

LETTERS

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publicly displaying the Confederate battle flag, the flag flown by those who waged treasonous warfare against the United States to preserve the depraved and evil institution of slavery. The lasting effects of slavery and Jim Crow are cruelly shown by the murder of George Floyd during the course of 8 minutes and 46 seconds of public torture at the hands of the police. Black people still face unimaginable burdens of racism in America.

While Americans have the right under the First Amendment to utter hateful speech or display hateful symbols, it is generally considered to be socially unacceptable to, say, display the Nazi swastika. Please join me in vowing never again to tolerate the Confederate flag, which symbolizes racism. Instead, let's unify around the goal of healing the wounds of our past and present.

Mary Chaffin



To the Editor:

Try and stop me with tear gas,
It won't work, I'm already crying.
Try and stop me with rubber bullets,
It won't work, I'm already hurting.
Try and stop me with armor,
Locking arms, I've got mine too.

Call me a rioter, a criminal, an anarchist — I'll still call for peace and justice.

Try and stop with force, and I'll force you
To see people, not police, keep Humanity.

Casey Glick



To the Editor:

Dearest Grad Dream Team and staff — A HUGE shout out from the Aylor clan!

Graduation on a normal year is a huge undertaking. I can't begin to imagine the number of hours and sleepless nights thinking through all the nitty-gritty details from securing the big screen to picking the type of ribbon on the flowers — keeping in mind that rules could change at any moment.

Josie and the rest of the individual 2020 graduates were honored, recognized, and celebrated more so than they or anyone else could have imagined. Some of you may have raised an 18-year-old daughter or were one once yourself and for sure all of you have them in your classrooms and halls — it's often monumental to get a lick of motivation or gratitude out of many of them. She was chompin' at the bit to get there (on time), and has chattered many a conversation about how "dope" her grad was. I can truly say that Josie embodied what JOY to the core looks like — throughout the entire ceremony. Thank you.

I know everyone says Sisters is a special place — because it is. Josie commented on every photo of every student — knew everyone's name (except for the Italian-BLT-extra-mayo-guy who frequents Subway but transferred here two days before the C-19), and honked her horn for staff members (more than the instructed two quick beeps) and yelled congratulatory quips out her window as grads walked by her Baja to head to the grad stage. She's missed her classmates AND their families.

I'm so grateful that she is an Outlaw grad and had the influence of you fine folks — who had a slant on who she continues to become. She can be a turkey AND she's come so far — her future is bright. She didn't miss "learning" and loved not having to attend class, but she did miss the staff and the conversations that didn't happen after school closed. Thank you for investing yourselves in Josie! She is headed to COCC in the fall and will head to University of Hawaii at Monoa down the road. I'm sure bikinis and barefoot in class are on the menu. Egads.

I so appreciate all of the work and executing a seemingly flawless "pandemic" graduation.

I miss you guys and hope you have a relaxing well-deserved summer break.

Becky Aylor



To the Editor:

I just want to thank everyone at Sisters High School for working so hard to provide the amazing drive-in graduation ceremony. SHS took a really discouraging situation for the Class of 2020 and turned it into a joyful, fun, meaningful memory. It was evident that, in the weeks leading to the ceremony and at the Rodeo Grounds on June 12, teachers and administrators came together to help the seniors graduate with the encouragement that has lasting positive meaning in young people's lives.

I am truly grateful for all that was done on behalf of the students and families. Special thanks to the local businesses, groups and citizens who contributed in so many ways. The banners of the students also are so uplifting. Thanks to all those who organized, volunteered and donated.

It was a bright moment during a difficult time. Thanks again for the love, Sisters.

