

Trees

by Eileen Vizenor

If I could come back in another life, I'd like to be a tree.
The trees around the Central Library are bold, beautiful and strong.
They are home and resting spots for nature's creatures.
They lend shade on hot days and cover during summer rains.
I enjoy sitting under them with Molly May, working on puzzles and my creative writing.
And, what stories they could tell if only they could speak.
Yes, I want to come back as a tree because trees are never homeless.

Addiction

by Jack Noris

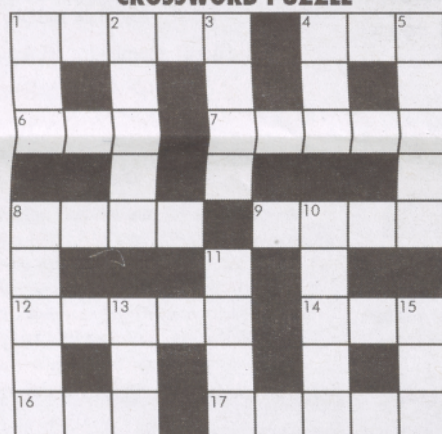
What is the temptation
I cannot resist
What is this temptation I cannot replace
Its highest point makes me mechanically distressed.
I hear a voice say take me.
So I take one and then I take another.
Have I been replaced or have I been erased?

People

by Eileen Vizenor

People here. People there.
Behind us, encouraging.
In front of us, prohibiting.
Telling us how to think.
Telling us how to speak.
Telling us how to vote.
I am an individual.
I am a woman. Sometimes strong. Sometimes not.
Only asking to be loved.
Only asking to be respected.
Only asking for a home, and a hand up - not out.

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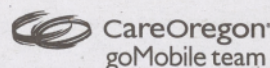
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ACROSS

1. Fermentation agent
4. Have a bite
6. Tree fluid
7. Cake ingredient
8. Three-ply cookie
9. Hook's henchman
12. Ground grain
14. The gift of ____
16. Tease or ridicule
17. Francis or Kevin?

DOWN

1. Affirmative!
2. Type of fritter
3. Analyze or try
4. Cake ingredient
5. Tres
8. Deal
10. Potter's practice
11. Nosh!
13. Late rapper; abbr.
15. ____ appétit



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