

## Puzzle #759

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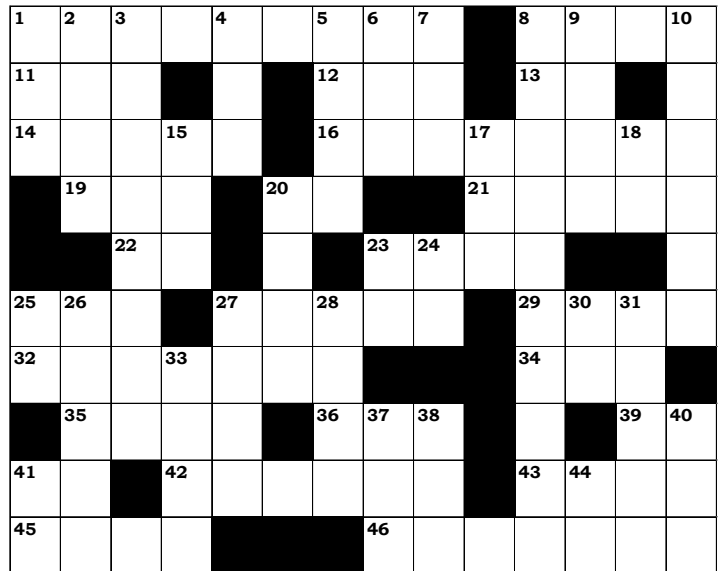
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### ACROSS

1. One of Mo.'s \_\_\_\_ is the Cave State. Mo. is home to 7,000+ caves. 700 are found in one county, Perry Co. where they are topped by thousands of sinkholes.
8. "\_\_\_\_ all your worries upon him because he cares for you," (1 Peter 5:7).
11. Year in Madrid.
12. Nestled deep in the Mark Twain forest, 20m. south of \_\_\_\_, Mo. in Douglas Co., is Assumption Abbey, one of only 15 Trappist monasteries in the entire U.S.
13. Crater Lake in this State is, at 2,000 ft., the deepest lake in the U.S. (abbr.)
14. Crevice Cave in Perry Co., at 30 \_\_\_\_ long, is the longest known cave in Mo. 4 of the 5 longest caves in Mo. are found in Perry Co.
16. Sinkholes were fenced off from livestock. Concrete was removed and replaced with a buffer zone of native plants to filter \_\_\_\_ out of the sinkholes.
19. Tender loving care.
20. Home State of Elvis (abbr.).
21. "\_\_\_\_: the final frontier. These are the voyages of the Starship Enterprise," —intro to Star Trek TV episodes.
22. Letters for Alpha & Omega, first & last letters in the Greek language, the language of the early Church. They symbolize God as the beginning and end of everything.
23. "Go wash in the \_\_\_\_ of Siloam," (John 9:7).
25. Cleo's snake.
27. One participating landowner himself removed two loaded 18-wheelers of metal, old cars, \_\_\_\_, and hundreds of tires from 50 of the thousands of sinkholes.
29. Little devils.
32. In the 1800s, county boosters touted the sinkholes and caves as a great way to \_\_\_\_ of household sewage.
34. Name of an old Russian space station; also the Russian word for peace.
35. Every high schooler.
36. I was told as a child that too much sugar would \_\_\_\_ my teeth. I have found that to be partly true.
39. Abbr. for "in other words."
41. Prefix for plane or location.
42. "Away down the river, a hundred miles or more, other little children shall bring my boats \_\_\_\_," — Robert Louis Stevenson.
43. Auction actions.
45. \_\_\_\_ in his pants; nervous, jumpy.
46. In 2015, researchers entered the caves once again and found water quality greatly improved with not only a rebounded sculpin population but \_\_\_\_, flatworms, crustaceans and frogs.

### DOWN

1. In the years since the war, relations between Viet\_\_\_\_ and the U.S. have broadened, "supporting, through trade, an independent country



2. Corruption is rampant in the country and the Prime Minister is \_\_\_\_ up to his neck (2 wds.).
3. The Co. Seat of Perry Co., Perryville, Mo. (pop. 9000), currently manages over 300 sinkholes. Sinkholes often \_\_\_\_ suddenly, occasionally close to buildings or where people or pets play.
4. "...sed libera \_\_\_\_ a malo"; ...but deliver us from evil." Also, a brand of energy drink.
5. The Grotto Sculpin, a rare fish found only in the caves of Perry Co., was declared endangered in the early 2000s because of 2 \_\_\_\_ die-offs of the sculpin. People suddenly realized that the bad water the sculpin were swimming in was the same water they were getting their drinking water from.
6. The night before.
7. "But when he heard this he became quite \_\_\_\_, for he was very rich," (Luke 18:23).
8. "I believe you are the devil himself!" Sterndale cried. Holmes smiled at the \_\_\_\_, " — *The Adventure of the Devil's Foot* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
9. \_\_\_\_ code.
10. Potatoes.
15. Prefix for system.
17. Prefix for metric or late.
18. The Wright Brothers completed their first flight in Kitty Hawk in this State (abbr.).
20. 4th rock from the sun.
23. Letters indicating an add-on at the end of a letter.
24. This State is second in the number of U.S. Presidents that have been born there: seven (abbr.).
25. I volunteered for the \_\_\_\_-hoc committee.
26. \_\_\_\_-\_\_; Civil Rights action in the 1960s (2 wds.).
27. Resisting top-down regulations but wanting good water quality, Perry Co. residents began an unprecedented volunteer sinkhole/cave clean-up. The Mo. Dept. of Conservation helped organize clean-ups of 400 \_\_\_\_ of decades-old refuse, including 3,000 tires, from private lands.
28. Prefix for #21 ACROSS.
30. Do-Re-\_\_\_\_.
31. Landowners now take a greater interest in the sinkhole/cave system beneath them. In fact, "for many the lowly Grotto Sculpin has become a

source of local \_\_\_\_.”

33. They come in pods.

37. The earth is an example  
of one.

38. Ball holder.

40. 19th of 26.

41. College degree.

44. Crooner Sinatra was  
known as \_\_\_\_\_, Blue  
Eyes.