

Warning signs of troubled youth

The National School Safety Center created a checklist of common characteristics of youngsters who have caused violent deaths in schools.

Accounts of violent incidents repeatedly indicate that in most cases, a troubled youth has demonstrated or has talked to others about problems with bullying and feelings of isolation, anger, depression and frustration. NSSC notes, "While there is no foolproof system for identifying potentially dangerous students who may harm themselves and/or others, this checklist provides a starting point."

NSSC asserts: "These characteristics should serve to alert school administrators, teachers and support staff to address needs of troubled students through meetings with parents, provision of school counseling, guidance and mentoring services, as well as referrals to appropriate community health/social services and law enforcement personnel. Further, such behavior should also provide an early warning signal that safe school plans and crisis prevention/intervention procedures must be in place to protect the health and safety of all school students and staff members so that schools remain safe havens for learning."

- Has a history of tantrums and uncontrollable angry outbursts.
- Characteristically resorts to name calling, cursing or abusive language.
- Habitually makes violent

threats when angry.

- Has previously brought a weapon to school.
- Has a background of serious disciplinary problems at school and in the community.
- Has a background of drug, alcohol, or other substance abuse or dependency.
- Is on the fringe of his/her peer group with few or no close friends.
- Is preoccupied with weapons, explosives or other incendiary devices.
- Has previously been truant, suspended, or expelled from school.
- Displays cruelty to animals.
- Has little or no supervision and support from parents or a caring adult.
- Has witnessed or been a victim of abuse or neglect in the home.
- Has been bullied and/or bullies or intimidates peers or younger children.
- Tends to blame others for difficulties and problems s/he causes her/himself.
- Consistently prefers TV shows, movies or music expressing violent themes and acts.
- Prefers reading materials dealing with violent themes, rituals, and abuse.
- Reflects anger, frustration, and the dark side of life in school essays or writing projects.
- Is involved with a gang or an antisocial group on the fringe of peer acceptance.
- Is often depressed and/or has significant mood swings.
- Has threatened or attempted suicide.



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John Keenan plowed the parking area around Stitches' Post. He had to put the blade back on his truck after removing it during an unusually snow-free winter.

STORM: Cold temperatures will hold on through week

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still winter, after a mild early February that lulled locals

into thinking that spring might have already arrived.

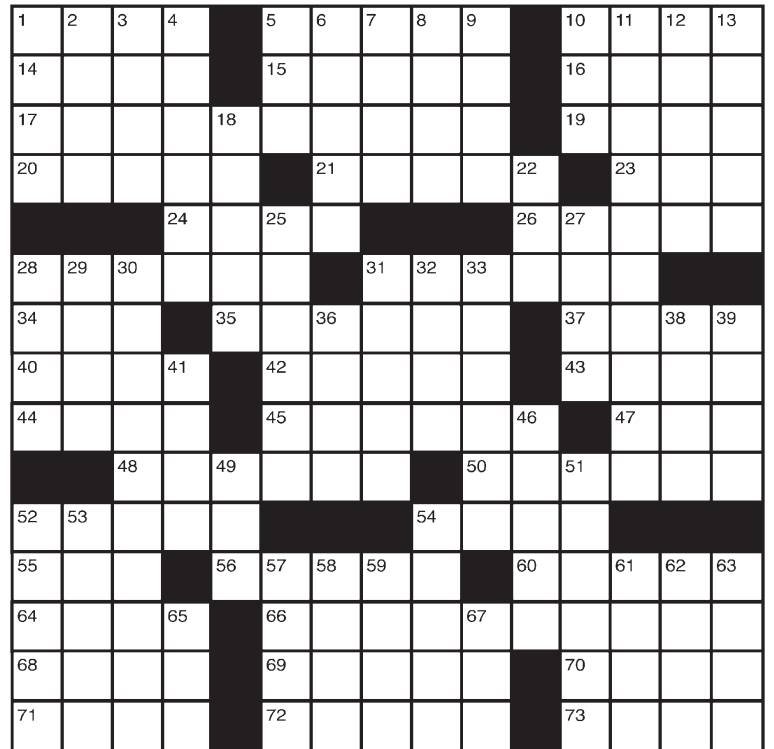
Temperatures are forecast to remain winter-cold through mid-week, warming back up into the 40s by the weekend. And the forecast also contains a chance of more snow.

The Nugget Newspaper Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- Nation that borders Bolivia
 - Chef's accessory
 - Emily or Markie
 - Precipitation
 - "Good for you!"
 - Sore
 - Excluded from a group
 - TV crime series
 - Lively horse
 - Make ___ of; figure out
 - Family card game
 - First of zillions
 - Fluttering tree
 - Confused
 - Singer who sang "Respect"
 - Whopper
 - Farm horse
 - Mosquito bite woe
 - Circle portions
 - Perch
 - Contemptible
 - Tide type
 - Parents and grandparents
 - TV's "Days of ___ Lives"
 - Sell from a cart
 - Merited
 - Rebuke
 - Honor with a party
 - "Thanks a ___!"
 - Paddled boat
 - In flames
 - Go ___; depart
 - Nonstop
 - Location
 - Implied, though not said
 - ___ aside; get out of the way
 - Views
 - Lean-tos
 - Not difficult

- DOWN**
- ___ and cons; arguments for and against
 - Vane direction
 - Ceremony
 - Dreamlike
 - Top file drawer, perhaps
 - Crystal that refracts light
 - Use a bulldozer
 - Baker's need
 - ___ off; dozes
 - "Peter ___"
 - Job
 - Glow
 - Mike or Cicely
 - ___ together; combined
 - Gobble up
 - Venerated
 - Prison knife
 - Alda or Thicke
 - Crucial
 - Behead
 - Home
 - Ascend
 - Dinner course
 - ___ weevil; cotton plant destroyer
 - Detective's bit of evidence



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— Last Week's Puzzle Solved —



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- Group of buffalo
- Ran fast
- Hell's ruler
- Two months ago; abbr.
- Turn down
- Elegance
- TV's Mandel
- Smelly
- Play divisions
- Flood survivor
- ___ more; again
- Tiny bit
- Regrets
- Notice
- Affirmative
- "___ a girl!"

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