

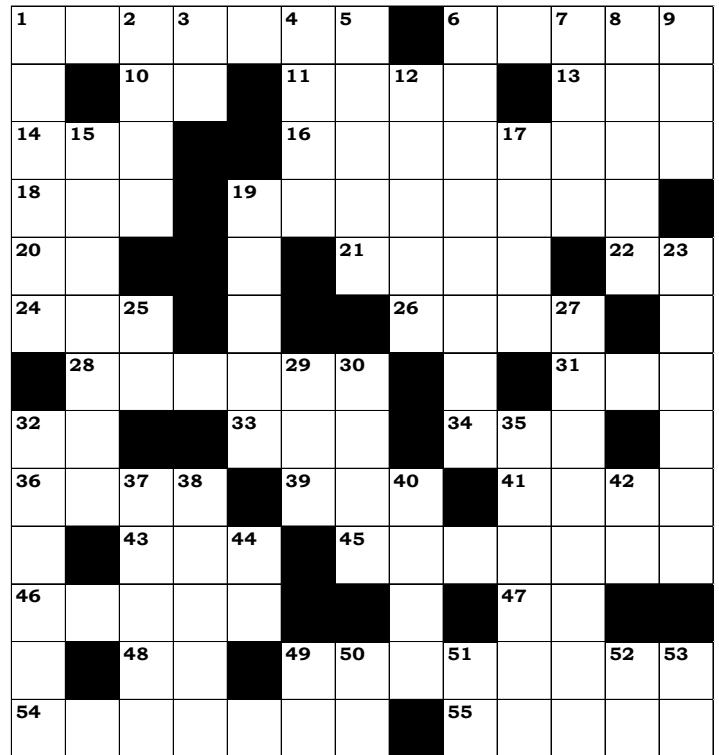


Puzzle #731

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ACROSS

- From the start of the Lewis & Clark expedition at the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers, John Colter was a valuable member of the expedition, esp. for his crack ____ and rifle skills.
- “May the winds of destiny carry you ____ to dance with the stars,” — Johnny Depp.
- Asner or Sullivan.
- Wicked king of Israel; husband of the notorious Jezebel who persuaded him to abandon Yahweh and establish the god Baal in Israel. His rule began the sapping of the national life of Israel (1 Kings 16:1–22:53).
- Name of a Russian modular space station; assembled in orbit from 1986–1996; succeeded by the 5-nation International Space Station in 1998.
- I’ll be with you ____ second (2 wds.).
- Colter’s ____ journey in 1807–08 took him through the remote wilds of present day Yellowstone Park region. He was the first white man to see what would be called Colter’s Hell.
- With permission, Colter left the Lewis & Clark expedition on its return trip to St. Louis, striking out on his own as a mountain man and ____ trapper.
- Petrol.
- Dorothy’s Auntie ____.
- Though some of Mo.’s neighboring States have built them, Mo. has traditionally been opposed to building ____ roads in the State.
- Letters for the city famous for cable cars and Fisherman’s Wharf.
- Hitter’s stat.
- “I thoroughly disapprove of duels. If a man should challenge me to (to a duel) I would go to that man and take him kindly and forgivingly to a retired quiet spot and ____ him,” —Mark Twain.
- After years of perils and fierce hardships in the mountains and with desperate encounters with Am. Indians, including a legendary ____ from the Blackfeet, Colter, dogged with misfortune, returned to St. Louis with little to show for his mountain man years and feats.
- “All you birds of the ____, bless the Lord,” (Daniel 3:80).
- Letters before the name of a priest, perhaps.
- The fortune teller told customers their future by reading ____ leaves.
- St. Scholastica or St. Teresa of Avila.
- Abbr. for association.
- Uniform Resource Locator (____) is basically a web address.
- Dim but endearing big-tongued dog that lives with Garfield and Jon.
- The white ____ tree, predominant in Mo. forests, was used by native-Ams. for its acorns to grind and make bread and its bark for medicinal uses.
- He lost everything after a so called friend got him to invest in what turned out to be a ____ scheme.



- The “Oh ____!” candy bar was once made by Nestle and now by the Ferrara Candy Co. of Chicago. There are different stories about the origin of the name.
- Ending for corn.
- Short for the parishes at Brookfield and Montgomery City.
- My dad is ____ who says he does nothing all day long and still can’t get it all done in just one day (2 wds.).
- John Colter left few personal ____ and was reticent with the few people capable of writing of his extraordinary explorations and adventures, almost becoming one of the forgotten men of history. Nearly a century would pass before his amazing life in the exploration of the West was appreciated.
- Small children.
- ____ and dear to my heart.
- 6 points in football (abbr.).
- U.S. agency responsible for the Martian rovers.
- “Touch me and see, because a ____ does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have,” (Luke 24:39).
- In 2018, there were over ____ (1.3, precisely) baptized Catholics in the world (2 wds.).
- This Arab country on the Persian Gulf is the oldest independent State in the Arab world.
- To other trappers, Colter reported a sulfurous place of hidden ____, smoking pits and shooting water. They didn’t believe such tall tales.
- “The most important thing is to ____ and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do,” —Kobe Bryant.
- If you think your boy may have injured his arm, bring him in and I’ll take ____ at it, said the doc (2 wds.).

DOWN

- “Bring me a three year old ____, a three year old she-goat, a three old ram...” (Genesis 15:9).
- I hold my grandchildren

15. 4th book of the Bible.
17. "If you ____ the soil, it shall no longer give you its produce," (Genesis 4:12).
19. "The body matters a lot for Christians, but it matters only so much. ____ saints come in all different shapes and body sizes," —Matthew Kelly.
23. Colter settled on the Mo. River in the still frontier county of Franklin, Mo., near present day Marthasville. There he found good trapping and ____ as well. He remained friends with William Clark (of Lewis & Clark) who lived in St. Louis and knew Daniel Boone who lived in the area.
25. "A child ____ God's belief that the world should go on," —American poet Carl Sandburg.
27. Colter married an Am. Indian named Sally and had a son Hiram. He died in 1813 at only 40 years old and was buried on a nice ____ bluff overlooking the Mo. River. In a final bit of misfortune, the Mo. Pacific RR, unaware of him and his grave, took down the bluff to use as fill for roadbeds.
29. "*Un* ____;" a little, in Paris.
30. Wyatt, for example.
32. "You are a human being first! A husband or a wife first; a ____ or mother first; a son or a daughter first; a friend first. How sad it would be to fail at one of these positions, whatever your success in your career," —Barbara Bush, from *Pearls of Wisdom* by Jean Becker.
35. All the vowels.
37. The ____ drive-in chain at one time featured real roller skating car hops.
38. This word refers to narcotics and illegal drugs.
40. "Awake, ____ and harp! I will wake the dawn," (Psalms 57:9).
42. 2 in Roman numerals.
44. Home State of Mammoth Cave, the longest cave system in America—405 miles! (abbr.)
49. He served on the City Council's ____ Hoc committee.
50. Letters on a car meaning rally sport. Ford, Audi and Porsche use it for racing-focused road cars.
51. Letters for triton, a very dissonant jarring musical interval of 3 adjacent whole notes. It is rarely used because people prefer harmony. It has been said to have been banned by the Catholic Church. There has never been an official ban, only a great bias and preference for peaceful satisfying harmony for worship.
52. Suffix for employ or absent.
53. Prefix for say or crow.