THE POETRIE GALLERIE

Message From An Old Woman To A Young Girl

Come heah gul, come lisin to me.
It's a shame I gotta school you when
you gotta dee-gree.

Sit right heah on dese heah steps,
deys certain th'ings you haint learnt yet.

You say you unhappy.
You say you blue.
Maybe de devil done got hold of you.
But befoe he take you completely astray,
lisin to me, I got somethin to say.

Pretty is as pretty does.
Beauty is only skin deep.
Learn to look beyond appearances,
learn to look beneath.

You say you tide of fightin a system
dats impossible to beat, when it's self
hatred dat you must conquer first.
It's what you must defeat.

Now I could go on and on my child if I had
de time.
Jest rememba dat a main's value haint so
much
measured by dollars and cents as it is by de
example he leave behind.

DENISE ANN NARCISSE
Chicago, IL

A Young Man Out Of Season

He stood on wind swept
street corners trying to
sell his artistic talents
to the hurried people who
offered praise but never
purchased a picture that held
deep frustrating impressons,

He lingered through endless
days with hopes that society
would soon take notice and
accept this skilled artist
and speak his name forever,

He desperately wanted fame to
show the world that he too had
existed and lived,

The nights were harsh and bitter
family tried to reveal the foolish
wasted that he struggled in vain
at something he would never truly
become,

He fought against the ones he
felt no more love for, he cried
away his secret failures in a cold
bed that offered no pity or warmth,

One day he wandered away, far from
the cruel temperament of those who
wished him to lead an ordinary
lifestyle that seemed tiresome and
boring,

He never returned and perhaps he
found his private world of fame
and glory after all.

JAMES E. KELLY
Phila., PA

The Smile

A man cries
behind a smile
questions of why
no one cares
about his pride
burdens he bears
Quick to die
forever alone
revealed to all
for being kind
Love of life
Life Love
feelings he hides
when he's alone
a man cries
behind a smile

DEREK HUGGINS
St. Louis, MO

Seize and Sell

The pretty girls
So proud and bold
Before they're sold

Their skin of cream
Soft as cotton
Never forgotten

They'll lie tonight
On some man's loin
Who's spent the coin

WAYNE WEST
Houston, TX

Sweet Essence of Myself

I sit in my
dark candle lit room
filled with mid August
Sunday morning kisses of wind
inhaling the faint scent of
strawberry incense that
danced about the room to
"Slow Screw Against the Wall"
and for the first time
I began to meet myself
my true self
no clothing
no perfume
no makeup
just me, myself, and I
coming together and understanding
one another
for the very first time
relaxing and meditating
thoughts of only me . . .
the sweet essence of myself.

RENA MULLINS
Cleveland, OH

We Used To

We used to have time to listen to the birds sing as the morning would take it's glorious stand and awake us with the freshness of it's beaming ray of sunlight.

We used to have time to walk along many roads and appreciate each gift that God has surrounded us with.
We used to listen and understand the people who didn't listen and didn't understand.

We used to be grateful for every morning that arrived and for every night that took its end.

What used to be . . . isn't anymore.

ROCHELLE WILSON
Houston, Texas

Comrades

It's odd how folks all come around
When things are going right.
They laugh and talk all through the day,
And even into the night.
But when things start turning upside down
These folks just disappear.
They leave you staring into space.
Full of sadness and some fear.
I wonder what will happen
when I am back on top.
Will they show up all bright eyed
And talking non-stop.
How "friends" can be a joke.
Spending their time on folks who don't need.
Completely ignoring those they should heed.

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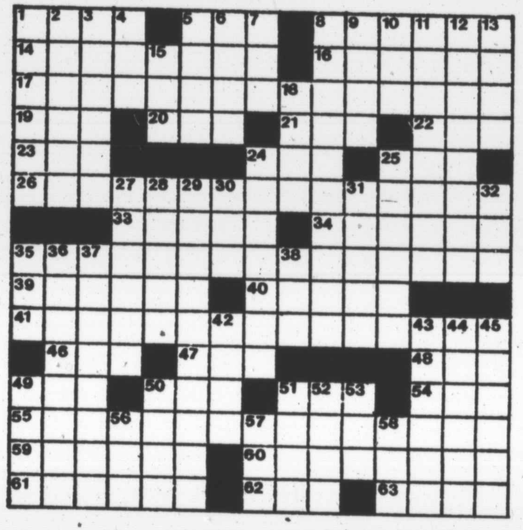
X-Word Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Medicinal plant used by pharmacist Wilcie Elfe (Charleston, SC, 1853)
5 Trinidad-Tobago is a member of this Org.: slaves were freed in, 1833
8 Graffiti, e.g.: 2 wds.
14 Lee S. _____: co-improver of the typewriter (pat. 1885)
16 Consumed legumes: 2 wds.
17 Deputy Dir. of manned space program at MacDonald-Douglas (1926-1968)
19 Suffix meaning resembling
20 They fought and died to keep Blks. in bondage (abbr.)
21 Belonging to "Bojangles" (entertainer)
22 Greek goddess of mischief: many Gk. goddesses & gods depict Black
23 Road number (abbr.): the Underground R.R. had none!
24 Numerous Blacks excelled in this sports Org.
25 Nat "Deadwood Dick" Love (cowboy fame) had an excellent one with firearm & rope
26 This 16-year old slave was a technician at the U.S. Naval Acad. when he invented a steam engine (1856)
33 Usually left after a slave-raid on a village: 2 wds.
34 European Theater of Operations in the French summer (WWII)
35 These African likenesses were in Mexico before the Europan explorer
39 Recipient of 12 DOWN?
40 Prevaricator of 1950
41 First dean of engineering at Tuskegee (1914-1976): he trained Blk. pilots (WWII)
46 Musical medium
47 Monogram of Norbert Rillieux, inventor of the sugar-refining system (1846)
48 Sweet suffix of 47 ACROSS
49 This shouldn't happen to the civil rights course!
50 Eastern Daylight Time
51 Wail
54 Extinct bird of N.Z.: originally Blk. inhabited islands
55 Murray Hill, NJ holder of 14 patents related to deoxidation
59 To 'Terence' (Blk. Latin playwright) "XII" was indicated thus: 2 wds.
60 Garrett A. Morgan's (1877-1963) invention would do this to traffic: 2 wds.
61 Feature of the harpoon invented by Lewis Temple
62 Sizes of 51 DOWN
63 Sharecropper?

