

ACROSS

- 1) ___ mater
- 5) Operates a crowbar
- 10) "Song" or "slug" attachment
- 14) TV fixture of old
- 15) Cocoon constructor
- 16) Hourly wage, e.g.
- 17) Procrastinator's response to a question
- 20) Assume for argument's sake
- 21) "Twelve Days of Christmas" bounders
- 22) Vein glory
- 25) Buying binge, e.g.
- 26) Long-billed shorebird
- 30) Crate eggs, e.g.
- 33) Palomino, e.g.
- 34) Type of lily
- 35) Lion offspring
- 38) Hitting up the boss
- 42) "Indubitably!"
- 43) Lucy Van ___ of "Peanuts"
- 44) Demagnetize
- 45) Fingerprint features
- 47) It falls in the fall
- 48) "Li'l Abner" character Hawkins
- 51) Lip-___ (fake sing)
- 53) Most suitable for Sprat
- 56) Bewhiskered animal
- 60) Sought consent
- 64) Animal that killed Adonis
- 65) Alternate identity
- 66) Solo at the opera
- 67) Agile
- 68) Thing to ski down
- 69) Put faith in (with "on")

DOWN

- 1) Decay-fighting org.
- 2) It makes a sinner thinner?
- 3) Kind of shark
- 4) Poor-box contents
- 5) Aristotle's instructor
- 6) Car-washer's need
- 7) Nest-egg initials
- 8) Wicked as sin
- 9) Rational
- 10) Frozen, fruity dessert
- 11) "Peter, Peter, Pumpkin ___"
- 12) Cubic meter
- 13) Brief in speech
- 18) Brennan of film
- 19) Girl of Aberdeen
- 23) Less willing to listen
- 24) Signs up, as for the military
- 26) Horse cart
- 27) Scent detector
- 28) Gets one's goat
- 29) Letters on an air pump
- 31) Girl's bow
- 32) Doc bloc, for short
- 35) Overseas greeting or farewell
- 36) Lenin's land, for short
- 37) "How have you ___?"
- 39) Local mail HQ
- 40) Responds to a stimulus
- 41) Line made with a compass
- 45) Place with vats
- 46) Act on, as advice
- 48) Big, thick slices
- 49) Famous writer of fables
- 50) Senegal's capital
- 52) Disturber of the peace
- 54) Aquatic resorts
- 55) Spill the beans
- 57) "Arts" anagram
- 58) Emerald Isle
- 59) Churn up
- 61) Copacabana setting, briefly
- 62) GPS offering
- 63) Voiced turndown

A QUESTIONABLE PUZZLE

By Timothy E. Parker

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
A	L	M	A		P	R	I	E	S		F	E	S	T
14					15					16				
D	I	A	L		L	A	R	V	A		R	A	T	E
17				18						19				
A	S	K	M	E	A	G	A	I	N	L	A	T	E	R
	20							21						
	P	O	S	I	T			L	E	A	P	E	R	S
				22		23	24			25				
				L	O	D	E			S	P	R	E	E
26	27	28	29		30	31	32							
S	N	I	P	E		E	N	C	A	S	E			
33					34						35	36	37	
H	O	R	S	E		A	R	U	M			C	U	B
38					39					40	41			
A	S	K	I	N	G	F	O	R	A	R	A	I	S	E
42					43					44				
Y	E	S			P	E	L	T		E	R	A	S	E
			45	46						47				
			W	H	O	R	L	S		A	C	O	R	N
48	49	50						51	52					
S	A	D	I	E				S	Y	N	C			
53					54	55			56		57	58	59	
L	E	A	N	E	S	T			O	T	T	E	R	
60							61	62						63
A	S	K	E	D	P	E	R	M	I	S	S	I	O	N
64					65						66			
B	O	A	R		A	L	I	A	S		A	R	I	A
67					68						69			
S	P	R	Y		S	L	O	P	E		R	E	L	Y