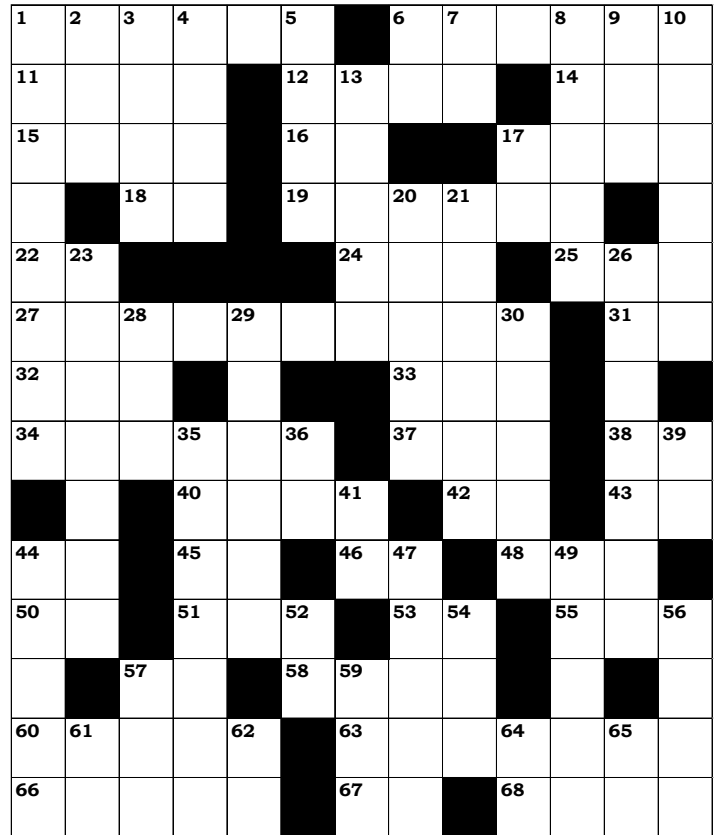




Puzzle #744

ACROSS

1. Nature in Missouri can be so odd. For ex., despite having eight eyes, Striped Bark Scorpions have terrible _____. To make up for the lack of sight they have sensitive hairs on their pinchers to help them feel the movements of prey, and organs on their undersides to help detect odors. This is the only scorpion species in Mo. and is non-venomous.
6. Pathways in church.
11. Comfort and Holiday.
12. Smartphones usually have a whole lot of them.
14. Sixth sense.
15. "Cats have a ____ going — you buy the food, they eat the food, they go away; that's the deal." — Eddie Izzard.
16. Gym class, perhaps, in high school.
17. ____ Bell; fast food chain.
18. Abbr. for an addition in a letter after the signature.
19. Standing nearly 3 feet tall and tipping the ____ at up to 90 lbs., the American Beaver is Missouri's largest rodent. Our smallest rodent, the Plains Harvest Mouse, is only 5 inches long (including its tail) and weighs less than 10 raisins.
22. ____BY; frozen custard chain.
24. "____ Baba and the 40 Thieves"; —Syrian folk tale.
25. ____Tok; a video shar-
27. Contrary to what Roadrunner cartoons (beep, beep) might lead you to believe, a coyote would have little trouble ____ a Roadrunner. The fleet-footed birds reach speeds of about 20 mph. Coyotes, however, can hit a howling 43 mph.
31. The ____ Young award is given annually to the best pitcher in the NL and in the AL. It's named after a Hall of Fame pitcher that died in 1955.
32. Nurses.
33. Internet country code for Northern Ireland.
34. Gray Squirrels bury acorns for ____ later on. But they often forget about most of the acorns they hide. In one study, an amazing 74% weren't dug back up. Left underground long enough, the seeds sprout into baby oak trees.
37. Wildebeest.
38. "Unclean images had scarcely been driven off, when ____, in a twinkling of an eye, they came thronging back again." —*Confessions*, book 7, St. Augustine.
40. He has painted landscapes in pastels, acrylics and _____.
42. Abbr. for first book in the Bible.
43. In 1957, Pres. Eisenhower had to send federal troops to this State to enforce the 1954 Supreme Court's ruling ending racially segregated education (abbr.).
44. ____ case you forgot...
45. Land of 10,000 Lakes State (abbr.).
46. King of Bashan (Psalms 136:20).
48. "When prisoners were taken at all and were



