

Puzzle #742

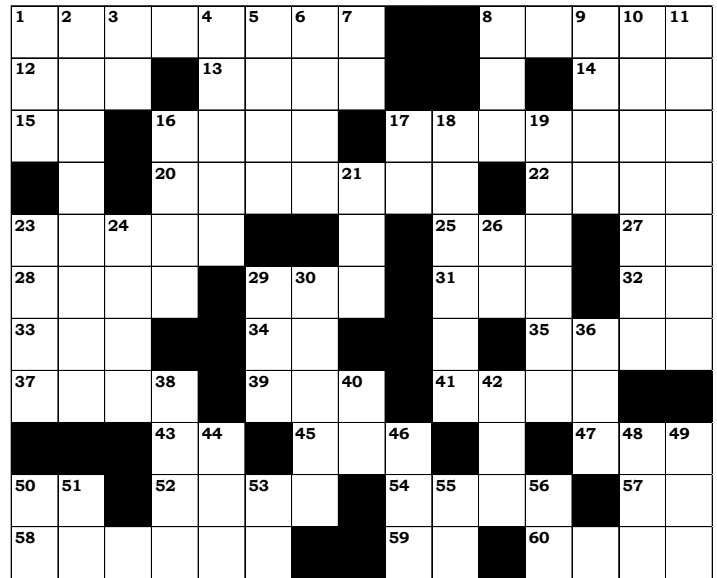
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ACROSS

1. Missouri has many “official” foods, animals, etc. Since 1923, Mo.’s official flower is the white ____ blossom; 73 different types grow in Mo., esp. in the Ozarks.
8. Ulysses S. Grant and Mark Twain were both heavy ____ smokers, over 20 a day for each.
12. Nickname for our 16th Pres.
13. Sandwich cookie.
14. According to the jingle, “____ is the place with the helpful hardware man.”
15. Abbr. before a man’s name.
16. Mo.’s state animal is famously the Missouri ____, hybrid offspring of a mare (female horse) and jack (male donkey). After intro to Mo. in the 1820s, it became popular because of its hardy nature. These sturdy (and stubborn) animals pulled pioneers West during the 1800s & were crucial to moving troops & supplies in WW I and even WW II, where trucks couldn’t go. For decades, the Show Me State was the nation’s premier producer of this workhorse animal.
17. Mo.’s State invertebrate since 2007 is the crayfish (crawdad); more than 30 ____ in Mo. (incl. 7 not found anywhere else in the world); an important food source for Mo. fish;

found in every county in the state; was nominated by an elem. school in Reed Springs, Mo.

20. “____ can criticize, complain, and condemn — and most due. But it takes character and self-control to be understanding and forgiving.” —*How to Win Friends & Influence People*, Dale Carnegie (2 wds.).
22. Sgt. Snorkel’s dog.
23. He can never seem to get past the 13th hole without ending up in ____ trap (2 wds.).
25. 4-wheeler.
27. “Man is the only animal that blushes. ____ needs to,” —*Mark Twain: Wit & Wisecracks*, Peter Pauper Press.
28. In 2007, the 4th grade at Truman Elementary in Rolla nominated the Big Bluestem to be Mo.’s official grass; grows throughout Mo.; comprised the tall grass prairies which so impressed early explorers by growing tall enough to ____ a person on horseback. Name comes from the bluish-green color of the leaves & stems that turn an attractive reddish-copper color in the fall.
29. Fish eggs.
31. Average grade.
32. Companion to #55 DOWN.
33. ____ Maria, gratia plena...
34. Comparison suffix.
35. ____ Saint Laurent; famous fashion designer.
37. Harry’s wife.
39. Letters after a dentist’s name.
41. “...and the ____ ran away with the spoon,” —from “Hey Diddle, Diddle”; Mother Goose nursery rhyme.
43. Bone.
45. Make a mistake.
47. “What is the trouble with us? The unlearned rise up and take heaven by storm, and we, with all our erudi-



tion but empty of heart, ____ how we wallow in flesh and blood!” —*Confessions*, bk. 8, St. Augustine.

50. 34th book of the Bible; short for the one thrown into the lions’ den (abbr.).
52. Breaker of the 8th commandment.
54. Mo.’s official ____ dance is the square dance; based on courtship dances brought by immigrants; characterized by lively music and callers.
57. Winnebago, for ex.
58. Mo. even has an official exercise: jumping jacks. Invented by Mo.-born Army Gen. John J. “Black Jack” Pershing as a training drill for ____ when he taught at West Point in the late 1800s. Nomination came from students at Pershing Elem. in St. Joseph, Mo.
59. In addition to Exodus, this 5th book of the Bible also contains the 10 commandments (abbr.).
60. In 2008, Mo. finally designated as the state dessert the ice cream _____. The 1904 St. Louis World’s Fair was the birthplace of the treat. UMC has played a large role in the development of ice cream products for over a century. Mo. ranks 10th in ice

cream production.

