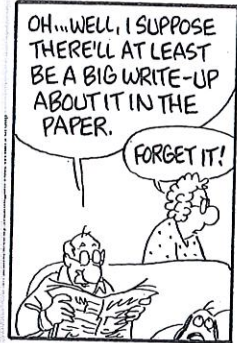


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**CLOSE TO HOME** by John McPherson



"Something tells me our 'Sanitation Crew of the Year' award just went out the window!"

**CRYPTOQUIP**

E M C F Y ' T W  
 S F K E B F T E K X B Q W  
 K Y S J W T F M  
 D E B B E W L Z X Y C  
 Q Z L , E L Y O O F L W  
 C F Y ' T W D W W O E K X  
 B Z J J E W L F K Q E S .

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** That guy owns small horses and is unwilling to spend much money on them. What a pony-pincher.

**Today's Cryptoquip Clue:** S equals M

**JUMBLE** THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
 By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GITDI  
 PAATD  
 MSILDA  
 FMULFE

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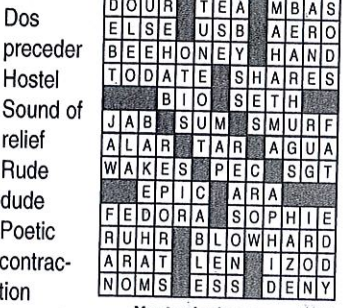
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)  
 Yesterday's Jumbles: LOBBY KNOWN CANCEL KOSHER  
 Answer: Being near the expensive door handles meant the low-cost ones were able to — "HOB-KNOB"

**CROSSWORD**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Thailand, once
  - 5 Second-hand
  - 9 Wager
  - 12 Caesar's "Behold!"
  - 13 Poet Teasdale
  - 14 "Am — blame?"
  - 15 Midweek
  - 17 Scooted
  - 18 Sweet drink
  - 19 In a proper way
  - 21 UFO pilot
  - 22 Calendar page
  - 24 Took the train
  - 27 Cornfield noise
  - 28 Tosses in
  - 31 Dos prece
  - 32 Hostel
  - 33 Sound of relief
  - 34 Rude dude
  - 36 Poetic contraction
- DOWN**
- 16 Consume out
  - 20 School support org.
  - 22 Frenzied
  - 23 Has
  - 24 Barbecue seasoning
  - 25 Lennon's lady
  - 26 Armageddon
  - 27 New York's — Field
  - 29 Not "dis"
  - 30 That woman
  - 35 Fun and games
  - 37 Stormed (in)
  - 39 Like the Capitol
  - 40 Fellow
  - 41 Two-way
  - 42 — uncertain terms
  - 43 Overlook
  - 44 Not busy
  - 45 "The Lion King" lion
  - 46 Ogled
  - 49 Raw rock
  - 50 Otto — Bismarck

**Solution time: 24 mins.**



Yesterday's answer 3-19

