

Do you have a boyfriend?

Skating On the Surface

An attempt at making a zine while I am still trying to not feel my feelings for the sake of my own mental well-being during the pandemic

but now I realize it means nothing.

By Sam

Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

1 Give and take? **joke**

5 Drilling grp. **15**

9 Express gratitude to **love**

14 Hit the road **always**

15 Tennis whiz **25**

16 Spine-tingling **28**

17 Mythical ship **29**

18 Ration **30**

19 Wrinkled plum **31**

20 Cranky **32**

21 Complainer **33**

22 Don Juan, e.g. **34**

24 Eagle's nest, alt. **35**

25 Chilling, say **36**

26 ___ of limitations **37**

28 "On the double!" **38**

32 Treated badly **39**

35 Cry loudly **40**

36 Pool member **41**

37 Kerr of "The King and I" **42**

39 "Eat Pray Love" star **43**

41 Forest forager **44**

42 Personal take, for short **45**

44 Even though **46**

45 Agile **47**

46 Glass raiser **48**

48 Cotillion honoree **49**

49 Type of pitch **50**

53 Shakespeare specialties **51**

57 Candle feature **52**

58 Pertaining to the ear **53**

59 Chew (on) **54**

61 She played Sabrina in the '70s **55**

- 62 tip to **8** One who's **32** Combines
- 63 Top spot **owed** **33** Car alarm?
- 64 Who follows **9** Plains dwelling **34** Lyft rival
- 65 Short-tempered **10** The lady's **38** Rowdy youth
- 66 Can't do without **11** Lily variety **40** Sanction
- 67 Cousin of a gull **12** One of three in 1492 **43** Chemical bonding number
- 13** Razor sharp **47** Kind of oil
- 21** One of the Fondas **48** Snake's underside
- 29** Arctic vessel **50** Shove off
- 27** Made into a movie, say **51** "Door's open!"
- 28** 18-34, for example **52** Hard-nosed
- 29** Withered **53** Lacking slack
- 30** "Nay" sayer **54** Ancient letter
- 31** Annoyance **55** Star anagram
- 56** Horse's walk
- 60** Tie the knot

DOWN

- 1 Old West transport
- 2 Fret
- 3 Prophecy
- 4 Kind of note
- 5 Ewe's mate
- 6 Spotted wildcat
- 7 Bacterial infection

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My coffee was warm—
for months—
Now it's cold (not lukewarm)
To suit my new routine.

"Where are the signs?"
Spoken as undefined.
Intermediate rider
Entering a brave new
Public transportation
System.

"You just know." Spoken
from experience and a
longer commute.

SUDOKU

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Difficulty: Easy

	2	3	6	9		7	3
1				8			
6	9			6	9	2	4
1			4				1
	2	3			4	2	3
8		1	9			6	9
	5						6
1	6	9				5	9
4			2	3			

HOW TO SOLVE:
Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

(Answer appears elsewhere in this issue)
Answer keys on page 6

Your favorite, fake decoration is one I cut.

Red rooster ties it all together since there's no need to frame me. Because I'm

I all about each



you think about, the reason you're even still here.

And I have an extra saved for someone else. Sent from my anonymous self.

Both, meaningless.



I enter my pin -
 A gateway
 to a new
 life -
 Splash
 Some
 water on my face,
 Remarkable how one's
 insides can change
 So fucking much.
 Open the back,
 Release,
 Feel my breath hitting the
 Darkest parts.



Solution to Crossword:

