

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

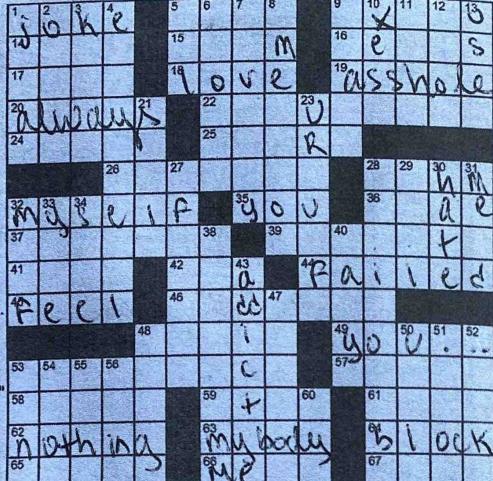
Do you
have a
boyfriend?

Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- Give and take?
- Drilling grp.
- Express gratitude to
- Hit the road
- Tennis whiz
- Spine-tingling
- Mythical ship
- Petition
- Wrinkled plum
- Grumpy complainer
- Don Juan, e.g.
- Eagle's nest, alt.
- Chilling, say
- of limitations
- "On the double!"
- Treated badly
- Cry loudly
- Pool member
- Kerr of "The King and I"
- "Eat Pray Love" star
- Forest forager
- Personal take, for short
- Even though
- Agree
- Glass raiser
- Cotillion honoree
- Type of pitch
- Shakespeare specialties
- Candle feature
- Pertaining to the ear
- Chew (on)
- She played Sabrina in the '70s



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DOWN

- Old West transport
- Fret
- Prophecy
- Kind of note
- Ewe's mate
- Spotted wildcat
- Bacterial infection
- Up to
- Top spot
- Who follows
- Short-tempered
- Can't do without
- Cousin of a gull
- Razor sharp
- One of the Fondas
- Arctic vessel
- Made into a movie, say
- Door's open!
- Hard-nosed
- Lacking slack
- Ancient letter
- Star anagram
- Horse's walk
- Tie the knot

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

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

On display
as of now

I just

aw

me

the

one

I cut.

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

all
you know

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.

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Solution to Crossword:

SWAP	ROTC	THANK
TOUR	ACER	EERIE
ARGO	METE	PRUNE
GRUMP	LADIESMAN	
EYRIE	ONICE	
	STATUTE	ASAP
ABUSED	SOB	GENE
DEBORAH	ROBERTS	
DEER	POV	ALBEIT
SPRY	TOASTER	
	BELLE	SALES
TRAGEDIES	SCENT	
AURAL	GNAW	KATE
UNTIL	ACME	EVER
TESTY	NEED	TERN

Think the
Same thoughts
that used to
torment you.

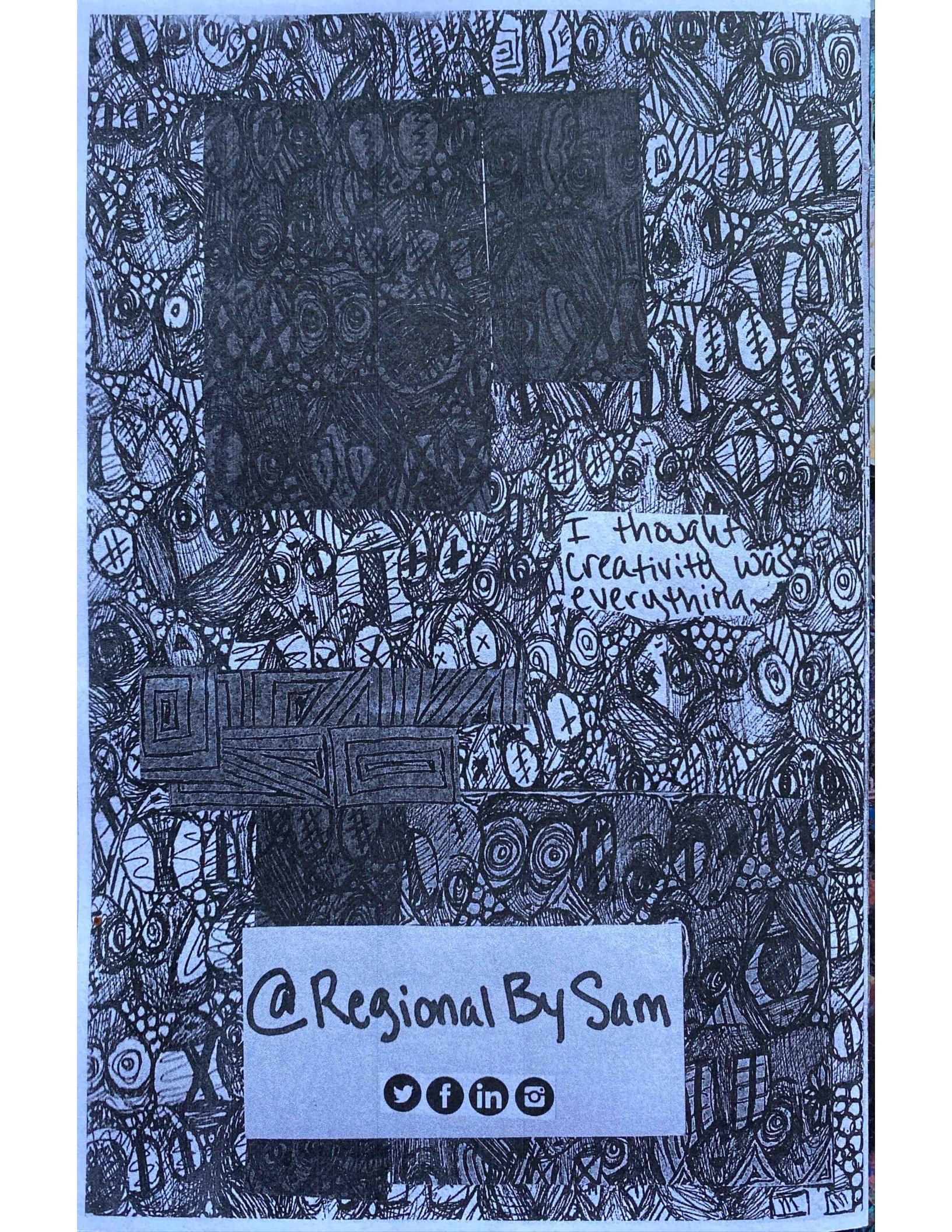
// That now torment me.
And realize how contagious
this predicament is.

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

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

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I thought
creativity was
everything

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