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1. It goes good with eggs; also the name of one of Noah’s sons (Genesis 5:32).
2. In 1990, the black walnut was designated as Mo.’s official state nut; it is healthy to eat, used in ice cream, baked goods & candies. The shell provides the soft gritty ____ used in metal cleaning and polishing, and oil drilling; used in paint products and as a filler in dynamite. Walnuts are often collected as a small cash crop for individual farm families.
3. ____, the People of the United States of America...
4. Mo. may be the only state with a state historic dog; Old Drum. The shooting death of this hunting ____ went to an 1870 Mo. State Supreme Court trial. The famous closing argument for the plaintiff, called Eulogy of the Dog, brought tears to the eyes of the jurors, memorably evoking the dog as man’s best friend. An Old Drum statue and eulogy plaque sets on the courthouse grounds in Warrensburg, Mo. as well as in the Mo. State Supreme Court building in

- Jeff. City.
5. Parisian airport.
 6. The Great Barrier _____ off of Australia is the largest coral structure in the world, stretching 1,429 miles, aptly situated in the Coral Sea.
 7. "It is hard to retain religion on an empty stomach. A famine-stricken man gains consolation from _____ creed." —Confederate soldier Alexander Hunter in 1865 Civil War fighting; from *Embattled Courage*, Gerald Linderman.
 8. Serious billiards competitors always carry their own _____ stick.
 9. In 2002, the Mo. Fox Trotter became Mo.'s state horse. Developed in the rugged Ozarks in the early 1800s, bloodlines can be traced to early settlers to Mo. from KY, TN, & AR; distinguishing characteristic is its rhythmic _____: the horse walks with its front feet and trots with its hind feet which gives the rider a smooth gentle ride.
 10. A compound used in paint and nail polish remover.
 11. Four Seasons and Margartaville (Tan-Tar-A) at the Lake of the Ozarks.
 16. Horse hair.
 17. In 2001, St. Pope John Paul II conferred on U.S. Jesuit Avery Dulles the title of Cardinal, the first U.S. theologian _____ honored.
 18. "From one of the loyal (Unionist) militia generals, who was in command in Jefferson City for a time, the captains received a written order no longer to be found in the archives of the state or perhaps never _____ there: protect the Unionists and send no reports. The fear was that these companies would be dissolved if the truth were reported." —*Longer than a Man's lifetime in Missouri*, early German immigrant Gert Goebel.
 19. Since 2007, the Bobwhite Quail has been Mo.'s state game bird; found in a variety of habitats throughout Mo.; _____ can vary from 10-30 birds; noted for their 3-note "bobwhite" whistle.
 21. Galena in 1967 was named Mo.'s state mineral; is a major source of lead; emphasizes Mo.'s status as the nation's top producer of lead; rich deposits of this _____ lay in Crawford, Washington, Iron and Reynolds Co.s & in the Joplin-Granby areas of SW Mo.; dark gray in color & breaks into small cubes.
 23. Promoted Baal worship; husband of the infamous Jezebel; persecutor of Elijah. Not one of Israel's better kings.
 24. Summer drinks.
 26. Two-letter ending for the words "do," "to," and "no."
 29. In 1967, Mozarkite became Mo.'s official state rock; comes in a variety of colors: green, _____, or purple; esp. beautiful when polished; most commonly found in Benton County.
 30. Law and _____.
 36. Video Home System (_____); precursor of the DVD.
 38. Mo.'s State musical instrument is the fiddle; brought to Mo. in the 1700s; adaptable to many forms of music; could be played without extensive formal training; light and easy to carry. For generations, the local fiddle player was the _____ source of entertainment and held a position of great respect.
 40. 4th year high schooler (abbr.).
 42. That decision would be _____-advised.
 44. Command to Fido.
 46. Rural Free Delivery (_____); the Post Office program in late 1800s to deliver mail to rural destinations.
 48. Suffix for north or south.
 49. First lady.
 50. Washington, _____.
 51. Chemical sym. for sodium.
 53. "_____ I walked out in the streets of Laredo..." —opening line of a song originally called "Cowboy's Lament."
 55. Companion to #32 ACROSS.
 56. Mo. city known for its barbecue (abbr.).