



"Reagan comes home to roost," by Jos Sances

Going Greyhound

By Andrea Shetzline

The grey-bearded stranger looked like someone
Emptied an ashtray into his soul,
A guy from whom all manner of debts had been collected,
And with interest. He was annoyed,
And would make it someone's boring lot to find out why.

Aimless me (laid off they called it)
Wanders into this bleakness of constant departure.

In another corner a middle-aged alcoholic,
Tallying his tawdry defeats,
Makes God some foolish promises.
With cleavage like a cream pitcher,
The brave faced young runaway glances
At the meticulously half-faced Nikes
Of the smiling promoter who's just asked her name.
So many temporary solutions.
She doesn't know he'll have her
Selling blowjobs for the price of a hamburger.

It's warmer in here, no rain or wind.
A sign in the ladies' tells me that
someone with a Xerox and a telephone
is contra la violencia domestica.
Maybe this wasn't another wrong turn,
What if, for once, my bladder had profound intentions?

For a hundred-and-nine dollars
I can take the next one to Fresno,
To Cleveland, to Orlando.
The demons there might be friendlier.
In front of the stall door,
A desiccated woman scratches her wallet for a dime,
The price of unlocking,
Struggling with thick hose,
Avoiding her incontinent old age.
I crawl under and unlock it for her.
If I go home now, I can get
The dishes done before bed.

PUZZLES

By Kara Dimitruk

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Crossword

Across

- 1. Cheese in a ball
- 5. Mung or garbanzo
- 9. Poet's "below"
- 14. "Buona ___" (Italian greeting)
- 15. Wrinkly fruit
- 16. Provide (with)
- 17. Property of a 9-Down
- 19. 747, e.g.
- 20. Creighton University site
- 21. A white sauce in French cuisine
- 23. A wide-angle view
- 26. Three-time winner of 18-Down
- 27. They are used to used to give an illusion of slow motion
- 32. Puppy's bite
- 35. Pull an all-nighter
- 36. Start a hole
- 37. "___ perish" - H.G. Wells (Two words)
- 40. Say again
- 42. Pool problem
- 43. Wild party
- 45. It was dropped in the 60's
- 46. A person who embroiders
- 50. Albanian coin
- 51. Most squalid
- 55. Light, hollow rolls often served with tea
- 59. Run up
- 60. Primitive calculators
- 61. Four tandem bikes, e.g.
- 64. Notches at the end of arrows
- 65. A midget buffalo
- 66. Stately trees
- 67. "Silly" birds
- 68. Baseball glove
- 69. "Buenos ___"

Down

- 1. Prevent legally
- 2. Skin layer
- 3. Sect ender

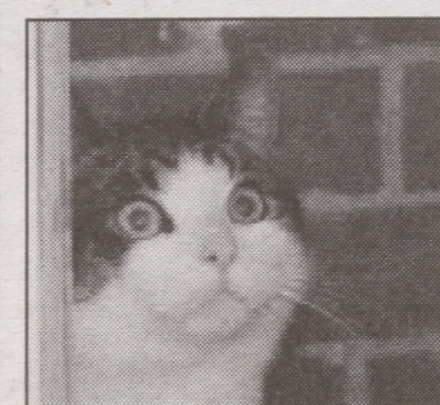
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- 4. Masculine, in Spanish
- 5. Sticker
- 6. It may be easily bruised
- 7. "Arabian Nights" hero
- 8. Not naughty
- 9. A type of mineral commonly known as jade
- 10. It's used to alter photos
- 11. Economist Smith
- 12. Harmonize
- 13. Command to a dog
- 18. ___ Trophy, awarded to the most valuable player in the NHL
- 22. USMC rank
- 24. Sacramento's ___ Arena
- 25. Day after today, in short
- 28. A person who has migrated out, en Francais
- 29. Make well
- 30. Sounds of reproof
- 31. Scurried
- 32. Indian bread
- 33. Like some chatter
- 34. Use a beeper
- 38. They are used to defend or protect against theft
- 39. To broadcast
- 41. Little one
- 44. "Semiramide" composer
- 47. Barely get, with "out"
- 48. Blue-pencil
- 49. Washed clean
- 52. Potential water contaminator
- 53. ___ cum laude
- 54. Lock of hair
- 55. Qualm
- 56. Slender reed
- 57. Tempo
- 58. Printer's amount
- 62. Inherited
- 63. 5-Across cover

Sudoku

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The objective of Sudoku is to fill in 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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