

Puzzle #692

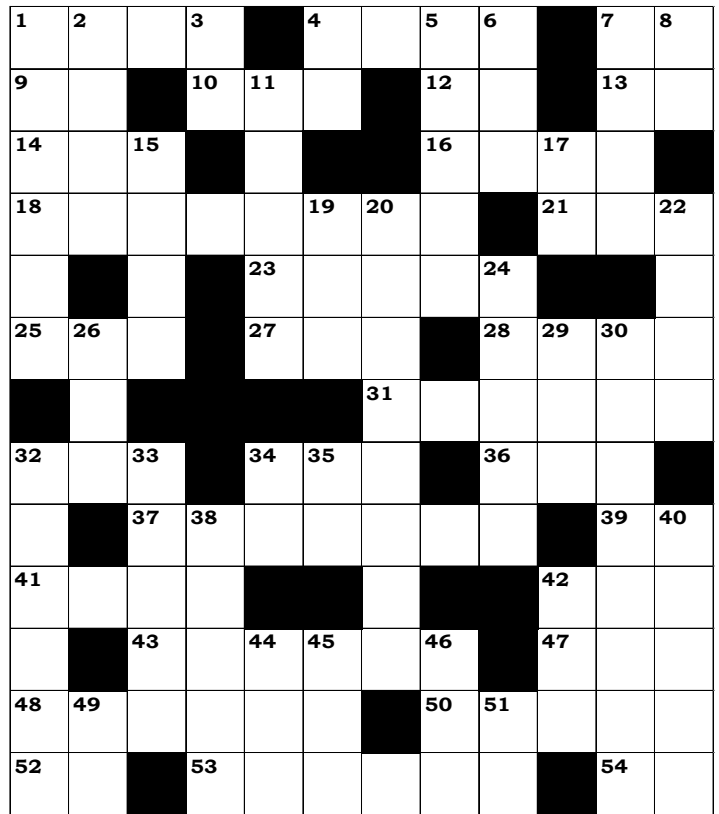
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ACROSS

1. While Mo. doesn't see the massive wildfires in western States, nevertheless wildfires in Mo. ____ 25,000-30,000 acres every year.
4. Jacob's twin (Genesis 25:21-26).
7. Abbr. for pound.
9. Prefix for cape.
10. Wise hooter.
12. Liquid petroleum (____) gas is used for heating appliances and cooking equipment.
13. ____-GYN.
14. U.S. code breaking agency.
16. Extreme Middle East terrorist group.
18. Though previously the Mo. Dept. of Conservation (MDC) was primary in responding to wildfires, now rural fire depts., greater in number and with better equipment and ____, suppress 90% of wildfires in Mo.
21. Letters for a Church degree in Theology, namely Doctor of Sacred Theology (in Latin: *Sacrae Theologiae Doctor*).
23. "...you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, ____, be merry! But God said to him, 'You fool...'" (Luke 12:19-20).
25. Rip Van Winkle had a long one.
27. In tennis, short for Year-
28. This State has the third highest number of farms in the U.S. (86,900) after Texas (240,000) and Missouri (97,300).
31. This Nazi leader was named *Time* magazine's Man of the Year for 1938.
32. Assumption Abbey is a Trappist Monastery near ____, Mo., the County Seat of Douglas Co.
34. Boxing win by points.
36. Electric fish.
37. MDC coordinates requests from volunteer fire depts. for the expensive specialized equip. necessary for wildfires, usually obtained from Army or Nat. Guard ____ property.
39. ____ Bean, outdoor clothing and recreational equip. company.
41. "I'm being eaten by ____ Constrictor," —children's song by Shel Silverstein (2 wds.).
42. Commotion.
43. Some wildfires are deliberately set. MDC's Operation ____ Arson asks citizens to report arson anonymously to the MDC.
47. Email addresses for Mo. State officials end in Mo. ____.
48. "The kingdom of Og in Bashan: sixty ____ in all, to say nothing of the great number of unwalled towns," (Deuteronomy 3:4-5).
50. ____ man to another.. (2 wds.).
52. Short name for a former spouse.
53. Smokey the Bear, the world's most popular wildfire prevention ____, turns 75 this year.
54. Comparative suffix.

DOWN

1. Thomas Hart ____ was Mo.'s first U.S. Senator. A larger-than-life-size



2. Cold War foe.
3. "If a man ____ longer had enemies, he would have to invent them, for his strength only grows from struggle," —from *The Lonesome Gods* by Louis L'Amour.
4. ____ Puente is a multifaceted Catholic outreach to Hispanic immigrants in Jefferson City and California, Mo.
5. When the stars ____, you know something good is going to happen.
6. Delivery company.
7. "I shall recall the straying; I shall seek the _____. Whether they wish it, or not, I shall do it," —from a sermon on pastors by St. Augustine.
8. Ammo pellet for an air gun.
11. 99% of Mo. wildfires are human caused, e.g. burning trash on a ____ day, carelessly tossed cigarettes, children playing with matches or poorly extinguished campfires.
15. Over 50 group.
17. What time ____ it?
19. Anger.
20. December saint.
22. "Hold ____ to your parents for it is a scary and confusing world without them," —Emily Dickinson.
24. Normal box ____ need a tail to fly but bowed ones do not.
26. 4 wheeler.
29. Sound from a bull fight.
30. "____, my good and faithful servant," —Matthew 25:21 (2 wds.).
32. At his backyard barbecues, he would baste his pork ribs with ____ so spicy I could not eat them (2 wds.).
33. He's got ____ heart when it comes to the poor (2 wds.).
34. Mt. Rushmore Pres.
35. Onerous duty in the army.

38. The five reliable vowels. predator that ever walked
40. "This Tremendous _____," the earth.
by Dom Eugene Boylan 45. 6th sense.
is a spiritual classic (1946) 46. Black goo.
laying out a practical pro- 49. 9 in old Rome.
gram for Christian living. 51. Short for saint.
42. "A long time _____ in a
galaxy far, far away..." —
Star Wars intro script.
44. T-____; perhaps the apex