

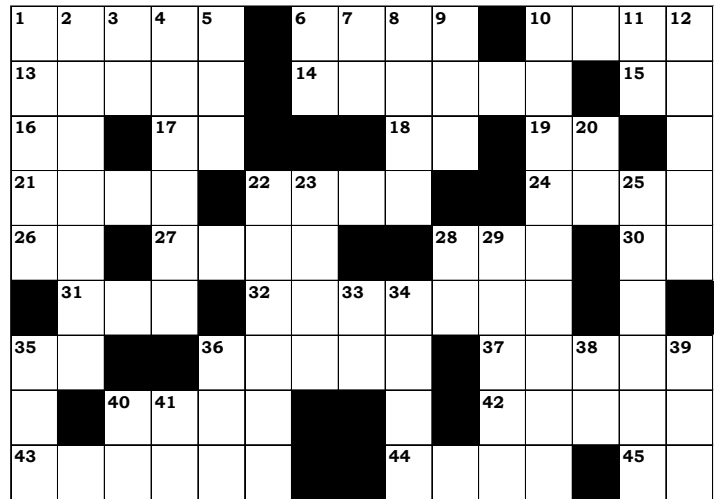


Puzzle #726

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ACROSS

1. More odd and curious ____ about critters and creatures in Mo.
6. ____ Arnaz; Cuban-Am. who played Ricky, husband of Lucy, in the old "I Love Lucy" shows; also a bandleader, comedian, producer, and instrumental in the creation of modern television.
10. All fish in Mo. are "bony fishes," except for the lampreys (6 species in Mo.). They lack both backbone and also lack ____, and so depend for feeding on a sucking disk.
13. This high mountain range runs the length of South America; has the highest mountains outside Asia.
14. What football players do a lot.
15. "When Jesus said to them, 'I ____,' they turned away and fell to the ground," (John 18:8).
16. Nein in New York.
17. First Gospel (abbr.).
18. The ____rodynamics of the experimental plane were sound.
19. Fee-____-fo-fum.
21. You may not have noticed but most birds have three toes pointing forward and one backward. Woodpeckers have a different configuration. They have two forward and two backward. This arrangement offers the chisel-beaked birds a no-
22. One of the 5 species of weasel in Mo., the Least Weasel, is the world's smallest ____-eating mammal. At birth, they weigh the same as a raisin. The size of a skinny hamster, they can squeeze through a one-inch hole. Yet, ounce-for-ounce they bite harder than any North Am. mammal, crushing the skulls of the mice they eat.
24. Chickens, for ex.
26. Home State of Mount Rushmore (abbr.).
27. Breaker of the 8th commandment.
28. Author & deliverer of the Gettysburg Address, informally.
29. Home State of #28 ACROSS (abbr.).
31. First lady.
32. In 2002, the Mo. Legislature declared the Mo. State Horse to be the Fox ____.
35. Possible abbr. before the name of a Catholic priest.
36. Tall tail: a Red Fox's tail (called a brush) can make up almost 40% of a fox's total length. On chilly nights, foxes curl into doughnuts and wrap their ____ tails around their bodies to stay cozy.
37. I heard they are having ____ on prayer cards and rosaries at Mary's Call in Salisbury, Mo. (2 wds.).
40. He is a ____ under my saddle, so irritating!
42. The notorious biblical cities of ____ and Gomorrah were destroyed by sulfur and fire because of their wickedness (see Genesis 19:24).
43. "You can't leave a footprint that lasts if you're always walking on _____," —Marion Blakey, CEO of Rolls-Royce North Am.



44. Catholic radio & TV channel.
45. The medical school at Washington Univ. (____) in St. Louis (Barnes-Jewish Hosp.) consistently ranks as one of the top 10 medical schools in the country.

DOWN

1. The strangest creature found in Mo., acc. to *Reader's Digest*, is the Giant Desert Centipede, the largest of its kind in North Am. It has ____, a cell rupturing venom, hunts rodents and reptiles, can stretch up into the air to catch bugs, and with the last of its 23 pairs of legs can inflict a painful pinch. At 8 inches long, with a red head, yellow legs and greenish-black body, it is easy to spot and avoid. Found in Mo.'s southernmost counties.
2. Listen up, soldier! That's ____! (2 wds.)
3. Savings plan.
4. "Do you not know that your body is a ____ of the holy Spirit within you..." (1 Corinthians 6:19).
5. Fast flier.
6. 5th bk. of the Bible.
7. Abbr. for each.
8. What you might say to shoo a cat.
9. Nickname for the General who became President after Truman.
10. "In the few cities of any significance in those days, and esp. in the state capital, ____ City, (besides July 4 and Christmas) only Jan. 8 (Battle of New Orleans) and Feb. 22 (George Washington's birthday) were celebrated...very strictly," —Gert Goebel in his memoirs of a German immigrant in Mo., 1830s-1880s.
11. The only State named for a President (abbr.).
12. Blind as a...cavefish! The Ozark cavefish is ____, colorless and blind, living its life in the total darkness of cave streams and springs. They have sensors—front, back and sides—and depend for food on bat guano and leaf litter floating in from outside.
20. Moon of Jupiter.
22. There are over 200 species of fish in Mo. and they come in all sizes. Pygmy sunfish and Least Darter fish, when ____, are only one inch long. The Moray Eel can grow to nine feet. The Alligator Gar can reach 10 feet.
23. Makes a mistake.
25. The Babylon weeping ____, native to China, is a popular shade tree named for the way its branches gracefully arch to the ground. Although

- 12 species grow wild in Mo., this one must be cultivated.
28. ____ the sound of the bell...
29. "Then I saw a ____ come out of the sea with ten horns and seven heads and on its heads blasphemous names," (Revelations 13:1).
33. This State has produced more Presidents than any State except Virginia (abbr.).
34. "Woe to you Bethsaida! For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in ____ and Sidon, they would long ago have repented," (Matthew 11:21).
35. Jack Sprat couldn't eat it.
36. Brother of sis.
38. I put an ____ in the newspaper but got no results.
39. Ostrich cousin.
40. Letters for British Petroleum whose reputation was stained by the largest oil spill in the history of marine oil exploration (and the death of 11 oil rig workers) in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010.
41. The Beehive State (abbr.).