- brought into the camps of the loyal (Union) State militia or the bushwhackers, in many cases the investigation, the sentence, and the execution did not take much over ____ minutes," — *Longer Than a Man's Lifetime in Missouri*, Gert Goebel.
50. A high grade on a 1950s Catholic school report card.
51. L.A. summer hours (i.e., Pacific Daylight Time).
53. In eye care, letters indicating the right eye, from the Latin, *oculus dextrus*.
55. I found my job through the want _____.
57. One of this State's nicknames is The Grape State; over 300,000 tons of this fruit is grown annually here (abbr.).
58. Cursor on a computer.
60. A betting word in poker.
63. "Happy is he who finds ____," —Proverbs 25:9 (2 wds.)
66. "Do you not know that a little ____ leavens all the dough?" (1 Corinthians 5:6).
67. ____ Cobb; arguably the best baseball player of all time holding 43 MLB regular season records before retiring in 1928 after 22 seasons in baseball; died in 1961.
63. Grandmother of Jesus.

DOWN

1. "I have seen many an American, attentive to (Hermann's) simple and natural beauty, become quite genial, esp. if we had just tasted the wine in the stately wine cellars open to ____ at any time with the greatest courtesy," — Gert Goebel.
2. Letters after an American corporation's name.
3. Last Spring, we had a hard, late cold ____ that froze a lot of early blooming flowers.
4. Beliefs.
5. Biologists believe that birds, esp. those that fly nonstop for days during migrations through Mo. and elsewhere, take

- short ____ in midair. But the soaring snorers aren't likely on autopilot. A bird can leave half its brain wide awake while the other half rests. SOME say this could be useful in a classroom, Church(!) or with a spouse at home(!).
6. Letters for Associated Press, news agency founded in 1846.
 7. ____ it true or not?
 8. "For the one who is ____ among all of you is the one who is greatest," (Luke 9:48).
 9. Letters on the top left of a computer keyboard.
 10. Jack-O-Lantern Mushrooms are well named. Not only are they pumpkin-orange, but they also glow in the dark! The ____ greenish-blue glow comes from the mushroom's underside gills and can be seen only in pitch-black conditions.
 13. Brunswick, Mo was officially designated as the capital of Mo. in 1972.
- The first festival was in 1980. It's all based on the vast groves and orchards in the area that produce these tasty Mo. native nuts.
17. Tea in Mexico City.
 20. "My Ding-__-__," — Chuck Berry song that in 1972 became the St. Louis native's only #1 Billboard Hot 100 single in the U.S. (2 wds.)
 21. The special ____ in her jacket kept her toasty on the coldest days.
 23. "...as the serpent deceived Eve by his____," (2 Corinthians 11:3).
 26. This island nation sits right on top of the Mid-Atlantic ridge in the Atlantic Ocean.
 28. Letters for Transportation Security Administration; provides airport screening and security at airports.
 29. Not nice.
 30. Nickname for an infantryman.
 35. Cave Salamanders, found in much of southern Mo., can "feel" the Earth's magnetic field. This built-in ____ helps the flame-orange amphibians find their way around the darkest corners of caves where there's no light to help them see.
 36. In fishing, letters for standard length, the length of a fish short of the tail fin.
 39. In the ____, prayer is always a good idea," — *The Patient*, by Michael Palmer.
 41. "None of us are the same, none of us are perfect. But it's our cracks and flaws that make our lives together ____ very interesting," — *Pearls of Wisdom*, by Barbara Bush.
 44. "Once every three years the fleet of Tarshish ships would come with a cargo of gold, silver, ____, apes, and peacocks," (1 Kings 10:22).
 47. Close cartoon friend of Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck.
 49. "I took the small scroll from the angel's hand and swallowed it. It was like sweet honey, but when I had ____ it, my stomach turned sour," (Revelations 10:10).
 52. 8th note.
 54. Mo. State Parks is a division of Mo.'s Dept. of Natural Resources (____).
 56. "Jesus, you are here, with me once again. Please remain by my ____, my cherished Friend," — Fr. Philippe in *Suite Française* by Irène Némirovsky.
 57. Spy agency.
 59. This mammal, supposedly, has nine lives.
 61. Abbr. for American Eagle; clothing company.
 62. Movie alien.
 64. Largest corn producing State in the nation (abbr.).
 65. Abbr. for the Latin "*no-men nescio*," meaning "I do not know the name" (i.e., anonymous).