

# Today's anacrostic puzzle solution

Title: Maybe Malthus needs to update his prediction

Quote: *1 Population, unchecked, increases in a geometrical ratio 2 If the average family doesn't have enough children to keep the nation's numbers good, the nation is going backward 3 A low birthrate is a warning, not a verdict 4 Birth is the chief business of life*

- A. THEME ... Unifying factor ... such as, in this puzzle, the topic of birth rates
- B. MULTIPLY ... Biblical edict given to Adam and Eve about birth rates: "Be fruitful and \_\_\_ and fill the earth"
- C. AMISH ... Key demographic factor about the county in the next question
- D. LAGRANGE ... Nearby Indiana county with state's highest birth rate at 18.9 births per 1,000 people
- E. THIRTEEN ... Elkhart County's birth rate (+.6) ranking it tied for 8th out of Indiana's 92 counties
- F. HACIENDA ... Longstanding Mexican food restaurant at the Linway Plaza
- G. UNCONVINCED ... Not buying it
- H. SINKING ... Feeling one gets when they realize they aren't going to win
- I. TEARS ... Classic rock group Blood, Sweat, and \_\_\_ who crooned, "And when I die, and when I'm gone ... there'll be one child born in this world to carry on"
- J. RIBBON ... A first-place finisher gets a blue one
- K. VIPER ... Snake
- L. ECSTATIC ... Thrilled to the max
- M. LAST-TO-FIRST ... Golden Tempo's dramatic run in the Kentucky Derby
- N. TWO TO FOUR ... Change in U.S. birth rates per woman from Depression to height of Baby Boom (1946-1964)
- O. W. VIRGINIA ... Home state of Anna Jarvis, from which she founded Mother's Day in 1908
- P. WEIGHED IN ... Added your two cents to the debate
- Q. IGNORE ... Refuse to acknowledge someone or some thing
- R. LABRADOR ... Canine known for its friendly temperament
- S. SOUTH KOREA ... Country with the lowest birth rate in the world at .7 births per woman (Note: this is a different metric than used in Question D.)
- T. ONE-CHILD ... Policy in China to deal with birth rates from 1980-2016 ... now completely reversed as China's birth rate is lower than Japan's
- U. NE ... Nebraska, in postal shorthand
- V. GLASS TUBE ... Dark lyric about birth rates from the song In the Year 2525: "In the year 6565 / Ain't gonna need no husband; won't need no wife / You'll pick your son, pick your daughter, too / From the bottom of a long \_\_\_"
- W. KNIFE ... Kitchen implement
- X. COFFEE ... Morning joe
- Y. HABEAS ... Legal Latin preceding "corpus"
- Z. EDUCATION ... One of the most consistent inverse correlations with birth rates: as it goes up, rates go down
- AA. SOPHIA ... Golden-domed cathedral in Istanbul
- BB. THEE ... Thou's cousin
- CC. NOAH ... Like Adam in Question B, he received the same edict

Anacrostic: *1.T Malthus 2.T R'velt 3.W Wilson 4.GK Chest'n*