



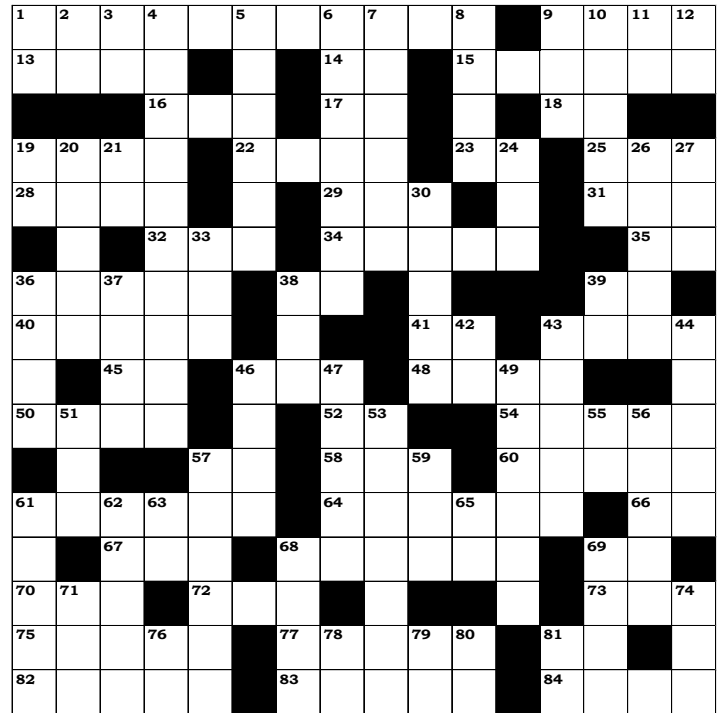
Puzzle #802

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ACROSS

1. This puzzle features more responses to the unprecedented, massive four month-long series of earthquakes, ____ and tremors from mid- Dec. 1811-1812 in the Mo. Bootheel & Mississippi River Valley.
9. A popular online site to buy and sell globally in a secure environment.
13. My recurring cancer left me in an endless ____ of visits with doctors.
14. Abraham's ancestral homeland.
15. "Earthquake religion" became the common ____ for backsliding after the tremors finally declined.
16. Letters for Int'l. Monetary Fund; a powerful UN group funded by 190 members to promote world economic stability and growth; headquartered in Washington, D.C.
17. "Et ____, Brute?" —from Shakespeare's play "Julius Caesar" meaning "And you, Brute?" (i.e., Caesar's last words as he lay stabbed to death by a cabal led by his treacherous friend Brutus).
18. A brand of cola.
19. To be "in ____" is to be "on the same page."
22. Mild shaking was ____ as far away as Detroit, Baltimore, Charleston, New Orleans, Arkansas and Nebraska.
23. Letters for Russia Today,

- a Russian state-controlled int'l. TV station.
25. A clumsy, uncultured or boorish person.
 28. "It is impossible for me to ____ you a just conception of the terror that pervades this country," —Illinois territorial governor Ninian Edwards in *Convulsed States*, Jonathan T. Hancock.
 29. "...this woman was caught in the very ____ of committing adultery," (John 8:4).
 31. Indicating one's birth name.
 32. Neither I ____ anyone else really cares about it.
 34. Resources were thin in the area. "After the Louisiana Purchase (1804), the Archbishop of Baltimore suddenly became responsible for the ____ Mississippi Valley and beyond with hardly any priests," —*Convulsed States*, Jonathan T. Hancock.
 35. Letters for Twitter, a huge social media platform, now called "X".
 36. In baseball, home ____.
 38. Prefix for teen or chew.
 39. "Part of (Lincoln's) greatness was to see the humanity ____ people... and recognized the essential economic ingredient was people," —*Ways and Means, Lincoln and the Financing of the Civil War*, Roger Lowenstein.
 40. Mammary gland of a female sheep, cow or goat.
 41. TravelCenters of America (____) is a company with 280+ full-service gas stations on major routes across 44 States, including at Cuba in our diocese. It is now owned by #69 ACROSS.
 43. "During the first earthquake (mid-Dec. 1811), a traveling priest left his ____ near New Madrid to offer confessions to a frightened riverside crowd," —*Con-*



