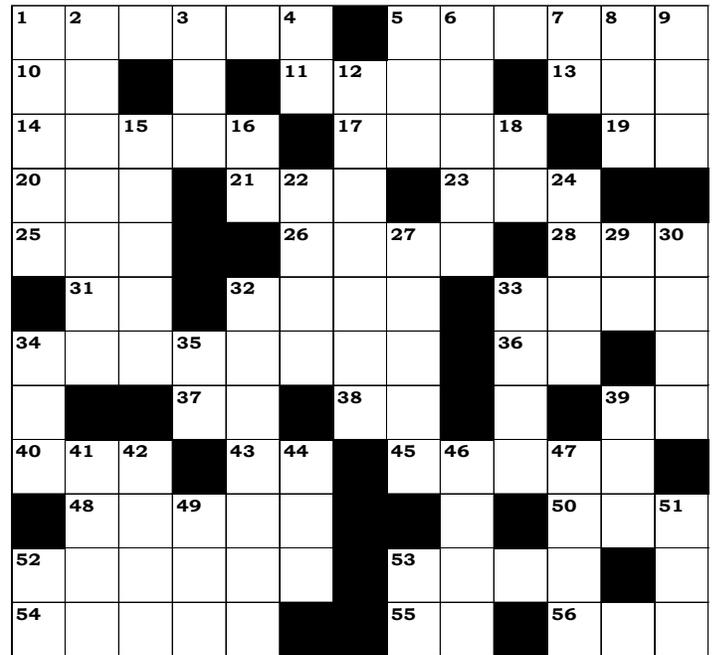


Puzzle #651

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ACROSS

1. Francis Preston Blair Jr. was an extremely well connected politician and soldier in Mo. and in U.S. history. The powerful Blair ____ included his father Preston Blair, Sr., his brother Montgomery and his personal & political friend Thomas Hart Benton.
5. At the beginning of the Civil War, Blair, Jr. personally began recruiting ____ in St. Louis for the Union.
10. Abbr. for road.
11. The company hired ____ brought up from its own ranks (2 wds.).
13. ____ Lanka, an island State off the coast off of India.
14. The Bishop's ordination Mass was an impressive and memorable ____ for me.
17. Blair, Jr. was a personal & political friend of Mo.'s Thomas Hart Benton, one of Mo.'s first and longest serving Senators. He was an important ____ of two Presidents and architect of the U.S.'s westward expansion. The famous 20th century Mo. painter with the same name was a descendant.
19. "Hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ____... and lead it out for watering?" (Luke 13:15).
20. One in Bonn.
21. Letters for Universal Serial Bus; standardized portal between PC's and their connecting devices.
23. His wife was turned to salt (Gen. 19:23 & 26).
25. Short for Mo.'s Dept. of Social Services, which deals with foster children, child abuse, prescription drugs, work with the blind, etc.
26. ____ bread, also called Arabic, Lebanese or Syrian bread, is a wheat flatbread which originated in the Middle East around 2500 B.C.
28. World Wide ____.
31. Letters for the home of the Big 12 Sooners.
32. A famous intersection in Los Angeles is the corner of Hollywood and ____.
33. Blair, Jr. was a ____-Presidential candidate on the unsuccessful Democratic ticket in 1868.
34. Blair, Jr. is ____ with being crucially important in saving Mo. from being absorbed into the Confederacy.
36. The monthly magazine *Decision*, founded by Rev. Billy Graham in 1960, reaches some two million readers ____ 163 countries every month, the most widely distributed religious magazine that has ever been published.
37. A brand of soda.
38. A football score.
39. Mo.'s Dept. of ____ regulates public schools in Mo.
40. Junkyard dog, perhaps.
43. Possible suffix for Virgin, Roman, or Arab.
45. The missing ingredient in unleavened bread.
48. Blair, Jr. joined the Union Army and fought the entire four years of the Civil War. He rose to become a top Corps Commander (i.e., a ____ General commanding



- over 25,000 men).
 50. Electric fish.
 52. ____ cleaner.
 53. The two leading ____ companies in the U.S., Peabody and Arch, both have their headquarters in the St. Louis area.
 54. "____ Who's Coming To Dinner?" —a classic movie exploring latent racism with big name stars: Katherine Hepburn, Spencer Tracy, and Sidney Poitier.
 55. "____ it was in the beginning..."
 56. A brand of jeans.
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1. Mo. ____ it's slaves on its own with a new Mo. State constitution on Jan. 11, 1865. The 13th amendment to the U.S. constitution abolishing slavery wasn't ratified until nearly a year later.
 2. Francis Blair, Jr.'s father, Francis Blair, Sr., was against slavery's expansion and helped found the Republican Party; he was an influential ____ to several Presidents across party lines, including Abraham Lincoln. His residence, Blair House, across from the White House, became & remains a Guest House for U.S. Presidents.
 3. Comfort or Holiday.
 4. ____hoo; Internet provider owned by Verizon.
 5. ____ Aviv.
 6. Home of the Mo. Univ. of Science & Technology.
 7. Bone.
 8. Blair, Jr. used his political muscle to have the radically ____-Union and antislavery Gen. Nathaniel Lyon appointed Commander of the huge Union arsenal in St. Louis.
 9. In 1892, the Univ. of Mo.'s main building at Columbia, Academic Hall, burned to the ground leaving only ____ columns standing. These became an iconic symbol of the University.
 12. Blair's brother Montgomery was a member of Pres. Lincoln's ____ and advocated a strong stance against the secessionist States.
 15. To happen afterward as a result of an action.
 16. *Et ____*, *Brute?* —Wm. Shakespeare.
 18. ____ ho ho, and a bottle of rum.
 22. What a pig might be

- roasted on.
24. The name of St. Thomas the Apostle means _____ in both Greek and Aramaic, common languages in the time of Jesus.
27. A type of bear.
29. Letters for European Communities, one of the three pillars of the EU.
30. On a rosary, the "Glory Be" prayer has traditionally had only one _____ set aside for it.
32. Blair, Jr. supported the very aggressive approach of Gen. Lyons which ensured Union command of Mo. but which polarized the State and pushed it into a _____ and prolonged war within a war.
33. "_____ Las Vegas!" —1964 Elvis Presley song.
34. Short for the Civilian Conservation Corp.; a Great Depression program.
35. Abbr. before a physician's name, perhaps.
39. Summer on the Seine.
41. In statistics, letters for Uniformly Most Accurate Unbiased.
42. After the Civil War, Blair, Jr., fearing a _____ war, switched to the Democratic Party opposing the Republican reconstruction policies to help the former slaves.
44. _____ & Hammer baking soda.
46. Cupid.
47. "What is to be gained by killing our brother...? Rather let us _____ him to these Ishmaelites..." (Gen. 37: 26-27).
49. In French cuisine, *au* _____ is a natural way of enhancing the flavor of meat by using the juices given off while cooking.
51. An offense against the eighth commandment.
52. Letters after a Vicar General's name. In a diocese he is the main administrator and stand-in for the Bishop as he is delegated to do so.
53. Home State of the nation's second largest metro area (abbr.).