

He Said, She Said

By Julie McCurdy

I do.

Who the fuck knew,
we'd trade in
possibility
for toxicity?
Love doesn't do that,
addiction does,
adrenalin junkies
caught up in
the rush,
the surrender,
to the unforgivable.

To a joint
felonious assault to the senses.

Boohoo bruises,
bullets and bravado.
Words designed
to incinerate their source.
To create
non-consensual pain,
mind-numbing,
soul-shattering.
We watched
from somewhere safe outside ourselves
as it
distorted the features,
cascading down and out our pores
to embrace the other
in a chokehold
of fight or flight response.

Private invitations,
VIP passes
our own
self-created versions
of hell.
Who knew.

Yup, your honor.
Both of us are
guilty as can be.
And yet,
innocent of intent.
Seriously,
neither one of us
could have known
the lessons
our own addiction to rage
would teach us.

Slashes and stitches,
bruised bones,
hearts lost to battlefields
and bomb zones.
No mercy here,
no do-overs,
ever clear.
Yup, your honor,
we did go there.
Do what you will,
but we ask
that you sentence us to healing,
far from each other
and yesterday's tears.
That we may never again
do to another
what we did to each other
here.

Untitled

By Shedrick J. Wilkins

(E = mc2)
That makes a lot of people scared.
But it powers the sun,
So we can have fun.
But don't get fried,
Or you will be eyed.
From cancer of the nose,
That can spread to your toes.
But wear some sun screen,
And your life will just beam.
From day until night,
You'll just feel all right.

Dream

By Shon B.

To see a dream
In someone else's eyes, and
Then making it real is more
Than one could imagine.

PUZZLES

By Kara Dimitruk

Answers on page 6

Crossword

Across

- 1. Bic filler
- 4. Wood sorrel
- 7. Graceful
- 14. Obstacle
- 15. 8 pts.
- 16. Eroded
- 17. Baseball stat
- 18. "The Lord of the Rings" figure
- 19. Toy dog
- 20. Not practically
- 23. Dermatologist's concern
- 24. Island chain?
- 25. Executive Director
- 29. 007, for one
- 31. 1773 jetsam
- 33. Kind of test
- 34. Portland's ___ Cab Co.
- 37. Addams Family daughter
- 40. One who has migrated out
- 42. Artsy one
- 43. It uses magnetic and electric fields
- 45. Apple gizmo
- 46. Action film staple
- 47. With it
- 48. One of the five W's
- 49. Not the House
- 52. Stars and Stripes land
- 54. Jet black
- 58. Common Era
- 61. Dumps out
- 64. It comes before a holiday
- 65. Neighbor of Ger.
- 66. Relating to the early part of the day
- 67. Suffix with auction
- 68. Queen, maybe
- 69. Ornament
- 70. Like some humor
- 71. Grassy area

Down

- 1. Construction piece

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- 2. Intro to lepsy
- 3. Rural village (Afrikaans)
- 4. Kind of arch
- 5. Peacefully
- 6. 1966 Michael Caine role
- 7. Dalai ___
- 8. Their country is a boot
- 9. Promotes
- 10. Nymph chaser
- 11. "I ___ you one"
- 12. More, in Madrid
- 13. Iris's place
- 21. It can be intelligent

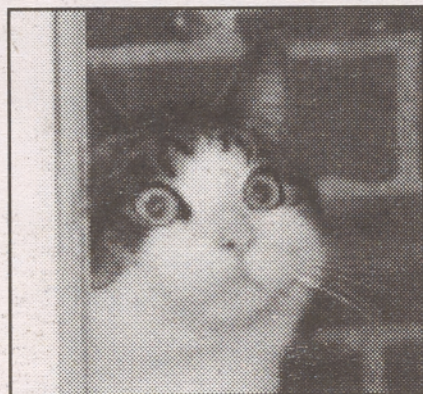
- 22. Quote
- 26. Calculator, at times
- 27. Related on the mother's side
- 28. Cake part
- 30. Sweat source
- 32. Steinbeck's East of ___
- 34. ___ Lupin, Harry Potter prof
- 35. Stupefy
- 36. "Eat!"
- 37. "The Way We ___"
- 38. Impress clearly
- 39. Sure to get the job
- 41. Light

- 44. Major work
- 48. Release of Information, e.g.
- 50. Join the cast of
- 51. Addams Family member
- 53. Knight's need
- 55. Sherpa's home
- 56. Danish currency
- 57. W.W. II conference site
- 59. Swan or Sauvie, e.g.
- 60. Unsubstantial
- 61. German river
- 62. Tourist's aid
- 63. Kind of meeting

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.



Office Cat Rooty sends a big thank you to our neighbors Old Town Pizza for bringing slices to the vendors most afternoons! Yummy!