Elly Shelswell-White

The Nugget Newspaper Crossword

By Jacqueline E. Mathews, Tribune News Service

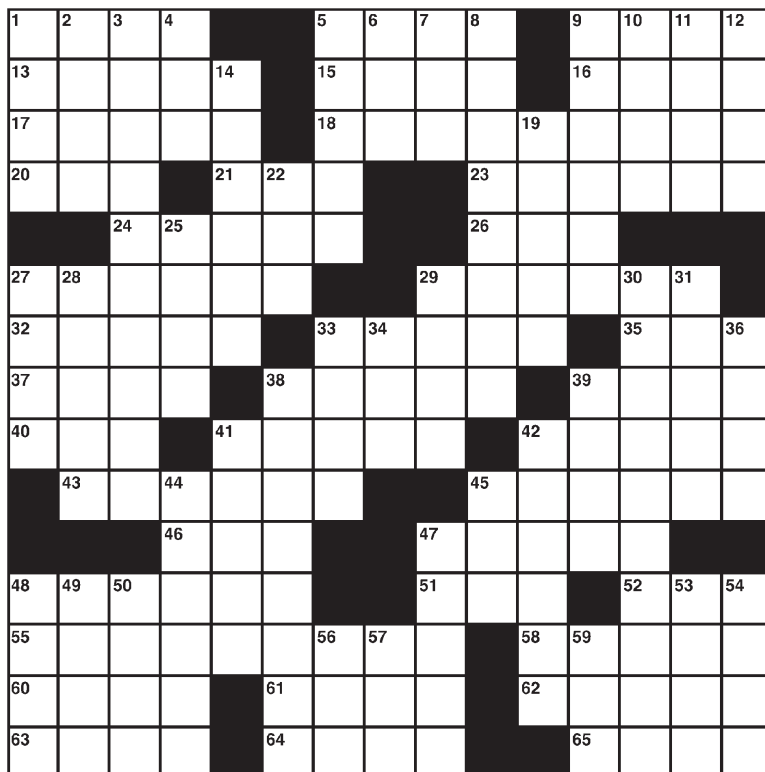
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- 1 Pantyhose woe
- 5 Sounds at a wool-shearing
- 9 Problems
- 13 Friendlier
- 15 "The Eternal City"
- 16 Webster or Wyle
- 17 Donald, to Huey, Dewey & Louie
- 18 Do away with
- 20 Buzzer
- 21 "I do," for one
- 23 Escaped detection by
- 24 Donahue & Hartman
- 26 ___-ups; ab exercises
- 27 Reason
- 29 Spirited mounts
- 32 Hot under the collar
- 33 Dogcatcher risks
- 35 Word attached to mark or drum
- 37 Catches a crook
- 38 Low point
- 39 Classic board game

- 40 "___ say!"; phrase of agreement
- 41 Male singing voice
- 42 Linda Lavin sitcom
- 43 Brownd at high heat
- 45 Examined closely
- 46 Not even so-so
- 47 Throng of people
- 48 Attack violently
- 51 Feasted
- 52 Phonograph speed letters
- 55 Rancher
- 58 Do-to-do on the piano
- 60 Yuletide purchase
- 61 Hit the ___; go to bed
- 62 Carried
- 63 Drinks slowly
- 64 Beholds
- 65 Brewed beverages

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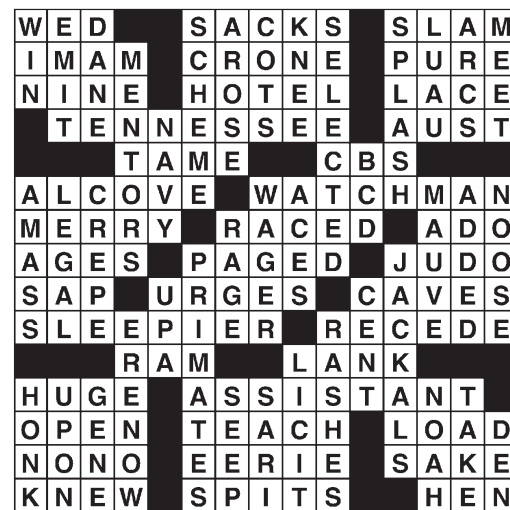
- 1 Thumb one's nose at



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- 2 Morning hour
- 3 Good enough
- 4 Hairstyling goo
- 5 Makes beer
- 6 Gmail alternative
- 7 "What Kind of Fool ___?"
- 8 School term
- 9 Natural; inborn
- 10 Take a ___ off; sit down
- 11 Not on time
- 12 Garden shack
- 14 Bring back to life
- 19 Climbing plants
- 22 Flamenco shout
- 25 PUNCHES
- 27 Skimpy skirt
- 28 Vocal exams
- 29 Blend ingredients
- 30 Not accidental
- 31 Spaghetti topper
- 33 Musical group
- 34 "What'll ___"; Irving Berlin song
- 36 Bamboo shoot
- 38 ___ to say; obviously

— Last Week's Puzzle Solved —




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- 39 Clumsy fellow
- 41 Mountain path
- 42 Take into custody
- 44 Subsides
- 45 Kettle
- 47 Actor Tom
- 48 Doesn't just sit there
- 49 Dress for Indira
- 50 Staircase piece
- 53 Urgent entreaty
- 54 Rx pills
- 56 Name with Fannie or Ginnie
- 57 King topper
- 59 Folding bed

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You still have options if you lose your job
We can explain options for your 401(k), including leaving the money in your former plan, moving it, rolling it over, or cashing it out subject to tax consequences.



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