DOWN

1 Number 4 DOWN developed a shield to do this to Gamma rays
2 The Moors conquered parts of Europe in this manner
3 Edward Booth (wealthy miner, 1849), e.g.: 2 wds.
4 J. Ernest Wilkins (1923 -), to friends: nuclear Scientist
5 Mary Church Terrell (1863-1955) wrote these; also was a fiery Rights leader
6 _____, OK: ST of Hannah Atkins
7 _____, Mt., India: Buddhas of this land are African description
8 A. Philip Randolph's victory for the Porter's union (1935): 2 wds.
9 _____ Boykins (1920 -): inventor of the pacemaker-unit
10 Dr. Theodore Kenneth Lawless (1892-1971) could've treated this disorder
11 "KKK" to peace abiding people, e.g.
12 Obeah or Voodoo?: 2 wds.
13 Found on Walter H. Sammons' 'hat-comb' invention (pat. 1920): var. sp.
15 Interstate Commerce Commission
18 Ba_____ : Central African tree
24 Style of African nose-wear
25 French body of water: name & water's initial
27 This day, 1815, more than 500 Blk. soldiers fought in the 'Battle of New Orleans'
28 O.S. (Ozzie) Williams' 1st airbourne radar beacon worked this way, for locating crashed planes
29 Rafer Johnson, e.g., (2 wds.): 1st Blk. all-time decathlon champion
30 St. Augustine & Monica, his mother, wrote '98' thus
31 The American flag flies here in Samoa: 2 wds.
32 Ja! (Ger.): 5 DOWN spoke this language fluently
35 Small Dee: abbr.
36 The Blk. sailors which served with Com. Oliver H. Perry (African ancestry) were dubbed this, too!: 2 wds.
37 The struggle for full freedom: 2 wds.
38 Nine-hundred to some
42 Karen Stevenson is the 1st Blk. lady to win a Rhodes Scholarship (1979); which is this: abbr.
43 Many Black were sent to CA for this purpose (1849): 2 wds.
44 Aware of (slang): 3 wds.
45 Dr. Lloyd Hall's invention is to do this to foods
49 Commando-like team which can effectively deter the dastardly klan
50 Short relationship between organisms & their environment
51 Jan Ernest Matzeliger (1852-1889) invented a last for this
52 Fare for William Robinson's (postal equestrian, 1860's) conveyance
53 Alexander Hamilton (African ancestry), U.S. Sec. of Treas. 1789-95, was born here: abbr.
56 Willis Johnson's 'egg beater' invention could've whipped-up this: pat. 1884
57 Northern Maine: abbr.
58 South African hill: police State, but not a policeman!

—Roundup

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math teaching while attending other graduate and post-graduate classes. Graves, who is the one of eleven Woodrow Wilson Fellows on the Princeton, New Jersey campus, said: "This will be an outstanding opportunity for me to reflect on the problems our nation faces as it transitions into the high technology age of the 21st century."

The Peace Corps is making a concerted effort to recruit black representatives. Last month, the Corps sponsored a symposium at Howard University's Howard Inn at which they sought to make students "aware of the opportunities for careers in international development work through Peace Corps service." Theme for the symposium was: "The Need For Black Participation In International Development: Come, Let Us Reason Together." Surprisingly, Dr. Carolyn Payton, dean, Counseling and Career Services at Howard, who resigned the Peace Corps several years ago, was among the symposium speakers.

DR. JOSEPH HARRISON JACKSON, president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., for 29 years before he was succeeded by the current president, the Rev. Dr. Theodore Jemison, apparently upset by the NBC's political swing to Rev. Jesse Jackson, held his own press conference in Washington last month to announce his endorsement of Ronald Reagan. This, of course, was nothing new as the Chicago-based minister has supported the Republicans down through the years.

—In The Stars

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cond week in October. The good luck that follows you will make you feel like celebrating—Just don't lose sight of your ultimate goal—Success. Make it a quiet Halloween.

VIRGO—The Virgin
(August 23-September 22)

Your popularity peak at the beginning of the month may reveal to you someone of the same mind. With things going so well, you are encouraged to plan for the future.

Clear any stumbling blocks that come your way around the 18th, and make full use of your high power days beginning the 20th.

You may feel others are trying to force their will on you—be cool, it's all relative anyway. Patience is the watchword for the rest of the month, and love is the reassurance that it's all worth it.