- vulsed States*, Jonathan T. Hancock.
45. Abbr. related to Rd. or Ave.
 46. Letters after a dentist's name.
 48. "After the third ____ earthquake (Feb. 12, 1812), Bishop Joseph Flaget of Bardstown, Ky. took note of the tremors and offered confessions," —*Convulsed States*, Jonathan T. Hancock.
 50. It's sort of true, more or ____.
 52. Letters for Post Script, an add on message after the end of a letter.
 54. When in Hawaii, we were invited to ____ (2 wds.).
 57. Original 12-step program.
 58. My "____" moment in coming to better know Jesus happened on a Teens Encounter Christ, at Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
 60. "A great noise and awful grumbling shook the fowls off their ____." The cry of a bird was not to be heard the entire day. I recollect it continued for 23 days and some say longer," —Ellis Cornelius in Huntsville, Alabama; *Convulsed States*, Jonathan T. Hancock.
 61. "When residents of New Madrid found higher ____...amid scenes of terror, all Catholics and Protestants became of one religion and partook of one feeling." —*Convulsed States*, Jonathan T. Hancock.
 64. When advised of the cost, I told the architect to ____ the blueprints.
 66. "____! I really felt it: joy isn't found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul," —*Story of a Soul*, St. Therese of Lisieux.
 67. Letters for the United States Navy.
 68. "And if you ____ to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendant..." (Galatians 3:29).
 69. Letters for British Petroleum, major oil company that has bought out #41 ACROSS.
 70. A left over morsel of food.
 72. "(God's Mother) asked him, 'Did you think the gold was given to you to ____ for yourself alone?'" —*Dead Water*, Barbara Hambly.
 73. Letters for Ultra High Frequency; used in line of sight transmissions in TV, radio, Wi-Fi, cordless

phones, etc.

75. "The world won't change _____ our hearts and minds do," —Dr. Tracy Bond.
77. Prayerful last words.
81. Abbr. for 1st Gospel.
82. In response to the earthquakes, the U.S. Gov't. in 1815 offered New Madrid County residents to trade their damaged worthless holdings and claim 160-acre _____ elsewhere. This was the first time in U.S. history that federal social welfare relief was enacted.
83. Mother of God and Magdalene.
84. Cold War foe.

DOWN

1. The capital of this State is Montgomery, home of the Rosa Parks Civil Rights museum (abbr.).
2. Fee-fi-____-fum.
3. "The surest way to become a pacifist is _____ join the infantry," —*Up Front*, Bill Mauldin.
4. "Swamped, cracked and pocketed by sandblows, land near the _____ was altered irrevocably," —*Convulsed States*, Jonathan T. Hancock.
5. "For it is better to _____ for doing good...than for doing evil," (1 Peter 3:17).
6. Post-earthquakes, St. Louis territorial official Frederick Bates dreaded Mo. was becoming 'nothing but a place of exile for robbers and _____ in a few years,' —*Convulsed States*, Jonathan T. Hancock.
7. "The Gospel isn't a life management program. It shouldn't merely be the _____ we fall on when life gets ugly. It should be the legs we walk on," —Mary DeMuth.
8. He had a gift for coming up with the right thing to say on the _____ of the moment.
9. "She will _____, and they will laugh at her. (For) that

is not the King that sits there," —*Personal Reflections of Joan of Arc*, Mark Twain.

