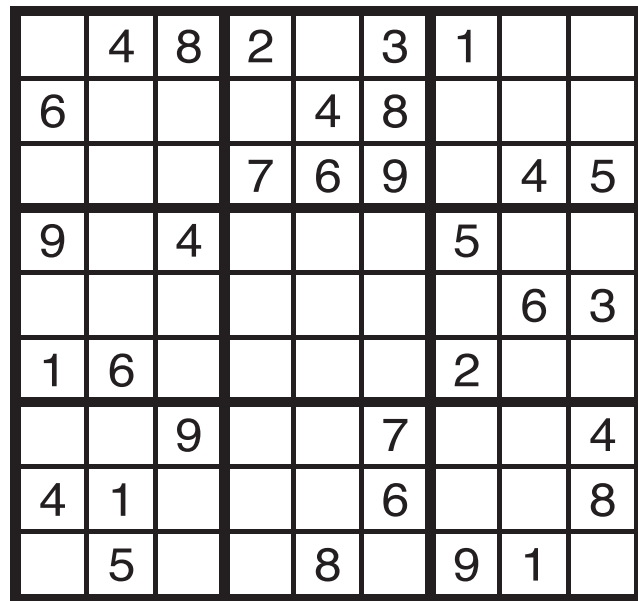


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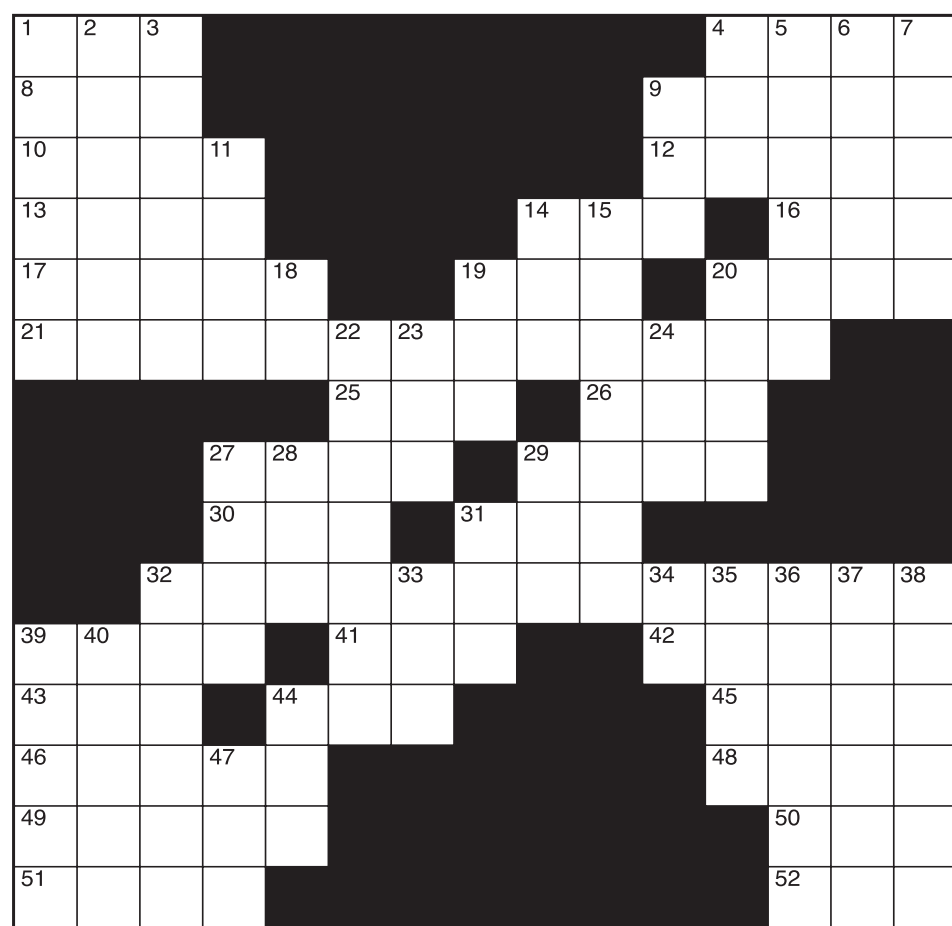


