

Blossoms

by Nick Sullivan

Cold fragile day
grumpy clown face mask
on the faces
of all I pass
Definitely cloudy
smells like car exhaust
inversion
cough cough
wah wah
I round the corner
of this cold
gray day
and there they are
stately cherry trees
blossoms popping in protest
pink & white
they stop the day
This is gray
That is black
Here are shades of green....
& here is brown
& some blue
but here!
Here is that
light pink & white
waxing & waning
back & forth 'tween
each other

Iridescent Luminescence

by Melanie Fey

How does one endeavor to feel?
I feel like nothing more than particles floating in
the air.
I feel everything at once and yet
I feel nothing at all;
crushed into the atmosphere.
I coat the outer layers of human existence, a fine
dust on your chair, static on your skin, a
breeze through your undershirt.
I try to reconfigure my being,
to become one of substance, material, tangible.
Yet, I am but a shadow burdening the hollow
areas of your mind.
I echo always to you, am I real? Am I real? Can
you contemplate me?
Or am I doomed to forever be nevermore than
the miniscule fragments of floating debris
contaminating the air?

Shooting star

by Avendor

I'm painting a poem
with each word a star
each line a constellation
and each stanza a galaxy
I'm choosing my words
like examining wares at a bazaar
selecting just what seems fitting
for a place where my poem can wander
And so my poem climbs the spiral staircase at the palace
gliding quietly up the stairs so as not to rouse the dogs
walking softly up the steps so as not to wake the queen,
who is stirring a little, insecure in her dreams
My poem saunters onto the moonlit veranda, where we meet
I greet it, and then roll it up, tying it together with a crimson ribbon
and give it to the ashen grey gargoyle perched on the railing
who gratefully receives it and wanders into the sapphire blue night
In the twilight before the break of dawn
the gargoyle slips into the lower dungeons
where my bedraggled brother awaits execution,
for trying to add a book on ecology to the Bible
My brother opens up the poem
which begins with reminiscences of our lives, so passionately lived
and ends with my pledge
to keep his dream of and for the earth alive
"Blue-green colors flashing" ...
Amen

PUZZLES

By Grace Badik

Answers on page 6

Crossword

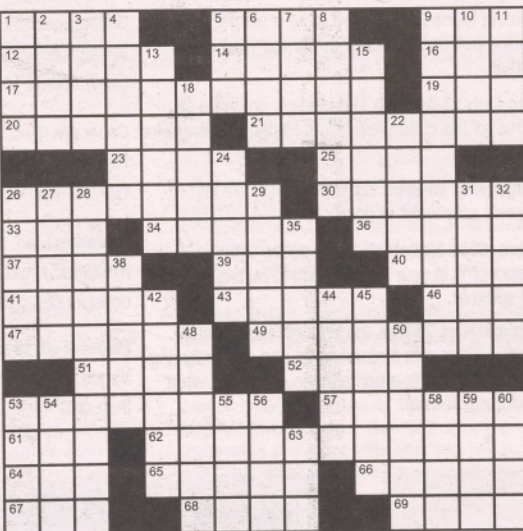
Across

1. Jacket fastener
5. Carve in stone
9. Mail place: Abbr.
12. Reasoning
14. Bone-chilling
16. Actress Myrna
17. Like carsickness
but occurs in the air
19. Rocks, to a
bartender
20. Nebraska river
21. A person who
has made a will or
given a legacy
23. Alternative to
acrylics
25. At one time
26. Instrument used
at luau
30. People who trick
others
33. Obstacle
34. Second-year
students, for short
36. Traffic stopper
37. Spree
39. ___ Aviv
40. Guitar
accessory
41. French romance
43. "He's ___
nowhere man"
(Beatles lyric)
46. Haul
47. Assigned a
piece of work

49. Physical
weakness esp. as
a result of illness
51. Color quality
52. Bingo relative
53. Big ___
(in terms of
money)
57. Ancient
meeting places
61. Corn serving
62. Of major
importance
64. Couple
65. Variety show
66. Civilian clothes
67. Completely
68. Brings home
69. Urinates

Down

1. Certain hockey
shot
2. Short strands and
knots combed out of
wool fiber before
spinning
3. Taj Mahal city
4. Very energetic or
enterprising person
5. Comics shriek
6. Camping gear
7. Algonquian Indian
8. The sound a
snake makes, past
tense
9. Fashionable set
of people engaged

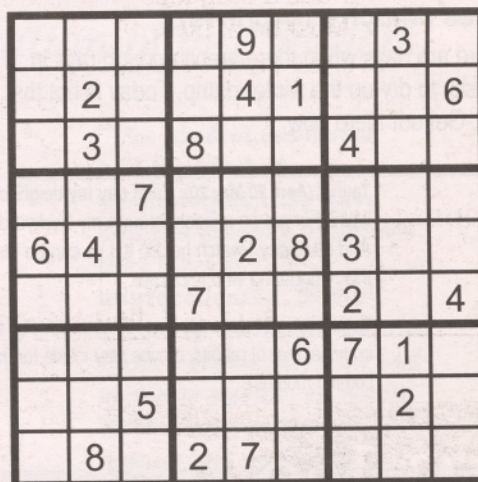


- in show business or
other glamorous
activity
10. Somewhat, in
music
11. ___ and
terminer (criminal
court)
13. Municipalities
15. Heat
18. Yo-Yo Ma's
instrument
22. Savory jelly
24. Nasal dividers
26. German sub
27. Destiny

28. A compound
present in fungi
29. Dig discovery:
Var.
31. Move, as a plant
32. Winter
description
35. Aerodynamic
38. Type of potato
42. Furnish
44. Crosswise, on
deck
45. Symbol for the
Hindu god Shiva
48. To grow or
intensify

50. To improve
53. ___ good
example
54. A hinged device
adapted to fit into a
notch of a ratchet
wheel
55. Amble
56. Tail of a rabbit
or deer
58. Abundant
59. A chip, maybe
60. Sponsorship
63. "For ___ a jolly
..."

Sudoku



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.



This man
works.

So does
Street Roots.