10. I love _____ and eggs in the morning.
11. "Nothing intensified the bond between Pres. Ronald Reagan and Pope John Paul II _____ the assassination attempts in 1981, which occurred only six weeks apart," —*A Pope and a President*, Paul Kengor.
12. Hark _____, do you fling the King's command in his face and refuse to deliver this message of yours to his servants?" —*Personal Reflections of Joan of Arc*, Mark Twain.
19. Country internet code for Singapore.
20. A yellow triangle shaped sign at an intersection means _____.
21. Although this State's nickname is The Silver State, it also produces 75% of all the gold mined in the U.S. (abbr.).
24. Mao _____ Tung (Mao Zedong), Chinese Communist leader.
26. Insurance giant.
27. The _____ priests residing in the area circulated through distant communities to celebrate the sacraments sporadically. St. Louis with nearly 6,000 people had no regular priest from 1808-1818.
30. "How sharper than a serpent's _____ it is to have a thankless child," —"King Lear," Act 1, Scene 4; Shakespeare.
33. "_____ the ramparts we watched..." —Star Spangled Banner.
36. "The first requisite of a good citizen...is that he shall be able and willing to _____ his own weight," —Theodore Roosevelt.
37. Save a little here, and a little there, and it all _____ up after a while.
38. "Many people believed the

_____ of the world was at hand, or at the very least, the earthquakes demanded immediate spiritual responses;" e.g., "Baptist and Methodist conversions spiked," —*Convulsed States*, Jonathan T. Hancock.

39. Moon of Jupiter.
42. Chemical letters for gold.
43. "...the Lord, your God, is God in heaven above and on earth _____," (Joshua 2:11).
44. "...because every lie is alien to the _____," (1 John 2:21).
46. The discovery of the _____ Sea scrolls in 1947 was a major event casting new light on the Jewish religion in the time of Jesus and the emergence of Christianity.
47. The extra tire a car carries.
49. We are saving all that clutter for a _____ sale.
51. "A word in the wrong _____ may be a knife in the wrong back," —*Brother Cadfael's Penance*, Ellis Peters.
53. "Whole districts have been depopulated and many valuable farms utterly destroyed. Residents were now wandering without a home to go to or a roof to _____ them," —Mo. territory Gov. Wm. Clark petitioning Congress for relief from the New Madrid earthquakes.
55. Letters for Urban Outfitters, a trendy apparel retail chain.
56. Singer/musician for King David (see verse 1 of Psalm 50 and of all the Psalms from 73-83); Ps. 73 esp. is his honest & heartwarming story of faith and struggle.
57. Although a civil judge _____ a civil marriage, a Catholic marriage tribunal determines whether a relationship that appeared to be a marriage was actually a marriage at all as the Church understands it.
59. "Much _____ About Noth-

ing"; comedy by Wm. Shakespeare.

61. "And they sat down, one _____ on one side of the pool and the other on the opposite side," (2 Samuel 2:13).
62. He is really _____ lunch about a lot of things! (2 wds.)
63. "The cell of a Carmelite nun holds secrets that the rest of _____ will discover only in heaven," —Vatican secretary of state Cardinal Bertone on Sister Lucia, one of the Fatima children.
65. A nursing degree.
68. "If any man violates this edict, a _____ is to be taken from his house, and he is to be lifted up and impaled on it..." (Ezra 6:11).
69. No ifs, ands, or _____! Just do it!
71. Letters for Round Nose Lead; ammo that delivers a balance between expansion and penetration, making it ideal for hunting small animals like rabbits and squirrels.
74. For years, immigrants passed over the devastated earthquake areas. Only trappers were attracted by the increased numbers of muskrats and _____ bearing small animals inhabiting the vast newly created swamplands.
76. St. Louis water "comes out of the turbulent bank-caving Missouri (river) and every tumblerful of _____ holds an acre of land in solution," —*Life on the Mississippi*, Mark Twain.
78. The Bay State where the Pilgrims first settled (abbr.).
79. This State was originally called New Netherlands (abbr.).
80. Letters for Sacred Scripture.
81. Letters for Mizzou, the flagship campus of the four campus Univ. of Mo. System.