

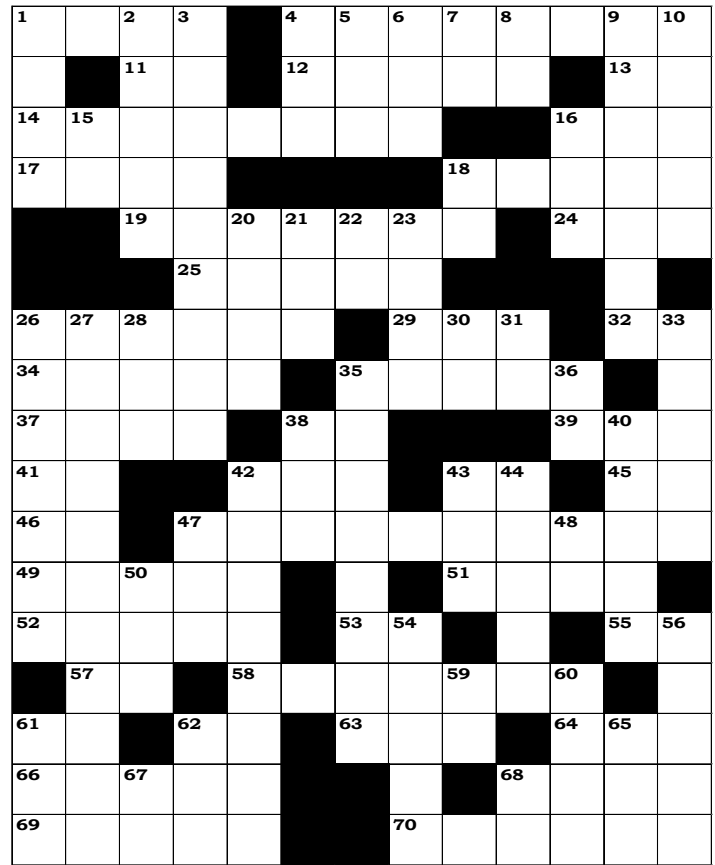


## Puzzle #785

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### ACROSS

1. As a boy growing up on a \_\_\_\_\_ outside of Jeff. City, crows with their "caw caws" were just part of the landscape. I didn't know then what fascinating birds they were.
4. Crows are often described as \_\_\_\_\_, chasing eagles which can weigh nine times more than the crow. They are wary, however, of people, their biggest predator. It is legal to shoot crows.
11. Letters for Unemployment Insurance, a division of Mo.'s Dept. of Labor.
12. "There were almost too many moments when the patriot cause teetered on the \_\_\_\_\_ of disaster, to be retrieved by the most unlikely accidents or coincidences or choices," —*Unlikely Victory: Thirteen Ways Americans Could Have Lost the American Revolution*, Thomas Fleming.
13. An 8-year-old girl began regularly putting out food and water out for crows and they, \_\_\_\_\_ return for her kindness, began giving her little gifts such as a rusty screw, a button, a paper clip, and much more.
14. A crow is actually a \_\_\_\_\_ due to their vast range of melodies. Though "caw" is the most common, they can make up to 250 different types of vocalizations.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ mo; short for slow motion as in a video or film.
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ de France is a famous annual men's bicycle race.
18. "The Taming of the \_\_\_\_\_"; comedy play by Wm. Shakespeare, written between 1590-92.
19. Crows are very smart. They have the largest brain of all birds except for \_\_\_\_\_. Their body-to-brain ratio is equal to that of a chimpanzee.
24. Word prefix for body, thing or one.
25. Crows are clever. They use \_\_\_\_\_, not only such things as a stick to access food and dropping pieces of pine cone on nest-threatening tree-climbers, but also, for ex., dropping nuts on a roadway for cars to crack them open.
26. Crows are excellent \_\_\_\_\_. They can replicate calls of other birds, and the sounds of cats, dogs and geese, for ex. They can even replicate human speech!
29. "Long time \_\_\_\_\_ in a galaxy far far away," —"Star Wars" opening screen logo.
32. Alien.
34. I want that agreement written down \_\_\_\_\_! (2 wds.)
35. A crow's diet can involve 1,000 different food items, from worms and insects, mice and \_\_\_\_\_, to scraps of food, fruit and seeds. Roadkill is only a small part of their diet. Their big beaks, despite their size, can't penetrate the skin of even a squirrel.
37. Male deer, or brand of beer.
38. This State's Constitution (1780) was a model for the U.S. Constitution (1787) and is the oldest still in use in the world (abbr.).
39. We are stuck in a \_\_\_\_\_. We need to try something new.



