

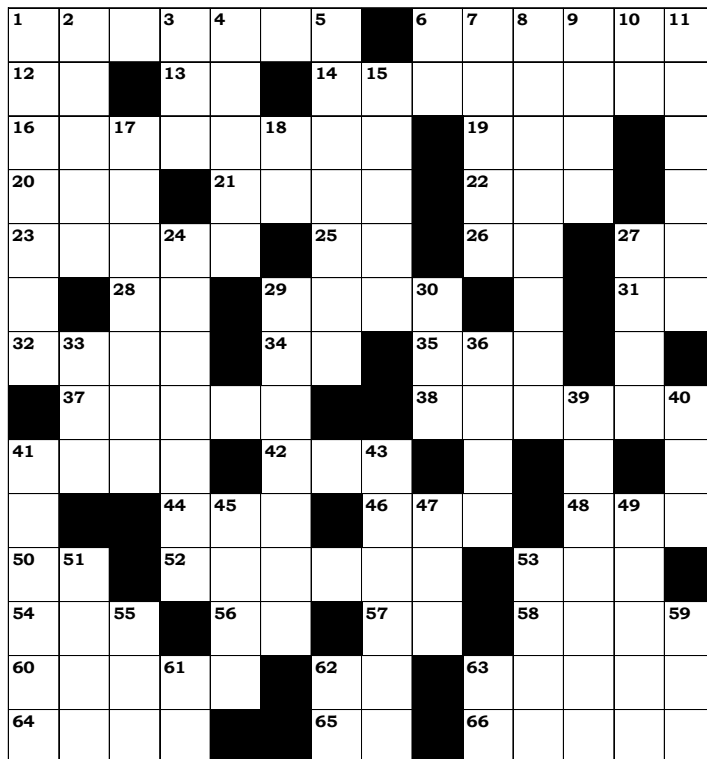


Puzzle #755

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ACROSS

1. The fear of spiders is the most well-known of all ____.
6. Jesus was born in a ____.
12. Letters for Adults Only; a gaming rating (18 and up).
13. Prefix for side or sect.
14. The Prodigal Son is one example of Jesus's many ____.
16. A bite from a black widow spider is 15 times ____ than rattlesnake venom. Though a web spider, it can be aggressive.
19. *Et cum spiritu* ____; i.e., And with your spirit.
20. "Never underestimate the power of a good cup of ____," —Earl Grey drinker Captain Jean Luc Picard in the Star Trek novel *Perchance To Dream*; Howard Weinstein.
21. Abbr. for enclosed, as on the front of an envelope, perhaps.
22. Letters after the name of an ear, nose and throat doctor.
23. The brown recluse spider is the most venomous spider in Mo., and in the U.S. Its bite will make one very sick and can result in a large skin ____.
25. Abbr. for "In other words."
26. Letters for Research and Development dept.
27. St. Francis ____ Sales was noted for his deep faith and gentle approach to the religious divisions resulting from the Protestant Reformation.
28. State of the Redwood and Sequoia trees (abbr.).
29. Part of RIP.
31. Prefix for reverent or relevant.
32. There are big ones in Hollywood.
34. Prefix for chew or cape.
35. Charged particle.
37. ____ 6; less expensive travel lodgings.
38. All "widow" spiders can be found in and around houses (____, closets, nooks and corners), wood and rock piles, flower gardens and old buildings.
41. Zit problem.
42. Female black widow spiders are most well-known because of their venom and their supposed predisposition to ____ their mates (!) but also because of the striking deep red markings on their black skeletal body.
44. ____ Records is currently owned by Sony Music.
46. In legal matters, Latin word meaning "thing," referring to an object, interest or status, as opposed to a person.
48. "The ____ of the Poor," —song by Father John Foley, S.J., released in 2009, taken from verses in Psalm 34.
50. "At issue... is the capacity to absorb suffering and learn from ____." That's how survivors survive," —psychiatrist Robert Lifton.
52. Stock car org.



53. ____ Na Na; a doo-wop rock group in the early 70s which parodied the NYC street culture of the 50s. Had a syndicated TV variety series from 1977-81 that was one of the most watched programs of its time.
 54. Venom takes much energy to produce and so spiders won't inject it unless trapped or likely to ____.
 56. The capital of this border State of Mo. is named for a President (abbr.).
 57. Short for the federal dept. for veterans.
 58. A laundry detergent.
 60. Bowel cleansing procedure.
 62. "You do very well to ____ reading the Bible," —Vincent Van Gogh to his friend Emile Bernard, 1888.
 63. "____ *Angelicus*"; Latin for "Bread of Angels"; popular hymn written by St. Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century; sometimes used in Benediction; has been performed by tenors Pavarotti, Placido Domingo, and others.
 64. Wise or visionary person
- you might consult about the future (e.g., 1 Samuel 9:9).
65. Not the NL.
 66. "O Lord __ __, when I in awesome wonder..." — opening lyrics from the hymn "How Great Thou Art."

DOWN

1. "Then we, your people, the sheep of your ____..." (Psalm 79:13).
2. Ritz-Carlton or Hyatt.
3. Life summary, briefly.
4. "...although our outer self is wasting away, our ____ self is being renewed day by day," (2 Corinthians 4:16).
5. Missouri has over 300 ____ of spiders; only 2 are venomous.
6. Abbr. for 4th year high school student.
7. ____ tots.
8. The "widow" spiders include the American house spider, the most common and ____ in Mo. and in the world. It is not venomous, or negligibly so.
9. That slanderous remark is leaving a ____ on my good name.

10. A TV show in 2005 called “_____ Plus Grand Français de tous les temps” (The Greatest Frenchman of all Time) polled French viewers. The winner: Charles de Gaulle.
11. 19th book of the Bible.
15. French town that inspired the paintings of Vincent Van Gough.
17. Masked 4-legged varmint.
18. 1st book of the Bible (abbr.).
24. “Mo. is truly where the country comes together. St. Louis is the westernmost _____ city, while Kansas City is the easternmost western city,” — Mo. U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt
- to the Mo. Legislature; 2022.
27. _____ golf; game played with Frisbees.
29. Even black widow and brown recluse spiders _____ venom only 50% of the times they bite, depending on the threat level.
30. Spanish aunt.
33. _____ (General Motors Corp.) has been the largest car manufacturer based in the U.S. since 1931.
36. Elevator man.
39. Symptoms of venomous spider bites can include burning, swelling, cramping, rash, _____ and headache.
40. Spiders are generally very _____ and will run when threatened. Biting is a last resort.
41. “A wise person decides slowly but _____ by these decisions,” —tennis great Arthur Ashe.
43. “Have Gun, Will _____”; popular Western TV series that ran for 6 seasons (1957-63); starred Richard Boone as Paladin, an “gentleman” gun for hire in San Francisco.
45. According to John’s gospel, a wedding in this place was the site of Jesus’s first public miracle (John 5:46-54).
47. A detergent.
49. For FDR’s fireside chats, families would gather around the _____.
51. Part of a fork.
53. Command to Fido perhaps.
55. Very wide shoe size.
59. Letters for Employment Security Division of Mo. State Government.
61. Abbr. before a male’s name.
62. College degree; Bachelor of Arts.
63. Many more countries have a Prime Minister (_____) than a President, although the role can be different from country to country.