

OPINION

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Out to Pasture

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The middle of May was usually the quietest time on the ranch when I was growing up. With the cattle just turned out to pasture and hay season still weeks away, the tasks didn't seem to carry much urgency. There's never a shortage of things to be done, but priorities change when cows aren't calving or waiting for their breakfast to be delivered.

It was a season defined by upkeep rather than urgency. We'd spend time fixing fence, patching weak spots in the corral or painting. We'd make a dent in the backlog of maintenance items, but I'm convinced fencing wears out faster than it can be fixed and paint seems to start fading while it's still in the can.

Occasional and odd chores also occupied our time during this quiet season, and a couple stand out most notably because they were worse than fixing fence. One year we brushed on several five-gallon buckets worth of sealer for the asphalt driveway. Another year we spent two days hoisting buckets of silt out of the spring that delivered water to

the house.

Maintenance tasks during this clam period also extended to pastures. We'd haul rock to create crossings in ditches, clean debris around outflow pipes in ponds and hunt for things that didn't belong like cedar trees and musk thistles, which are considered nuisances or invasive plants because cattle won't eat them and they grow faster than the native grasses, disrupting the natural habitat.

Small cedars are difficult to spot this time of year as the blend in with the tender shoots of prairie grasses, but they're not impossible. Whenever I took the four-wheeler out through a pasture, I always carried a pair of long-handled clippers. They made easy work of the small cedars.

The thistles were far easier to spot as the stems bolted several feet above the short spring growth. They also helpfully announced their presence with a bright purple bloom, which was easy on the eyes and full of risk. Each flower could produce hundreds of seeds capable of surviving a decade or longer in the soil.

Thinning thistles was considerably more work than chopping cedars. The first order of business was donning leather gloves to guard against the spiny leaves, then with hand shears I'd clip the blossoms off into an empty feed sack. Then out came the spade, which was used to slice through the taproot. The goal was to get at least two inches below ground level, but the rocky terrain where the weeds readily sprouted didn't always allow for that.

One benefit of being out in the pasture alongside the cattle, aside from preserving the prairie, was stumbling on a patch of wild strawberries just as they were ripening. Finding a cluster of the plants bearing small red orbs made the work more worthwhile.

It's been a long time since I've gone hunting for a wild strawberry patch, but I can still taste the sweetness of those berries and appreciate the slower pace that came when the cattle were out to pasture. The slower, quieter place allowed everything room to breath just a little easier.

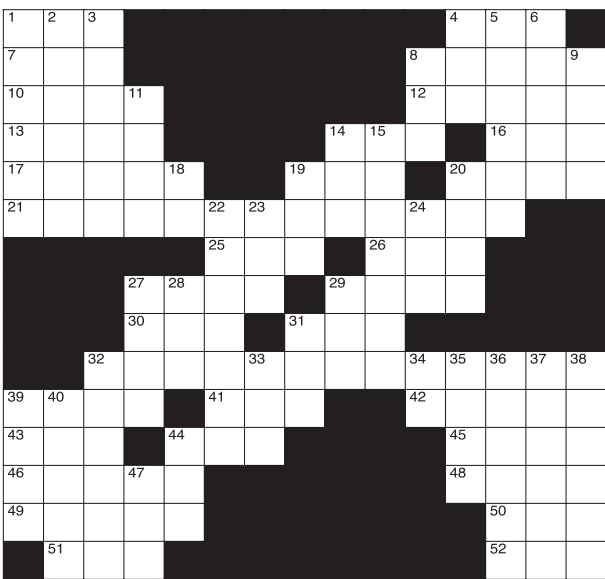
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)

