

PICKLES

WHAT HAPPENED IN HERE? THERE'S WATER ALL OVER THE FLOOR!

THE TOILET OVERFLOWED. YOUR GRANDSON USED TOO MUCH TOILET PAPER.

WELL, I GUESS IT'S LIKE YOU ALWAYS SAY TO ME...

COMMON SENSE IS A FLOWER THAT DOESN'T GROW IN EVERYONE'S GARDEN.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

RAT THE AIRLINE GATE AGENT

FOLKS, I'M GETTING A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT BAGGAGE POLICY, IN-FLIGHT MEALS, AND WIFI. SO I'M GONNA TRY TO ANSWER EVERYBODY'S QUESTIONS AT ONCE.

IN EACH OF THESE SITUATIONS, THERE IS ONE OPTION THAT MAKES YOUR FLIGHT MORE PLEASANT.

WE WILL NEVER CHOOSE THAT OPTION.

IT'S NICE TO GIVE THE CATTLE SOME CLARITY.

BABY BLUES

SO, THE NEW NEIGHBOR SEEMS NICE.

YEAH?

BEN HAS A JET SKI, A MOTORCYCLE, A PINBALL MACHINE AND AN 80-INCH PLASMA TV IN HIS GARAGE.

IT SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE'S IN LOVE.

PLUS, HE SAID HIS WIFE IS HARDLY EVER SARCASTIC.

ARCTIC CIRCLE

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CLOSE CALLS BETWEEN DRONES AND PLANES.

WHY WOULD ANYONE FLY A DRONE NEAR A PLANE?

OH, GOOD - HERE'S MY TAKEOUT.

BETWEEN FRIENDS

WHY DO WE HAVE TO GET OLDER, MOTHER NATURE? WHY CAN'T WE JUST STAY THE SAME?

NOTHING REMAINS STATIC... NOT EVEN ME! I'M NOT THE DEWY, FRESH THING I WAS IN THE SPRING.

THE SUMMER IS DRYING OUT MY SKIN... I'M GETTING WRINKLES... THE HUMIDITY IS MAKING MY HAIR FRIZZY AND COARSE - AND BY NOVEMBER, I'M POSITIVELY BRITTLE!

BUT BY SPRING, YOU'RE DEWY AND FRESH AGAIN!

THIS JOB DOES HAVE ITS PERKS

DIAMOND LIL

HOW DID STUPID DO AT HIS OPTOMETRIST APPOINTMENT?

NOT SO GOOD. HE COULDN'T EVEN PASS THE I TEST

THE I TEST?

TUNDRA

GIVING IN TO THE VANITY THAT OFTEN ACCOMPANIES FAME, FROSTY GETS COSMETIC SURGERY

IT'S GREAT! THEY TAKE IT FROM YOUR BACKSIDE AND INJECT IT IN YOUR LIPS!

MR BOFFO

PUTTING THINGS IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY

THEY'RE HAVING A RETROSPECTIVE OF MY WORK TODAY IN THE WAREHOUSE

ZITTS

JEREMY, I'M PUTTING YOU IN REPTILES TO WORK WITH NOAH.

THE MILLION-YEAR-OLD TORTOISE?

HERE'S A BAG OF TREATS AND A LIST OF TRICKS HE CAN DO.

I GET THE FEELING I'M BEING PRANKED.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Paris subway

6 Mine section

11 Accepted truth

12 Ahead of time

13 "Across the Universe" director

15 Strange

16 Hurried flight

17 Important time

18 Some square dancers

20 Diarist Anaïs

21 "— been real!"

22 Atomizer's output

23 Ear parts

26 Plane count

27 Writer Hunter

28 Fruitcake bit

29 Winter mo.

30 Jury heads

34 Attempt

35 Pool unit

36 Stunned wonder

37 "The Haunting" star

40 Unanimously

41 Holy fellow

42 Flexes

43 Antlered animals

DOWN

1 Significant

2 Ooze forth

3 Señor's squiggle

4 King, in France

5 Egg dishes

6 Clothes lines

7 Loft contents

8 Neighbor of Georgia

9 Rose vendor

10 Autocrats

14 Sea dogs

19 Mortgage, e.g.

22 Parcel (out)

23 Ring swing

24 Make hack-neyed

25 Ancient city on the Euphrates

26 Outdo

28 Ark builder

30 Runs away

31 Opera's Callas

32 "Dallas" family name

33 Bird homes

38 Not Dem. or Rep.

39 Lab animal

Yesterday's answer

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AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

7-18 CRYPTOQUOTE

LHB AJQORTC JLOJ ROJIQC

EHCA RHJ WRHDW, ORE ZCJ

EHCA RHJ VRJQIEC! — CPVFZ

EVDWVRAHR

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WE ALL KNOW THAT A GOOD EXAMPLE IS MORE EFFECTIVE THAN ADVICE. SO SET A GOOD EXAMPLE, AND IT WON'T TAKE LONG FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW. — ANNE FRANK

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

RUSTIC WEDDINGS

Solution: 8 letters

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Arbor, Arch, Banner, Barn, Boots, Checks, Cowboy, Dancefloor, Estate, Farm, Field, Forest, Garden, Generator, Greenhouse, Greens, Hay, Hills, Home, Humble, Jeans, Lace, Lake, Lodge, Mason Jars, Nature, Peaks, Ranch, Reception, Reserve, Rustic, Scenic, Shed, Stables, Streams, Sweet Tea, Tea Lights, Tent, Timber, Tools, Tractor, Trees, Venue, Western

Yesterday's Answer: Postures

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