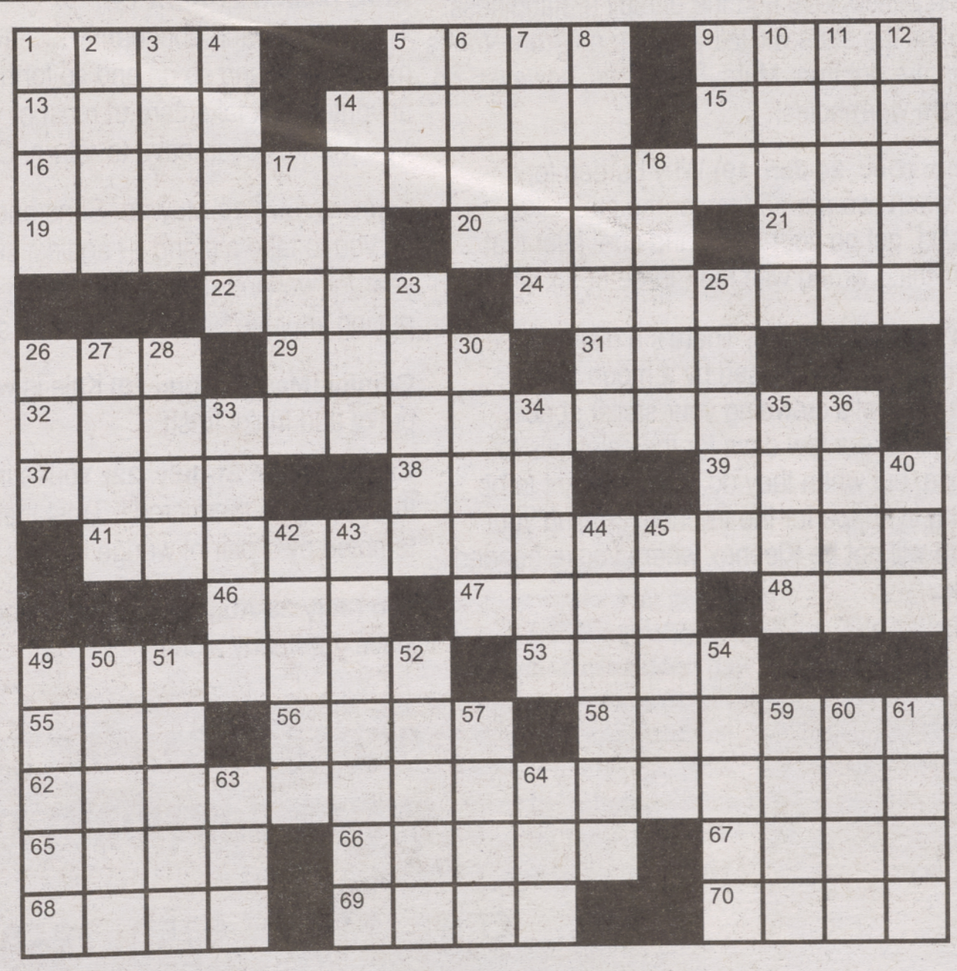
This version recurs
Sans cheerful final stanzas
Its chest stuffed full
With rain clouds.

PUZZLES

By Cole Merkel

Answers on page 6

Crossword



Across
1. "... happily ___ after"
5. _____ Street, USA
9. Warsaw ___
13. Grow dim
14. La _____ Vita (1960 film)
15. One's partner
16. Philippe Petit's occupation
19. Vulgar
20. Cesspool
21. Asian language
22. Owl's hangout
24. Thinks about carefully
26. Pitching star
29. Lion sound
31. Itty-bitty
32. Babies' first, maybe
37. Like some pizza orders
38. Compete (for)
39. Kind of exam
41. 1973 Bob Marley & The Wailers song
46. Wrath
47. Sixth Jewish month
48. Match part
49. An informal abbv. in speech, e.g.
53. Burglar
55. Noodlehead
56. Rooty and friends
58. True physical figures of earths
62. War of 1898
65. Continental currency
66. Detroit athlete
67. Thou-shalt-not
68. Inks
69. Sean Connery, for one
70. Bite like a beaver

Down
1. Young newts
2. Colorado resort
3. Halftime lead, e.g.
4. Kind of center
5. Dairy farm sound
6. Heidi's home
7. Freeze
8. Recently cut grass
9. Neighbor of Ger.
10. It's just over a foot
11. Cloudless
12. Tourist town in Greece
14. Plant disease
17. Ivan IV and Mikhail, e.g.
18. Sleeper's woe
23. Unsophisticated
25. Exorcist's target
26. Part of a play
27. ____-Ola, American beverage since the 1940s
28. "Cogito ___ sum"
30. Cucumber-mint Indian recipe
33. Kind of column
34. In want of affection
35. Units of work
36. After-Christmas event
40. Allow
42. Genus in the iris family, plural
43. A meal, plural
44. _____ schnitzel, a popular German way to serve pork
45. One who forces
49. Money in the bank, say
50. ___ New Guinea
51. Eyeball benders
52. Body of good conduct
54. Greenway in Northeast Portland
57. Palm starch
59. Desktop feature
60. Comedian Carvey
61. Winter forecast
63. Figs.
64. Big Apple attraction, with "the"

Sudoku

8		1	9			4		
	5		4			1	2	
1					7	6		
	9				2			
	8		5		3		4	
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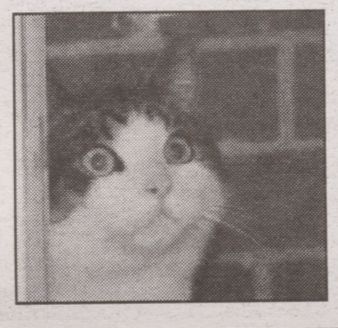
The objective of Sudoku is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers, from 1 to 9. Every row, column and square must include all digits, 1 through 9, in any order.



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