Puzzle #662
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ACROSS

1. The term “Missouri ___” refers to American ships that bear/have borne the name of the State of Missouri. It also includes ships named for several Mo. cities and a Mo. president.

4. The hometown of Francis.

9. A wild animal separated from the herd having destructive tendencies (e.g., a _____ elephant).

13. The number of Beatitudes.

15. Abbr. for relative or religion.

16. The USS Columbia is a fast-attack submarine named for three cities named Columbia in three States: Mo., S. Carolina, and Ill. Columbia, Mo. rightly claims her for its _____.

17. The first USS Missouri was a paddle-_____ frigate built in 1841 for $570. In 1843, it was part of the Mediterranean Sea Squadron and while in Gibraltar caught fire and exploded.

18. The third USS Missouri was a battleship built in 1903 for $5 million. It was the 2nd ship to pass through the Panama Canal. It had guns that fired 900 lb. shells 8 miles. The punch _____ in the Governor’s Mansion is from her silver service. It was scrapped in 1922.

19. Military address.

21. After the first try failed, he went to ____ B.

23. The word “unknown” has three ____.


26. ____-GYN.

28. Outlawed herbicide.

29. Short for Tesla coil, a type of high voltage discharge coil.

30. “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus _____, the Son of God,” (Mark 1:1).

31. ____ vs. Wade; the first of two infamous Supreme Court decisions striking down the abortion laws of every State.

33. Site of the crucifixion.

35. ____ King Cole, Am. jazz pianist, recorded over 100 songs that became hits, selling 50 million copies, a record that still stands at Capitol records. Died in 1965 with political and Hollywood stars as pallbearers & Jack Benny as eulogist. His hit, “The Christmas Song,” re-aired again in 2017 & reached the Top 40.

36. Defunct fast flyer.

38. ___ & ___, network featuring Duck Dynasty, The First 48, and Hoarders.

39. Brand of pepper spray, sometimes used for defensive purposes.

43. Slangy thanks, in Britain.

44. The most famous USS Missouri was commissioned in 1944 at height of WW II. Had 9 guns that fired 1300 lb. shells over 30 miles. The Japanese surrendered on her ____ in 1945. Served in Korea, was mothballed in 1955, recommissioned in 1986 serving in Desert Storm in Persian Gulf. Now a museum ship in Pearl Harbor.

46. Con, fraud.

47. Gov’t. agency regulating all aircraft matters in the U.S.

49. Short for railroad.

50. The Wolfner Library in the State Info. Center in Jefferson City is Mo.’s free public library for the blind, the reading disabled and visually impaired. It provides publications, large-print and audio books, 70 mag. subscriptions, etc. for over 11,000 patrons.

52. Acolytes carrying censers.

57. Letters for Rolling Stone, monthly mag. focusing on popular culture; founded in 1967 in San Francisco.

58. Francis ____ Sales; bishop in 1600’s who wrote many pamphlets, books and a vast correspondence effectively defending and spreading the faith. He is patron of the Catholic press.

59. 10 commandments mountain.

61. 101 to Caesar.

62. Pope John Paul ____.

63. We’ve got a real ___ our hands! (2 wds.)

65. Q through U.

67. Christmas in France.

69. There have been five ____ named for St. Louis and two for KC. There will be a new USS St. Louis in 2019 and a new USS Kansas City in 2020-21.

70. Short for improvised explosive device (e.g., a roadside bomb in Afghanistan).

71. This Roman Emperor martyred both St. Peter and St. Paul.

DOWN

1. “Where is the _____ king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:2)

2. Next in line to the President.

3. Triangle street sign.

4. Expression of pain or delight.

5. Abbr. recently placed before the names of Pope John XXIII and Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

6. The second Missouri, the CSS Missouri, was a Confederate ____ built in Louisiana. It never saw action and surrendered at the end of the Civil War and was scrapped. Though never officially commissioned as a US ship, she is considered the 2nd military vessel bearing the name Missouri.

7. What an embroiderer does.

8. “Now a man was ____ Lazarus from Bethany…” (John 11:1).

9. A complete one has 20 mysteries.
11. 3rd Egyptian plague.
12. Son of Seth who was son of Adam (Luke 3:38).
14. Acc. to the Mo. Dept. of Conservation, forest ____, open spaces bordered by woodlands, are an important habitat for the rare eastern-collared lizard, certain insects, reptiles, butterflies and specialized plants.
18. Greek letter after alpha.
20. Stand ____ for your principles!
22. In football, short for nose tackle.
24. Movie ogre.
25. Internet lts. for Nicaragua.
27. Lake of the Ozarks State Park has an “aquatic trail” where buoys and printed materials lead ____ on a self-guided tour of the lake's shoreline.
30. Mo. has two bears on its State flag. This State has one (abbr.).
32. Letters on an airport’s schedule board.
33. This State's Fundamental Orders, written in 1639, was the first constitution in the American colonies (abbr.).
34. Shape of a flying duck formation.
35. The 5th USS Missouri is a state-of-the-art fast-attack sub commissioned in 2010, costing $3.5 billion; will never need refueling in her 30 yr. lifetime. Her mission is stealth operations, esp. with ____ teams.
36. Root beer and Elvis both came from this State (abbr.).
37. God’s Little ____; 1933 best-selling, controversial novel by Erskine Caldwell about a dysfunctional farm family in the South. Made into a 1958 movie.
41. The aircraft ____ USS Harry S. Truman was commissioned in 1998 costing $4.5 billion. Her flight deck covers four acres; crew of 5,000 and 80 aircraft.
42. “You got to know when to hold ‘____,’” —from “The Gambler” by Kenny Rogers.
43. The USS Jefferson City is a fast-attack sub commissioned in 1992; was part of Desert Storm, firing ____ missiles into Iraq. Is at Pearl Harbor getting a “midlife upgrade” to serve another 15 yrs.
44. “…and the two shall become one ____,” (Ephesians 5:31).
45. “May blessings rest on the head of Joseph, on the ____ of the prince among his brothers,” (Genesis 49:26).
49. The ____ of March.
52. Davy Crockett represented this State in the House of Representatives for three terms (abbr.).
53. Mata ____, exotic dancer and German spy in WW I.
54. Two letter abbr. for eight parishes in our diocese; patronal feast day is Dec. 8.
55. Huckleberry.
56. Round farm structure.
59. She knows all the ____ and outs.
61. Abbr. for mister.
62. Yes for Pedro.
63. Football score.
67. Short for overseas experience, e.g. the first going forth for young New Zealanders.