

PCC#18 "You Have Died of Dysentery"

The answer to the meta is a four-letter word for something you might encounter on your journey to the Willamette Valley

ACROSS

- 1 Take a break (and wait to see if conditions improve)
- 5 "___ Hope" (old soap opera)
- 10 President who said "Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country": Abbr.
- 13 Chopped down
- 14 More spooky
- 16 Soccer stadium cheer
- 17 It features a sunflower above a seal that says "Ad Astra Per Aspera"
- 20 CPR specialist
- 21 "Curious George" creators Margret and H.A.
- 22 Materials for soft hats and pool tables
- 23 ___ Alto (City near Stanford University)
- 24 Tinker Bell from "Peter Pan," for one
- 26 Paul Bunyan's Babe, for example
- 29 Reading, Pennsylvania, B & O, and Short Line, in Monopoly: Abbr.
- 31 Punishment-related, as a law or colony
- 32 To and ___ (back and forth)
- 33 The "sun" in sunny side up
- 35 Route
- 36 Egg-laying mammal
- 40 "We all ___ little mad sometimes" (quote from "Psycho")
- 41 Gator relative
- 43 Feel under the weather
- 44 Spike on a baseball player's shoe
- 46 "Levitating" singer ___ Lipa
- 47 Novice
- 50 Currency of India
- 52 Sacred wading bird of ancient Egypt
- 53 Hunter's weapon
- 55 Obsessive fan, in modern parlance
- 56 ___ Maria (coffee liqueur)
- 59 Lowdown dirty backstabber
- 63 Grammatical case used to give a direct address: Abbr.
- 64 Bon Jovi's "Livin' on a ___"
- 65 Parts of a play
- 66 Opposite of post-
- 67 Steers off course
- 68 "___ River" ("Breakfast at Tiffany's" song with the lyric "I'm crossing you in style," which you'll have to do four times in order to solve the meta)

DOWN

- 1 Gardening tool that Sideshow Bob from "The Simpsons" frequently steps on
- 2 Reason for a cram session
- 3 Shipped off

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- 4 Reasons for end-zone dances: Abbr.
- 5 Put back on the market
- 6 Response to "Who, me?"
- 7 Word after "martial" or "visual"
- 8 Actress Vardalos of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"
- 9 Good to go
- 10 Pirate's black-and-white banner
- 11 No longer fizzy
- 12 Gunpowder containers
- 15 Mortgage payment-lowering strategy, briefly
- 18 Suitable for growing crops
- 19 Bryan of Roxy Music
- 23 Tour group for Phil Mickelson: Abbr.
- 24 Harrison who played Indiana Jones
- 25 Neural transmitter
- 26 Facial feature often sported by wizards
- 27 "Ha! Take that, loser!"
- 28 Submit tax returns online
- 30 "McSorley's Bar" painter
- 31 One of the Big Four accounting firms: Abbr.
- 34 Kit ___ (candy bar)
- 37 Protective enclosure for shark divers
- 38 Bring on board
- 39 In need of a massage, perhaps
- 42 Seal, as a crack
- 45 "Angeles" or "Lobos" starter
- 48 This or that
- 49 Pro hoopsters such as the Cavs and the Mavs
- 51 Baby bird's sound
- 53 "Let us know if you're coming to the party" initials
- 54 "Are You ___ Out?" (song from "Aladdin and the King of Thieves")
- 55 Eyelid affliction
- 56 Enchilada alternative
- 57 "That's all there ___ it!" ("Easy peasy lemon squeezy!")
- 58 The first "A" of NASCAR: Abbr.
- 60 Burt Baskin's ice cream partner, ___ Robbins
- 61 Scottish refusal
- 62 Headbutt, or an animal that headbutts