



Puzzle #792

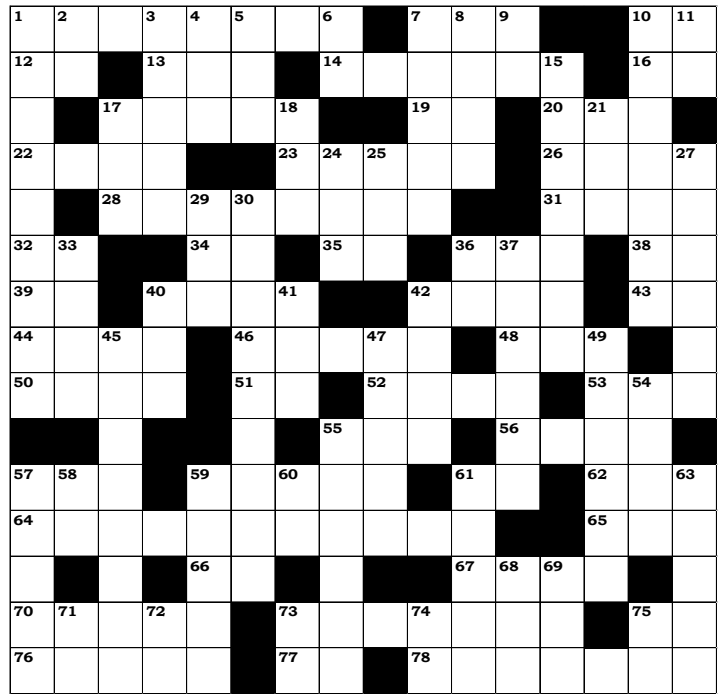
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ACROSS

1. Mo. ____ have their own foods and eating habits. Different beasts eat different feasts. What and how much or how little they eat might surprise you.
7. The Trinity Broadcasting Network (____) is the largest Christian TV network in the world claiming globally two billion viewers.
10. "I was ____ school with monks. It stays with a man," —*The Leper of Saint Giles*, Ellis Peters.
12. ____ Mont Saint Michel; famous tidal island dominated by St. Michael Abbey, founded by St. Aubert; 2023 was its 1000th (!) anniversary; World Heritage Site; though used as a prison and other uses through the ages, a small group of monks & nuns currently live there.
13. Slippery fish.
14. "...to him I say, ____ water is sweet, and bread gotten secretly is pleasing!" (Proverbs 9:17).
16. This State ranks 21st in land area and 19th in population (abbr.).
17. "After stuffing its ____ with a big meal, a bobcat is perfectly happy to skip eating for a few days."
19. "He had a dry mouth, a crick in his neck and a soreness in his limbs. It was ____ unlike all previous

wakings in the world of Venus," —*Perelandra*, C.S. Lewis.

20. "____ meat man..." —Oscar Meyer slogan.
22. Short for a British citizen.
23. Quit crowding! I need some ____ room!
26. It's often said you get more ____ for your buck at Walmart.
28. "Beavers eat bark and use branches to build dens and dams. Using only its teeth, this furry ____ can gnaw down a willow tree that's thicker than your leg in under five minutes."
31. Our law firm strongly encourages our new lawyers to give back by doing some pro ____ work.
32. "But ____, king of Bashon..." (Numbers 21:33).
34. Two beginning letters for ail or ugly.
35. Abbr. for 5th book of the Bible.
36. "My ____ Sal"; a "lyrical, charming and spirited" 1942 musical/comedy starring Victor Mature & Rita Hayworth.
38. General Dynamics Electric Boat (____) division builds submarines.
39. Abraham's ancestral home.
40. Mild affirmative.
42. Mary's mom.
43. In football, letters for the Running Back position.
44. "If I have to think something through thoroughly, I lie on the _____. There one can think things through steadily," —*Last Testament*, Pope Benedict XVI.
46. "When grief impounds our thinking and eats our brains, it ____ through all the cracks of our daily living," —Erik Pevernagie.
48. Forensic TV series.
50. Little furry Star Wars primitive whose people helped bring down The Empire.
51. Prefix for cargo or chew.



52. "____ morning before your feet hit the floor, take the opportunity to choose to serve the Lord," —*Meditations; The Work Among Us*.
53. Fawn's mom.
55. Whatever the problem, there's probably an ____ for it.
56. Row boat propulsion need.
57. A ____ does not have a collarbone, so it can fit through any opening the size of its head.
59. "Put your ear to a molehill and you might just hear the tiny tunneler's tummy rumble. An eastern mole may eat half its weight in ____, grubs, and other underground creepy-crawlies each day."
61. A golden-ager.
62. Highly prominent in the prophet Samuel's growing up (see 1 Samuel ch. 1-4).
64. "Super snoozer: during ____ a 400-lb. black bear may not eat a single thing for nearly four months."
65. Drunkard.
66. At our parish picnic's beer stand, we ask for an ____ from almost everybody.
67. You seem to have ____ in your pants today. Settle

down and be still!