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How To Sudoku:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a Sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Level: Beginner

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- Centralized mailing compartment
- Small argument
- Latin for "hail"
- Semicircular headress
- Hole plug
- Primp
- A spontaneous motivation
- Don't know when yet
- Portable computer screen material
- Conform
- Yoruba
- Wings
- Tar Hill State
- Hard, durable wood
- Pallid
- Pabir language
- Not crazy
- Word element meaning ear
- Hill (Celtic)
- "Dangerous Liaisons" actor

CLUES DOWN

- Relating to New Guinea
- Carry to excess
- Alms solicitor
- Title of respect
- Spanish saffron dish
- Betel palm genus
- Petterter ____, Nordic combined skier

CLUES ACROSS

- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- Clan division
- Referee declares
- Rampart
- "Big" actor's initials
- Noah's boat
- Diarist __ Frank
- Luminous celestial ring
- Famous motor club
- 007's creator
- A timely blessing
- UTHealth (abbr.)
- Roman Helios
- Check
- Making of a worn-out vicious horse
- Wife
- An alternative
- Spanish unit of length
- Wild goats
- Municipalities
- Bother or harass
- Excessively sentimental
- Middle Eastern dish
- Waterproof raincoat
- Former OSS

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Suzanne Wagner
Columnist

March

We made it! We are going to have the last square between Uranus in Aries and Pluto in Capricorn on March 16-17, and this will help us conclude some intensely transformational years. Now with the eclipse on March 20 (which is the first one in Aries), we begin a cycle to find harmony between the driving force of our nature and our desire for relationship and balance.

Just as a warning, I do not expect March to be smooth. And I do expect March to be a major turning point for many. For some of you it might be a month for some TLC as you might feel like your body has taken so many hard hits the past five-plus years that you have to do something to get your energy back up to par. For others there might be a feeling of finally getting some footing to be able to make up the ground that you have lost since 2012.

Regardless, let the past go. Open to receive what is presently being offered from the Universe, and choose

happiness even in the face of change. Think of this month as taking the stand of appeasement. This is a form of truce. There are moments that it is best to accept the situation and to move forward from this particular place rather than hold out for some illusion or desire that may or may not come.

If you still want to fight, you need to take a good look at how your ego will sabotage a great opportunity just to make a point. My message is to take the offering and let's move on. Make a choice to put the sword down and have a discussion about the options from this point forward. This is the lesson of learning to balance the intense driving energy of this eclipse cycle this year. There is no sense in reminiscing about past glories, as there is much to do and it is time to get on with it. All you have is this moment, so make the most of it.

Hence there is counsel to move forward with tact and gentleness. If we have learned anything over the past six years, it's that you cannot push

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'Museum Road Show'

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The cast and crew of the Mendocino County Museum Road Show gathered at the Willits Museum on Saturday, February 21 for a full dress rehearsal for the upcoming production. For several hours, cast and crew went over notes, rehearsed lines, and worked on coordinating all the details that go into making the show a success.

This 2nd annual Museum Road Show is yet another example of the creativity and hard work that museum director Alison Glassey, the museum board, staff and supporting volunteers have initiated to showcase the fascinating history of Mendocino County and to make the museum an attractive destination for local citizens and for visitors.

Those attending the shows will be treated to a team of talented local actors, bringing stories of historical people and events to life in a performance that is both entertaining and educational. The "Museum Road Show" opens its countywide run in Willits, on Saturday, March 7 at Willits High School, and continues on Friday, March 13 at the Arena Theater in Point Arena, on Saturday, March 14 at

the SPACE Theater in Ukiah, on Friday, March 20 at the Anderson Valley Grange in Philo, and on Saturday, March 21 at Cotton Auditorium in Fort Bragg.

Visitors and long-time residents alike will learn interesting new stories from a new perspective about the colorful characters of the Mendocino County past, including the long-lived Lucy Young, a Native woman whose grandfather foresaw the coming of Europeans; some regrettably short-lived members of the Coates and Frost families in Willits, whose members took part in a multigenerational feud based on differing loyalties in the Civil War; and the inimitable Black Bart, part gentleman, part criminal, who was known for robbing Wells Fargo bank safes and leaving poetry in his wake.

