

Occupied

by Victor Rivera

Her smile lit the park
Like a hobo hits his wine
As when a junkie hits his vein
I was freed from space and time
I flew through oceans of stars
Although a stone throw away
Turning, swirling, bending light
In search of words to say
Back through the gate of reality
Now spun in vacant rhyme
I strive to occupy something
Other than wanting to swim in her mind
But I want to know what she knows
I'd like to touch her dream
If I could somehow open the window
And let her feel my breeze
But my words don't bring me confidence
Many say confidence is key
Introduction now postponed
In the meantime I'll just be me
Her smile lights the park
While the hobos drink their wine
And though I feel I missed the vein
I'm free in space and time



PUZZLES

By Grace Badik

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Crossword

Across

- 1. Talk like Daffy
- 5. Large, extinct flightless birds
- 9. Branch of military with planes, abr.
- 13. Form of ether
- 14. Knowledge of or expertise in the fine arts
- 15. Perfume brand by Dana
- 16. Person who sells, solicits, or negotiates insurance
- 19. Home of modern day pirates
- 20. Popular vehicles in narrow European streets
- 21. Grad
- 22. Himalayan legend
- 23. A person who initiates or leads an illicit activity
- 27. Mars, to the Greeks
- 31. Poppycock
- 32. Occurred
- 33. Adopted son of Claudius
- 34. Contraction
- 35. "So ___"
- 37. Dude
- 38. Indian bread
- 40. Affirmative vote
- 41. Decorative ruffle at the neckline of a shirt
- 43. 1952 Winter Olympics site
- 44. People who find fault, like the grumpy old men from "The Muppets"
- 47. Defense acronym
- 49. Coastal raptor
- 50. Sugar source
- 52. Crayola color, plural
- 55. Having good intentions despite lack of success or fortunate results
- 58. Isaac's firstborn
- 59. Spine-chilling
- 60. Go ___ detail

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- 61. Low voice
- 62. Student overseer
- 63. Palm fruit
- 12. Mammals have it
- 14. Worth
- 17. Good news on Wall Street
- 18. Decompose
- 22. Wine label info
- 23. Zoo heavyweight
- 24. Specks
- 25. Knobby
- 26. Geek
- 28. Jewish teacher
- 29. Typo
- 30. Chimney cleaners' nemesis
- 35. Drawn tight
- 36. Opposite of hyper
- 39. State of bafflement or perplexity
- 41. Supernatural creatures in Islamic mythology
- 42. Pharyngeal tonsil
- 45. Curb
- 46. A sharp mountain ridge
- 48. Floats like a butterfly, stings like a bee
- 50. Tableland
- 51. Regrettably
- 52. Red Cross supplies
- 53. Tolstoy's Karenina
- 54. Burrow of a badger
- 55. Part of WWW
- 56. Golf bag item
- 57. Fawn's mother

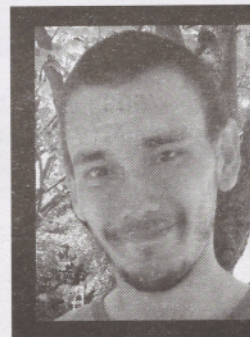
Down

- 1. Waikiki wear
- 2. Holiday ___
- 3. Fair to midland
- 4. Peacock's pride
- 5. Least quantity or amount possible
- 6. SeaWorld creature
- 7. Had a bite
- 8. A submarine does this
- 9. Ideal, perfect
- 10. Purpose
- 11. Out, in a way

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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So does Street Roots.*