70. Our house at the lake was in a small ____.
73. "That's who we are. And as spies, we need to be ____ about throwing the word 'innocent' around," —*The Bourne Treachery*, Brian Freeman.
75. 4th note on the musical scale.
76. New London is the County Seat for this county in our diocese.
77. The Sooner State (abbr.).
78. "River otters waste little tie digesting their dinners. When an otter ____ and crunches crayfish, the crayfish's remains turn up in the otter's droppings in about one hour.

DOWN

1. The ____ at a golf course has a Pro Shop, often a restaurant, and usually one more amenity: a bar. After a long 18 holes, golfers often head for this so called "19th hole" to celebrate or commiserate with a "beverage."
2. Prefix for port or pair.
3. I only survived by the skin of my ____.
4. ____ Aviv; Israel's biggest

- city.
5. An extension of a building that is at right angles to the main part.
 6. Short for Sacred Scriptures.
 7. "And he spoke to them... in parables, saying 'A sower went out ____,'" —Matthew 13:3 (2 wds.).
 8. "'Then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll ____ your house in,' said the Big Bad Wolf;" —from the "Three Little Pigs" fairy tale.
 9. The capital of this State is Lincoln (abbr.).
 10. In ____ of speaking, that is what happened—not exactly with me in purple trousers—but it happened (2 wds.).
 11. "It is not wise ____ tease a man with no humor in him," —*The Heretic's Apprentice*, Ellis Peters.
 15. "Large mammals often consume less than you might think. A 700-lb. bull elk ____ only about 20 lbs. of grass a day."
 17. A brand of pen.
 18. Japanese currency.
 21. ____ Tse Tung.
 24. An illegal hallucinogen.
 25. "Better than a bug zapper: during peak feeding times, the Little Brown ____ can swoop, snatch, and snarf down 1,200 mayflies, beetles and other insects in an hour."
 27. "Some of Mo.'s tiniest mammals have ginormous appetites. A 3-inch-long Least Shrew, for ex., can ____ down more than its weight in insects every day. For us that's like eating about 240 quarter pounders!"
 29. "Only ____ it of me, and I will make your inheritance the nations..." (Psalms 2:8).
 30. Quit your complaining! I'll be there __ __ __! (3 wds.)
 33. The Mo. Dept. of Conservation collaborated with the St. Louis Zoo to spawn and ____ in captivity a federally endangered fish associated with Missouri called the Ozark Hellbender.
 36. Abbr. for the book in the Bible that tells the story of how God brought forth all creation.
 37. "This we have as an ____ of the soul, sure and firm..." (Hebrews 6:19).
 40. "In the fall, an eastern chipmunk has just one thought in its furry little head: storing enough food for winter. In ____-rich and hickory-rich habitats, a hard-working chipmunk can gather more than 160 acorns in a single day.
 41. A definite affirmative.
 42. Short for As Soon As Possible!
 45. "A gray squirrel, which weighs about as much as an NFL ____, eats more than 100 lbs. of acorns, hickory nuts and other foods in a year.
 47. A brand of soda.
 49. Whatever the event, __ __ smartly for the occasion (2 wds.).
 54. Capital of Norway.
 55. Passenger train.
 57. "The ____ (cathedra) of the bishop or priest 'should express his office of presiding over the assembly and of directing prayer,'" —*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1184
 58. Letters for the next (scary?) technological leap: artificial intelligence.
 59. Written commands by a judicial court.
 60. Letters for Rheumatoid Arthritis; can't be cured but can be treated; usual onset is ages 30-60.
 61. Military slang for a really messed up but normal state of affairs.
 63. "And ____ night," —John 13:30 (2 wds.).
 68. Mother Teresa or Teresa of Avila.
 69. She needs compassion and a lot of ____.
 71. Chemical ltrs. for sodium.
 72. ____ Nino is when the jet stream moves further south than normal producing warmer and drier weather in the northern U.S. while the southeast has increased chances of flooding.
 73. Letters for the chemical element Cobalt.
 74. Dorothy's Auntie.
 75. Established by the Spanish in 1610, Santa ____ is easily the oldest State capital in the U.S.