S	W	A	P	R	O	T	C	T	H	A	N	K
T	O	U	R	A	C	E	R	E	E	R	I	E
A	R	G	O	M	E	T	E	P	R	U	N	E
G	R	U	M	P	L	A	D	I	E	S	M	A
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D	E	B	O	R	A	H	R	O	B	E	R	T
D	E	E	R	P	O	V	A	L	B	E	I	T
S	P	R	I	E	T	O	A	S	T	E	R	
				B	E	L	L	E	S	A	L	E
T	R	A	G	E	D	I	E	S	S	C	E	N
A	U	R	A	L	G	N	A	W	K	A	T	E
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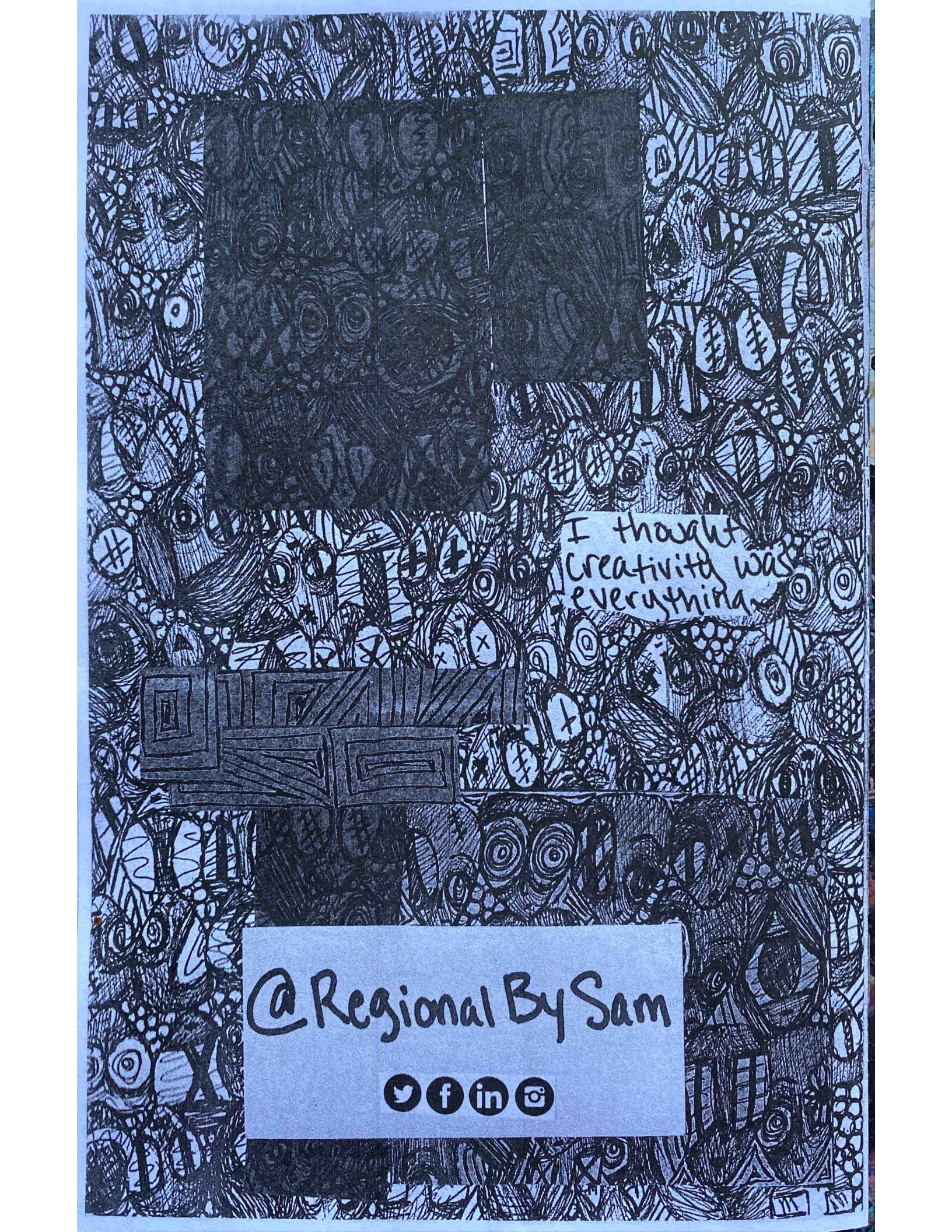
Think the
 Same thoughts
 that used to
 torment you.

// That now torment me.
 And realize how contagious
 this predicament is.

Solution to Sudoku:

4	2	8	6	5	9	1	7	3
1	7	3	4	2	8	6	9	5
6	5	9	1	3	7	2	4	8
5	9	2	7	4	6	3	8	1
7	6	1	3	8	5	4	2	9
8	3	4	2	9	1	5	6	7
2	8	5	9	1	4	7	3	6
3	1	6	8	7	2	9	5	4
9	4	7	5	6	3	8	1	2

Hungry for
 Something
 That I can't
 Quite put my
 Finger on. Repeat thought.
 And slowly let you
 Finally
 Leave
 Me.



I thought
creativity was
everything.

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