

Drum Locomotive Totem

By Mike Vance

We sat and chopped
Beat by beat we morphed into
Spirit mediums
My eyes closed
I heard two feathers talking
With his drum.
The rest of us spoke up loud.
Old soldiers and Indian warriors
Fought a vicious battle in a trance
(but not as enemies).
Villages and towns were ransacked.
Billowing black clouds screamed,
Like demon sirens from the smoke stack.
Buffalo and horses stampeded
And bloody scalps rained like confetti
From the night sky.

Then, just before I was decapitated by a cannonball,
I opened my eyes and watched as ghosts
danced above our drums.

Homeless

By Jason B.

My heart beats and I don't know why
It's searching for something money cannot buy
I just hope I find it before it gets stale
Or I might have to put it on the market, open for sale
My heart doesn't know where to go and needs a home
It is a cell phone without a signal, set on roam
It has dreams that it wants to fulfill
It has be hospitalized and stuck with the bill
No matter how many times its been broken, it will heal
No matter how much it wants to go numb, it will feel
Someday I hope it will find that very special place
Even if I can't eat it all, I just want a taste.



by Perla Bonilla

PUZZLES

By Kara Dimitruk

Answers on page 6

Crossword

Across

- 1. Bit of physics
- 5. Sleep disorder
- 10. Furies
- 14. I raise (Italian)
- 15. Bread and butter, e.g.
- 16. Lymph bump
- 17. "___ there, done that"
- 18. A type of sock top
- 20. Glands above the kidneys
- 22. Belches
- 23. Iris's place
- 24. Corn serving
- 25. Assortment
- 30. Modular
- 34. Like some tea
- 35. Side squared, for a square
- 37. Hacienda brick
- 38. Balloon filler
- 39. A Portland, maybe
- 41. Harry Potter's best friend
- 42. Introduction to violet
- 44. Put on the payroll
- 45. Phaser setting
- 46. Anti-bacterial substances
- 48. TNT
- 50. School of whales
- 51. W.W. II fliers
- 52. Political self-exile
- 55. Quality of sticking together
- 60. Corroborative or confirming
- 62. Roll call response
- 63. Leprechaun land
- 64. Pröcis
- 65. Used in fertilizer for its nitrogen
- 66. Smelting waste
- 67. Musical exercise
- 68. "Check this out!"

Down

- 1. Goya's "Duchess of ___"
- 2. Like some golf balls
- 3. Stretches oneself thin
- 4. Wealthy, in financial terms
- 5. The "I" of "The King and I"

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- 6. Tide, betting, or gene
- 7. Women in habits
- 8. Portland-to-Spokane dir.
- 9. Out for the night
- 10. Covered
- 11. University mil. group
- 12. Cut and paste
- 13. Parts of a min.
- 19. Turkey's highest peak
- 21. Homer's TV neighbor
- 25. Cat cry
- 26. In a cold manner
- 27. San Francisco/Oakland

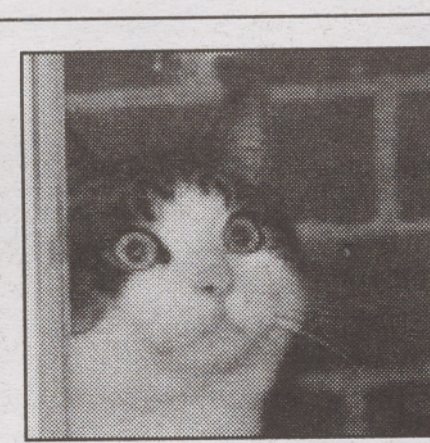
- separator
- 28. Eyebrow shape
- 29. Arctic
- 31. They are added to strengthen
- 32. More or less
- 33. A type of sesame wafer
- 36. Gossamer
- 39. Don't believe it
- 40. One in 100: Abbr.
- 43. System on a boat
- 45. A bad collision
- 47. Sullies
- 49. "___ we there yet?"

- 52. December 24 and 31
- 53. Lead in to -boro
- 54. Pelvic bones
- 55. ___-Cola
- 56. Like some history
- 57. Hoopla
- 58. Loads from lodes
- 59. Without ice
- 61. Private eye

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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