The trio, All About Sally, plays original and traditional music to accompany the performance.

Tickets (advance purchase is recommended) are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 65+, and \$10 for youth 20 and under. Order tickets online at www.MendocinoMuseum.org, by calling 459-2736, or by visiting the museum, 400 East Commercial Street, during open hours, 10 am to 4:30 pm Wednesday through Sunday.



Clockwise from top left: The Museum Road Show cast rehearses the Coates and Frost feud scene. Actor Tony Rakes, Kate Magruder reading lines from the wagon train episode. Tony Rakes and Nichole Phillips. Actors Ricci Dedola, Tony Rakes, and Rick Allan. Tony Rakes and Nichole Phillips rehearsing an intimate scene.

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Above: Michael Hackleman in the "Silver Hawk" chassis he is turning into an electric vehicle. The steel chassis was built by Ron of Mendocino Tool and Machine and welded by Keith of K-Arrow Welding.

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The Past and Future of Electric Vehicles

I remember the first time I heard about an electric vehicle (EV) 45 years ago, I thought: what a silly idea. It was 1970, and I hated the notion that nuclear power plants would expand to supply electricity to a nation driving EVs.

I changed my mind in 1973 when I learned that, back in 1900, half of the 100,000 vehicles on the road were electric (the other half were steam-powered). Further research revealed the efficiency, simplicity, and low cost of electric propulsion.

My first book on EVs, "Electric Vehicles: Design and Build Your Own," came out in 1974. It was followed in 1996 by "The New Electric Vehicles: A Clean and Quiet Revolution."

Today, the EV is coming back. With PV (solar-electric panels) costing less than \$1 per watt, it is now possible to "fuel" an EV on your own land. When recharged from

solar power, wind power, and home-scale hydro-electricity, the EV is truly a zero-emission vehicle (ZEV). Even if you plug into the utility grid, California recognizes only EVs as zero-emission, using one-third of the energy source to go the same mile as a gas-fueled car, and producing one-fifth of the air pollution. PG&E even offers special rates for EV owners for overnight charging at home.

You can buy NEVs (neighborhood electric vehicles), electric-assist bicycles, electric motorcycles, electric scooters, conversions (gas to electric), electric cars (i.e., Leaf and Tesla), and gas-electric hybrids (i.e., the Prius). The major auto manufacturers are tooling up to build, sell, and support EVs. Many folks choose to build their own EVs.

Is there an EV in your future? I'm giving a free slide and video workshop at Wowser, 330 East Commercial Street, on Monday, March 2 at 6 pm. A variety of EVs will be on hand to look over. All ages welcome. Questions? Call Wowser at 459-9697.

Furry Friends Hoping for a Home Sweet Tulip

Our sweet Tulip is a young 2-year-old spayed female Australian Cattle dog mix. She currently weighs 42 pounds. She was brought to us as a dog that lost her way, but we know she once had a family as she was wearing a collar and has obviously been socialized.

Tulip is a favorite of the shelter staff and volunteers because of her attentive playful personality. She loves people as well as other dogs, and we think she would love a home with another friendly, playful dog. Tulip would also make a great exercise buddy since she is energetic but also smart and well-behaved.

We promise you endless smiles if you welcome this girl into your life! Tulip would love to meet you and introduce herself with a handshake.

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and our adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6 pm. We have many wonderful dogs and cats, awaiting their forever homes here. To view photos and bios of more of our wonderful adoptable animals, please visit our website: www.mendoshelterpets.com or visit our shelter during shelter hours. More info about adoptions: 467-6453.



Photo by Rod Coats



Photos by Maureen Moore

A fun time for kids of all ages can be found at the Willits Skate Park, located on East Commercial Street in Willits. The park was in full use during last week's President's Week break from school.

Several skaters were out enjoying the sunshine on Tuesday, February 17, including youngsters just getting a feel for their wheels, and others showing off their more practiced skills.

Zane, pictured in the bright teal above, just moved to Willits and has been skating for more than 20 years. "This is one of the best parks in California!" he noted.

