

Here I am

by Kimberly Price

Here I am
Homeless again
I vow to say things won't stay this way
I promise you I know this to be true
I'm taking action and gaining satisfaction
Even though it may be going slow
Every day I search high and low
Thinking positive and keeping a smile on my face
I move forward only with grace
Before you know it, we will have a home
That we can call our own

Enslavement for Entertainment

by Marlon Crump

Behind bars we see eyes expressing lifeless emotion
Chains collared to our necks as we hollar highest to the clouds
Whips bashing our backs, we cry loudest to the crowds
"Lock them, mock them, clothe them, loathe them, clean, then demean them!" they say
Taken from our lands, and sealed in ships like sold slaves
Pulled into public views you call "zoos."
Displaced for displays
Disgraceful that you assume we are playful, even tasteful as dinners at diners you pay
How dare you detain us like terrorists at Gitmo Bay?
Do we not have the civil rights you've all fought for generations?
Though we cannot speak, our march for freedom can be heard in our hearts
Is watching an ape climbing the highest building, then killed, your entertainment for detainment?
Caged inside with no room to roam
Chained to our necks outside with nowhere to run
Hunted, hounded as we flee to any land with a rising sun.
Who are the REAL animals who enslave for entertainment ... then kill for fun?

Haphazard Professional

by William Holmes

poignant precision
through checkpoints, petrol stations
a sharp iron spark
active heat illuminates
another mark on parchment

Spring and Summer

by Peter Salzmann

In the spring it should be nice and hot out
because the sun is out and the sky is nice,
bright and blue. And the sun fills everything up.
Everybody should be outside on picnic blankets.

PUZZLES

By Grace Badik

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Crossword

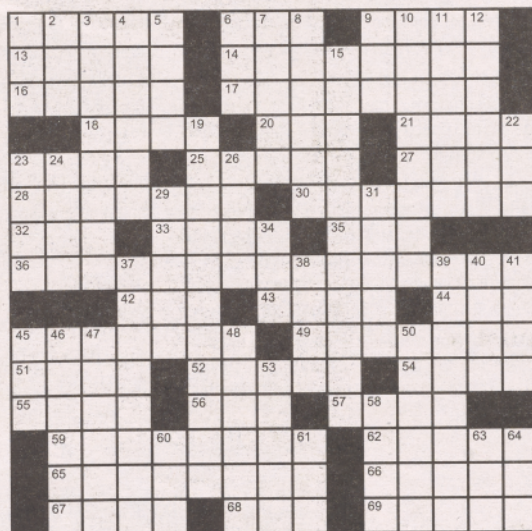
Across

1. "Well, I ___!"
6. "___ a chance"
9. "Check this out!"
13. Pal
14. Not a bikini
16. These get stuck to you as you walk through the woods
17. Examples: white distilled, balsamic, apple cider
18. Darjeeling and oolong
20. Bluecoat
21. Strip of wood
23. Outback birds
25. Pipsqueak
27. Used in fencing
28. Nature's alarm clock
30. Another name for altar boys
32. Neon, e.g.
33. Length x width, for a rectangle
35. Tribute from District 11
36. Gifts left by a certain elf in a red suit
42. Moray, e.g.
43. Coastal raptor
44. Dairy farm sound
45. Relating to the stomach
49. Like some exercises

51. A palm tree with creeping roots
52. Peel of fruit used for flavoring
54. Cheat
55. Type of acid that can lead to gout
56. "C" ___ la vie!
57. Burrow of a badger
59. More dull, bleak, and lifeless
62. Architectural structure used in classical architecture
65. Comfort
66. Acronym of a political and economic organization of ten countries in South Asia
67. Mantle, for one
68. Encountered
69. Churchill Downs event

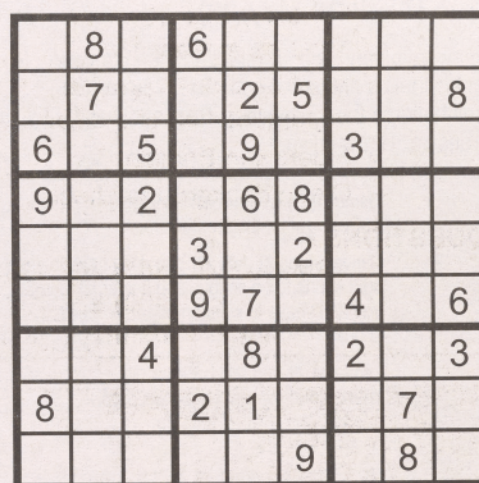
Down

1. Catch in the act
2. Australian runner
3. Prodigy
4. Exit
5. Civil rights activist
6. Guy Fawkes Day mo.
7. In the cooler



8. Barbershop quartet members
9. Pork and ham producer
10. "It is only 500 feet above ___"
11. Predicament
12. Consumer Reports employee
15. Hot spiciness, picante
19. Disinfectants
22. "For ___ a jolly ..."
23. Units of work
24. Alternative to a fence
26. Small songbird
29. Selfish sort
31. King or queen
34. "Act your ___!"
37. A marine mammal of a certain order
38. Phi Delt, e.g.
39. To make someone resentful
40. Aggravate
41. Makes a great puppet
45. African antelope
46. Hang on a line
47. Ornamental shrub
48. Atomic number
55
50. Blunt
53. About 1.3 cubic yards
58. "Goodness gracious!"
60. "Don't ___!"
61. No longer working: Abbr.
63. Bar bill
64. "___ questions?"

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.