

Today's anacrostic puzzle solution

Title: English is a living language

Quote: *You cannot stop language change. You may not like it; you may regret the arrival of new forms and the passing of old ones but there is not the slightest thing you can do about it. Language change is as natural as breathing.*

- A. BEER ... Drinkers' "joint" back in the day
- B. RIGHT ON! ... Hippie cry of affirmation at a political rally
- C. IN CAHOOTS ... Working together on a sketchy project
- D. TORNADO ... At least one touched down in Elkhart County in last week's storms
- E. LAY RUBBER ... Do a burnout, peel out, smoke 'em
- F. IN THE HOT SEAT ... Early 20th century phrase that began with the invention of the electric chair, now just means "Under intense scrutiny"
- G. NORTH AMERICA ... Host of the World Cup
- H. GET HUFFY ... Response to a riled-up person: "Well, you don't need to ____ with me."
- I. UNGENTLEMANLY ... Not chivalrous or well-bred
- J. IGUANA ... Sun-basking lizard
- K. SAGA ... Long, episodic tale
- L. TRILLION ... Number of stars in the Milky Way galaxy, number of trees on Earth (times 3), and a number now associated with Elon Musk
- M. DUH ... "Obviously," said sarcastically in the 80s
- N. AWESOME ... Fast Times at Ridgemont High (1982) made this grand old word go from "creating wonder" to "really super cool, dude"
- O. VALLEY ... ____ Girl, a song by Frank Zappa which popularized a speaking style out of Southern California
- P. IGF-1 ... Growth hormone produced in the liver
- Q. DON'T TOUCH ... Old-timey command from the TV: "____ that dial!"
- R. COURTHOUSE ... Most iconic building in Elkhart County for the past 150 years which now has a new function
- S. RAP SESSION ... Late-night dormitory group talk of the late 60s, replete with "deep" thoughts
- T. YAK ... Depression-era term usually coupled with "yakety"
- U. STATION ... Post-WWII place to get gas: filling ____
- V. TEN ... Before the dollar stores, it was known as the "Five and ____" (or "dime")
- W. ANTSY-PANTSY ... Old-school word for "fidgety"
- X. LUGGAGE ... Arnold Schwarzenegger line in "The Eraser" as he shoots an attacking alligator: "You're ____"
- Y. GAG ... Comedian's bit

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