Zane also spent time helping mentor some of the youngsters at the park, including his brother's kids.

"I get to be 'Uncle Zane' and get them out of the house, doing some fun exercise and helping to teach them to skate. It's a great way to spend the break!"

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 Suzanne Wagner is a professional psychic who teaches the intuitive arts throughout the United States. She is the author of "Integral Tarot" and "Integral Numerology," which can be found on Amazon.com. To learn more, visit www.suzwagner.com or call Suzanne at 707-354-1019.

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2015 Willits Science Fair Special Award Winners

J.D. Redhouse recognized excellence and creativity in science with free ice cream. *Winners of this award were:*

- Madilyn Donoghue and Grace Croskey, Blosser Lane, Grade 4, If You Give a Goat Some Hay
- Aiden Siebe, Willits Elementary Charter School, Grade 4, Dancing Plants
- Emma Scofield, Willits Elementary Charter School, Grade 4, Hungry Birds
- Paris Hansburger, Blosser Lane Elementary, Grade 5, What's Up Down There?
- Lilly Barrett, Blosser Lane Elementary, Grade 5, Sketchers vs. Nike
- Darius Moog, Willits Elementary Charter School, Grade 3, Scarlett the Amazing Runner Bean
- Penelope Mairand, Sherwood School, Grade 4, Making Biogas
- Daisy Barrett, Baechtel Grove, Grade 8, Get the Reek Out
- Jeanell Aldrich, Willits Charter School, Grade 7, Paw Dominance
- Emily Bartow, Baechtel Grove, Grade 8, Floral Living Conditions
- Nakolo Anderson, Blosser Lane Elementary, Grade 5, Forest Soils
- Stephany Brundage, Willits Charter School, Grade 9, Logging Recovery Near Mendocino County
- Haley Frahm, Willits High School, Grade 9, A Real Life of an American Cheerleader

The Flower Lady recognized an outstanding project related to flowers with a gift certificate. *The winner of this award was:*

- Shelby Perez Bowen, Blosser Lane Elementary, Grade 4, Skins in the Ocean
- Loni Smith, Blosser Lane Elementary, Grade 5, Unique
- Courtney Potter, Sherwood School, Grade 5, Growing to the Beat
- Deegan North, Willits Elementary Charter School, Grade 3, Bananas
- Jack Buckingham, Blosser Lane Elementary, Grade 4, Blowing it up
- Aidyn JaShe McFadden, Willits Elementary Charter, Grade 3, Plant Needs
- Maya Waters, Willits Elementary Charter School, Grade 3, Fruit Fumes
- Leilani Welch, Willits Elementary Charter School, Grade 4, Volcanoes

California Forestry and Vegetation Management, Inc. recognized outstanding tree-related projects with a cash prize. *The winners of this award were:*

- Nakolo Anderson, Blosser Lane Elementary, Grade 5, Forest Soils
- Stephany Brundage, Willits Charter School, Grade 9, Logging Recovery Near Mendocino County
- Haley Frahm, Willits High School, Grade 9, A Real Life of an American Cheerleader

Curves recognized an outstanding project relating to physical fitness with a gift membership and merchandise. *The winner of this award was:*

- Haley Frahm, Willits High School, Grade 9, A Real Life of an American Cheerleader

The Book Juggler sponsored three unique awards. *Winners received*

- Tyler Wilson, Willits Elementary Charter, Grade 5, T.P. Toughness
- Savanna Hincker Tye, Blosser Lane Elementary, Grade 5, Are Childproof Caps Really Childproof?
- Jessica Cronin, Willits Charter School, Grade 9, Variation in Heart Rate Pre and Post exercise: Human vs Equine
- Chloe Breen and Jade Doyle, Willits Charter School, Grade 9, Biofermentation
- Jada Smith, Baechtel Grove Middle School, Grade 6, Biodiesel: Heat Of Combustion
- Olivia Kubin, Blosser Lane Elementary, Grade 5, Don't Be Fresh To Me
- Farrow Lockwood, Willits Elementary Charter, Grade 4, Future Fuel
- Sara Hanna Consulting presented a certificate and a cash award to outstanding projects in Environmental Science or Natural Resources. *Winners of this award were:*
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Above: Linda Geernaert at the Hilltop Honey booth during the 2013 Heirloom Expo in Santa Rosa.