4. British thermal unit

7. Afflict

8. Refrain from harming

10. Galls

12. Leg bone

13. Rhine distributary

14. Recipe measurement

16. Chap

17. Useful book

19. Mountain Time

20. Snakelike fishes

21. Places where people live

25. US, Latin America, Canada belong to

26. Periodical

27. A type of sense
29. A way to get possession of

30. Everyone has one

31. Body art

32. Mr. October

39. Abba __, Israeli politician

41. Head movement

42. Jeweled headdress

43. VCR button

44. A way to change color

45. Basketball move

46. Upright stone slab

48. Forest-dwelling monkey

49. Pulsate steadily

50. Negative

51. Sino-Soviet bloc (abbr.)

52. Unit of work

CLUES DOWN

1. Island

2. Pittsburgh ballplayer

3. Chemical compound

4. Indicates density of data (abbr.)

5. Mesas

6. Wild, long-legged sheep

8. Engine additive

9. "CSI" actor George

11. Stony waste matter

14. Thyroid-stimulating hormone

15. Pores in a leaf's epidermis

18. Digraph

19. Married woman

20. Peripheral

22. Northern Italy city

23. Klutz
24. Type of tree

27. Witnessed

28. Popular breakfast food

29. __ Mahal

31. BoSox legend Williams

32. Professional drivers

33. Atom or molecule type

34. The Constitution State

35. Chest to store clothes (Scottish)

36. Type of solution

37. Speaker

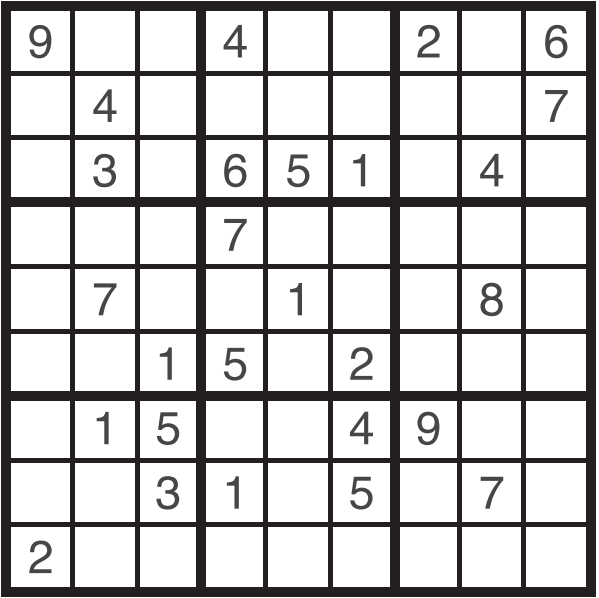
38. Specifying

39. Formerly (archaic)

40. Wiseman and Krom are two

44. The bill in a restaurant

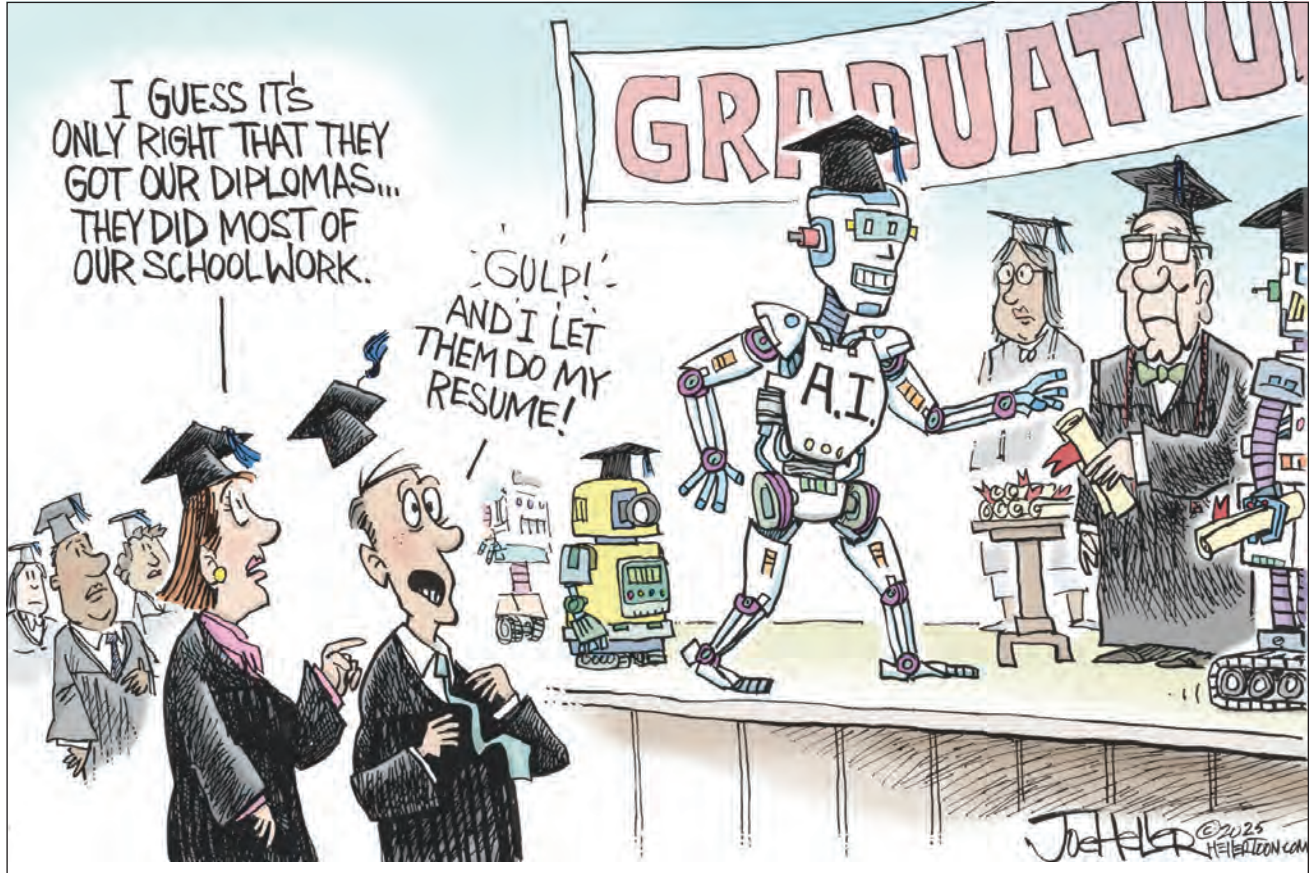
47. Tennis shot



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