

Hometime

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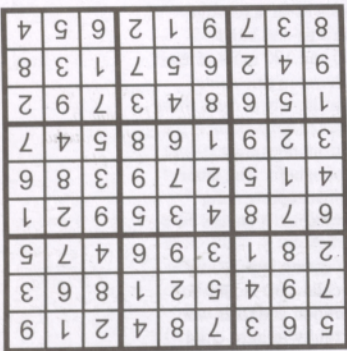
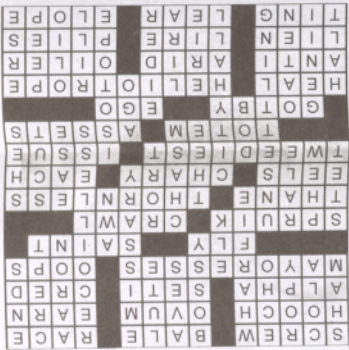
It could be a long time
Or it could be a bit
For now, I have no home
You'd think I'd give a shit

I do sleep with the stars
On some nights I see Mars
Others they wake me to Venus
On those days, I'm a knave
Brave, but not very serious

Ol' Burnside is the bride who
Should have been my girl for years
Crossing her is like we knew
Little of when to shed tears

Some of us say they're here to stay
Me, I'm not nearly as certain
I do believe this is my way
Give the life of roamin' curtains

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Street Roots' Cole Merkel honored with Skidmore Prize

Cole Merkel, Street Roots' vendor program director, stands with Bill Dickey, owner of Morel Ink, who presented Merkel with the 2016 Skidmore Prize. Merkel was one of five recipients of the prize given to people ages 35 and younger committed to improving their community by working in the nonprofit sector. Cole was honored for his work helping people experiencing homelessness and poverty.

"Working with people experiencing homelessness and severe poverty can be traumatizing, and I am so grateful I get to work with such a supportive staff," Cole said. "But ultimately, this award goes out to the 150 men and women who sell Street Roots every single day. I am honored to be your supervisor, your mentor and your friend."

The Skidmore Prize program is a community involvement initiative sponsored by Willamette Week. Morel Ink sponsored Cole's award. More information on the winners of the Skidmore Prize and how to contribute to nonprofits in the community, including Street Roots, is in the 2016 Give!Guide, giveguide.org.



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