Photo by Ron Peterson

Below: Ron Peterson removes bees from a log that was taken down for the Willits bypass. Some of the logs were stored at Sparetime Supply, and when an employee found the bees inside one of the logs, Hilltop Honey was happy to help and was able to successfully re-home the hive.

Below, right: Ron removes bees from a fallen oak in Sonoma County. Rich Geernaert – Linda's nephew and Abby's dad – is at the controls of the tractor that gave Ron a lift up to the hive.

Photos by Linda Geernaert



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2X points all day.
6:00 pm-10:00 pm
Play 50 coin-in, receive \$5 Freeplay. Hot Seat Drawings every half hour from 6:00 pm-9:30 pm for \$25 cash, last drawing at 10 pm for \$100 Cash.

THURSDAYS - Super Senior Day
The Senior Freeplay will be preloaded to the Players Club Card from 8:00 am-4:00 pm
Half off lunch coupon for those participating.
Specials posted at Creekside Café. 8:00 am-4:00 pm

FRIDAYS - Friday Fun
9:00 am-9:00 pm: Earn 100 points, receive \$10 freeplay
2:00 pm-8:00 pm: Hourly Hot Seat Drawings for \$75 Cash
9:00 pm: Hot Seat Drawing for \$100 Cash

SATURDAYS - Winter Wonderland Cash
4:00 pm-10:00 pm
Hourly Hot Seat Drawings. Have a change to win up to \$150 Cash.

SUNDAYS - Snowflake Surprise
12:00 Noon-9:00 pm
Random Hourly Hot Seat Drawings. The Winner will choose a Snowflake of their choice and have a chance win up to \$150 Cash.

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interested in bees around 1998. In October of that year, Linda gifted him beekeeping classes for his birthday, and in January of the next year, he returned the favor, increasing their already flourishing beekeeping project. Chris has also created the Hilltop Honey logo, handles the company's graphic design work, and built the company's website.

Now, Chris' son, Tyme, 13, has gotten the bee bug and is already keeping his own hive. Linda's niece, Abby Geernaert, is also interested in beekeeping, and likes to don her own bee suit and get in close to watch when Linda and Ron go out to rescue bees.

Seeing a bee swarm that has collected on a tree, or a hive that has formed in a hollow tree, can be a startling sight, but it's something these seasoned beekeepers seek out in an effort to save the bees, and keep people and animals safe.

"If you see a hive, or find honeybees in a tree, please call us!" urged Ron "We have had a lot of practice getting bees safely out."

Tools of the bee rescue trade can include cardboard boxes, chainsaws, hive boxes, a bee vacuum, and of course, courage.

"We have to keep the bees alive," Ron

continued. "Please don't try and kill the hive, or do anything to anger the bees. Just call us at 707-272-4612, and we will be happy to come and safely remove them."

Keeping bees alive, happy and healthy keeps us alive, happy and healthy: bees are key factors in pollinating everything from domestic crops to wild plants and allow us, and the animals, to enjoy fruits, veggies, nuts and flowers during the year.

Even if full-scale beekeeping isn't something you want to take on – Willits Municipal Code says a permit is required to keep bees inside city limits – planting bee-friendly plants in your yard or garden can do wonders to help keep the bee population alive and thriving.

Below is a list of bee-approved and ready-to-plant starts that are available in nurseries now: Siberian Wallflower, Purple Cornflower, Lance Leaved Coreopsis, Plain Coreopsis and the Fleabane Daisy. Seed packets, like the "Bee Feed Mix" from Territorial Seed Company at left, are available, too.

As the season progresses, many more bee-approved starts will arrive

on nursery shelves, including summer favorites Forget-Me-Nots, Foxgloves, Geraniums, Poppies, Chives, Ranunculus, Comfrey, Honeysuckle, Thyme, Sweet Peas, Lupin, Salvia, Agapanthus and many more. Contact Sparetime Supply at 459-6791 or Sanhedrin Nursery at 459-9009 to check on selection and availability.



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