

Young times

▶ If you've ever thought about getting a pet parrot, remember that some can live for as long as 100 years. **Macaws** are one of the longest-living breeds, with life expectancies of up to 80 years. Macaws also mate for life, so they must have a lot to talk about.



▼ A Canadian zoo is in mourning after its much-loved polar bear, Debby, passed away on Monday. **Polar bears** rarely live beyond 20 years of age in the wild. But Debby just kept going and going, and lived to the grand old age of 42.

Survival of the laziest?

The world's oldest polar bear has died at 42. It is thought that big animals which do less may live longer, **Chloe Lambert** reports



◀ **The Galápagos giant tortoise** can live for more than 150 years, because they can exist for long periods of time without food or water and the most important parts of their bodies do not become weak with age. Larger animals, such as tortoises, elephants and whales, tend to live longer than smaller ones, which have to use up more energy to get around, escape predators and find food.

◀ The oldest known animal is not an elephant or a tortoise, but a tiny little clam — the **Icelandic cyprine mussel**. It is thought that those creatures that do the least live the longest, and since the cyprine spends its whole life sitting on a rock and filtering food, it can live as long as 400 years. The secret of long life, it seems, is laziness.



▶ Spare a thought for the **mayfly**, which doesn't get much chance to stop and enjoy life. The mayfly exists as a larva for as long as three years but, when it finally forms as an adult, it has only a matter of hours to fly about and see the world — even two days would be a good innings.



daily dingbat

Which word or phrase is this? Say what you see.



Yesterday's answer Life of ease

riddles

- What runs but cannot walk?
- How do you file an axe?

puzzle of the day

anagram

Each clue below can be rearranged to spell something you might find in the kitchen. Can you unscramble them all?

- 1 CAWEIVRMO
- 2 UANAEPSCS
- 3 ATE OLWET
- 4 ONDEOW NOSOP
- 5 NADH SWIHK

Yesterday's answer Fireman Sam

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