



Puzzle #796

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ACROSS

1. Missouri has many animals, birds, fish etc. of course. This puzzle features what some of them are called when in a group. Some words will be familiar, some not. Starting out easy (hopefully), a group of cows is called a ____ of cattle.
5. Moonshiner's equipment.
10. "You watch out. And give your pretty lady a kiss from _____," said the stevedore. 'I'll do that.' And any number of candles to the Virgin Mary, added January silently, if I catch up with that boat," —*Dead Water*, Barbara Hambly.
12. Spans of time.
13. A group of quail.
14. "A dog-face gets just as tired advancing as he does retreating, and he gets shot _____ both ways," —*Up Front*, Bill Mauldin.
15. Dog comment.
16. "____ Me Not On The Lone Prairie"; cowboy folk song, sung by Johnny Cash, Tex Ritter, Roy Rogers and others.
17. Royal ruler in India.
19. A group of puppies or kittens.
20. "You can either be a host to God, or a hostage to your _____," —Wayne Dyer.
21. Periodic table letters for neon.
22. Part of a BA college de-

- gree.
24. Letters for Recording Secretary.
 26. On the table was ____ boat which matched the china plates perfectly (2 wds.).
 28. In 1863, the Mo. Legislature adopted a ____ of gradual emancipation to begin in 1870. Mo. slaves did not desire to wait 7 more years for freedom. "The slaves are leaving by the hundreds every day," —James S. Rollins, Mo. Congressman, MU founder, in *The Fiery Trial, Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery*, Eric Foner.
 31. The new i-Phone ____ (Special Edition) is said to have greater battery capacity and a better camera.
 32. Restaurant list.
 34. Letters for Northern Ireland, where St. Patrick is buried.
 36. Abbr. for seniors.
 38. On an eye prescription, letters for Oculus Sinister (i.e., left eye).
 40. "I take a ____ of pride in what our flag and our anthem stands for," —Mike Schultz.
 41. "...then gifts of healing, _____, administration and varieties of tongues," (1 Corinthians 12:28).
 45. Six points in football.
 46. ____ Cruces is the second largest city in New Mexico (over 100,000). Literally, its name is "The Crosses," after 3 crosses once located just north of the town.
 47. A son of Shem and so a grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:22).
 49. A group of otters.
 51. "A human being needs to endure something in _____ to assess himself correctly," —*Last Testament*, Pope Benedict XVI.
 53. In law, letters for Law Minor, referring to any lawsuit seeking less than

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54. \$50,000.
 54. ____ Zedong; founder and long-time Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party.
 56. A group of geese.
 59. Woman's narrow shoe width.
 61. "I have set before you life and death... ____ life then, that you and your descendants may live..." (Deuteronomy 30:19).
 65. Men.
 67. "I like him all right, but he was one of those cocky little fellows who ask for it. You know the _____. They always know everything," —*The Guns of William Longley* by Donald Hamilton from the *Black Hats* anthology.
 68. "What, on this stretch of the river? ____ twenty feet of bottom we've got and not a (sand) bar in sight..." —*Dead Water*, Barbara Hambly.
 69. A group of dogs.
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1. "...a royal official went to (Jesus) and asked him to come and ____ his son, who was near death," (John 4:47).
 2. He is ____ on the side of caution, always a good practice in our construction business.
 3. A group of turkeys.
 4. On an eye prescription, letters for Diopter Sphere (i.e., no treatment necessary for stigmatism).
 5. A group of squirrels.
 6. High craggy hill.
 7. All 8 ____ League schools are private and located in the Northeast. They include Harvard, Columbia, Princeton, Yale, Brown, Cornell, Dartmouth and the University of Pennsylvania.
 8. Jerome ____ Royer de la Dauversiere (1597-1659); a devout Catholic, he consecrated his family to the Holy Family; very unusual for a layman at that time, he founded a religious order, a Confraternity for lay people and supported evangelization in Quebec, Canada; he is Venerable, the first step in canonization as a saint.
 9. "Give thanks to the

- Lord on the harp; on the ten-stringed _____ offer praise,” (Psalms 33:2).
10. In 2023, a devout Christian said, vs. the State of Colorado, it was against her conscience to make specific messages on wedding cakes for homosexual couples. The Supreme Court said the First Amendment generally protects an individual from being required by the gov’t. to voice a specific message, being a matter of free speech. The State cannot “force an individual to speak in ways that align with its views but defy her conscience about a matter of _____ significance.” It was considered a victory for religious liberty.
 11. Letters in an airport for Estimated Time of Arrival.
 16. Although famous for dam building, in Mo.’s faster and fluctuating streams they usually excavate a den in a high bank.
 18. Abbr. for agricultural or antigen.
 23. “The louder he talked of his honor, the faster we counted our _____,” — Ralph Waldo Emerson.
 25. A group of pigs.
 26. New Testament prophetess (Luke 2:36-38).
 27. Francis of _____, sometimes called the patron saint of ecology.
 29. “‘If there is a worse place than Hell,’ said Lincoln upon learning of the disaster at Fredericksburg, ‘I ___ in it,’” —*Battle Cry of Freedom, the Civil War Era*, James McPherson.
 30. “You can see I am weaving my web around Thaddeus. The _____ begins to close upon him,” —Sherlock Holmes in *The Sign of the Four*, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
 33. “The North’s financial advantage over increasingly hungry Southern citizens proved decisive; the war was won ___ on the battlefield, but in the Treasury departments,” —*Ways and Means, Lincoln and the Financing of the Civil War*, Roger Lowenstein.
 35. Mohammed’s religion.
 37. “The alternative (to a plane) said an Alaskan homesteader, is to _____ put in your cabin watching the porcupines gnaw on your ax handle and the moss grow on your roof,” Ketchikan, Alaska; Charles Kuralt’s “America.”
 39. A group of fish.
 42. America’s uncle.
 43. “Nothing united the Lincolns so much _____ their love for their children,” — *The Lincolns: Portrait of a Marriage*.
 44. Abbr. for Europe.
 48. Related to Hwy., St., Ln., etc.
 49. A group of chickens is called a brood or _____.
 50. “Benjamin Franklin sat back in the chair, adjusted the discomfort in his _____. ‘I am indeed forsaken. Alone and...coffeeless,’” —*The Glorious Cause*, a novel of the Revolutionary War; Jeff Shaara.
 52. The Economic and Policy Analysis Research Center (_____) at the Univ. of Mo. provides research support to business from agencies at the local, state and federal levels, including the 4 campus Univ. of Mo. system.
 54. Famous British sports car brand.
 55. “Now he belongs to the _____,” —*Secretary of War* Edwin Stanton’s words after Lincoln took his last breath.
 57. Abbr. meaning “of age or aged,” from the Latin “*aetatis*.”
 58. 6th sense.
 60. “Now to him who is able to accomplish far more than all we _____ or imagine...to him be the glory...” (Ephesians 3:20-21).
 62. _____-Ho crackers sadly were discontinued after fierce competition with Ritz crackers.
 63. “_____ Top of Old Smokey,” 1951 folk song by the Weavers.
 64. On an eye prescription, letters for Oculus Dexter (i.e., right eye).
 66. This State bordering Mo. has one of the largest gold-domed State Capitol buildings in the U.S. (abbr.).