41. \_\_\_\_\_ Palais de Versailles; The Palace of Versailles, built in 1661 by Louis XIV, the Sun King, to escape the "rabble" of Paris.
42. America's uncle.
43. Common college degree.
45. Letters for Rheumatoid Arthritis; autoimmune disease affecting the joints.
46. \_\_\_\_\_ Paso, TX.
47. Crows remember the face of \_\_\_\_\_ humans, which can be good or bad. Apparently they can hold a grudge.
49. "See how a person is justified by works and not by faith \_\_\_\_\_," (James 2:24).
51. Uncle Fred's scary stories will \_\_\_\_\_ your toes!
52. Princess of Wales and Ross of the Supremes.
53. "Some prisoners ought to be released, but a large proportion of them are as obstinate rebels as they ever were and \_\_\_\_\_ will not be safe...until the war ends," —*Troubled State [of Mo.]*, *Civil War Journal of Franklin Dick*, Gari Carter.
55. Abbr. before a canonized person.
57. \_\_\_\_\_ (Gilbert Keith) Chesterton; the Apostle of Common Sense; great English convert; 1874-1936.
58. Popular brand of facial tissues.
61. Dir. from Centralia to Hermann.
62. Letters for an Electrical Engineer degree.
63. \_\_\_\_\_-GO is the global leader in winter's fastest growing new sport, ski biking.
64. "But the conceited \_\_\_\_\_ did not hear him. Conceited people never hear anything but praise," —*The Little Prince*, Antoine de Saint Exupery.
66. "...although our outer self is wasting away, our \_\_\_\_\_ self is being renewed day by day," (2 Corinthians 4:16).
68. "How \_\_\_\_\_ this peasant, this carpenter, this Jesus of Nazareth, be proclaimed the Savior by the ignorant?" —Paul of Tarsus in *Dear and Glorious Physi-*

cian, Taylor Caldwell.

69. "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our \_\_\_\_, but in ourselves," —Julius Caesar in Shakespeare's play of the same name.
70. "Sunrise, \_\_\_\_;" song from the musical "Fiddler on the Roof," written in 1964.

#### DOWN

1. "When you \_\_\_\_, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites," (Matthew 6:16).
2. The score was lopsided but the winning coach wouldn't play his bench. He wanted to \_\_ \_\_ the score (2 wds.).
3. Crows are permanent residents of Mo. (i.e., non \_\_\_\_, and found all over the State). In fact, they are fairly common in the lower 48, except in the southwestern deserts.
4. J. Edgar Hoover's org.
5. To \_\_\_\_ is human, they say.
6. Band-\_\_\_\_\_.
7. Professional caregiver.
8. Abbr. for the 3rd Gospel.
9. "The Sound of \_\_\_\_";

huge hit of Simon & Garfunkel; 1964.

10. Crows are incredibly playful. They've been caught on camera sledding down \_\_\_\_ roofs on plastic lids, playing fetch with dogs, and provoking fights between cats. A crow once locked a science writer in a cage.
15. A model railroad gauge of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch.
16. Abbr. for Senora (i.e., Mrs. in Madrid).
18. Letters for Social Security.
20. Simon, son of Jonah's new name, Peter, meaning \_\_\_\_, (Matthew 16:18).
21. In computing, letters for Robot Operating System, a set of software frameworks for robot software development.
22. "\_\_\_\_' Man River"; song from the 1951 musical "Show Boat"; called one of the most hauntingly beautiful songs of the 20th century.
23. Old Russian ruler.
26. "O my people, your leaders \_\_\_\_..." (Isaiah 3:12).
27. "...is the universe gov-

erned by chance, blind fate, anonymous necessity, or by a transcendent, \_\_\_\_ and good Being called God?" —*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #284.

28. Ltrs. for Missing in Action.
30. In the board game Monopoly, if you pass \_\_\_\_, you get \$200.
31. King of Bashan (Numbers 21:33).
33. Whole grain breakfast cereal.
35. Crows have large \_\_\_\_, up to 15 birds. In winter, these congregate in large numbers to sleep in communal roosts, from a few hundred to two million crows.
36. Golden ager.
38. "...you will be oppressed... without surcease until you are driven \_\_\_\_ by what your eyes must look upon," (Deuteronomy 28:34).
40. The mountains that separate Asia from Europe.
42. Adidas, Nike and New Balance.
43. A brand of pens.
44. On a California beach, I saw surf boards, sand cas-

ties, and \_\_\_\_ buggy drive by (2 wds.).

47. "...because there was no room for them in the \_\_\_\_,," (Luke 2:7).
48. Abraham's ancestral home.
50. The most common tree in Mo.'s forests.
54. What Paul made for a living (Acts 18:3).
56. Belief or principle.
59. "The Civil War was a war of ideals. Such a war was bound to be a \_\_\_\_-holds-barred affair," —*The Military Leadership of North and South*, T. Harry Williams.
60. Christmas without Christ.
61. Bro's sibling.
62. Ending for car or auction.
65. Crows \_\_\_\_ opportunistic foragers. They steal from other animals, eat from outdoor dog dishes, take fruit from trees, steal eggs from other bird nests or even snatch food from the mouths of their young chicks.
67. Chemical ltrs. for sodium.
68. This prophet is the 34th book of the Bible (abbr.).