

A synopsis of what is going on in the world of the Near Normal...

## **White Nose Syndrome Found In Indiana**

*By Bill Morrow*

White Nose Syndrome (WNS) has now come to the Near Normal Grotto's back yard. A bat in Endless Cave in Washington County was confirmed to have WNS. This confirmation was of White Nose Syndrome, not just the *Geomyces destructans* spores, according to unofficial reports. Reports from several Indiana cavers indicate that this will not be the lone case, with several reports of bats flying in southern Indiana near Corydon, and reports of WNS symptoms in bats from other caves. More news to follow...

## **Sanctum Movie after the Grotto Meeting**

There was no official grotto meeting in January, as an official quorum would not have been possible, at least not in Illinois.

There will be a meeting February 11. After the meeting, grotto members will be attending the movie "Sanctum" in Bloomington/Normal (theater to be determined).

As a reminder, meetings are held at Bromenn Medical Center. The meeting room has reverted back to the original meeting room in the conference rooms adjoining the cafeteria. To get to the meeting room, go down the escalators at the main entrance and follow the signs to the cafeteria. As you go through the cafeteria, there is a hallway in the back that has several conference rooms. The meeting will be in one of these rooms.

# Cave Puzzle Three

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### ACROSS

- 1. floating calcite film
- 3. bring rope for this kind of cave
- 9. famous 390-mile Kentucky cave system
- 10. bulging, sloping flowstone
- 11. 9-across was not named for the animal that had these
- 12. insurance caveman considered by some to be a new \_\_\_\_\_ minority
- 14. knobby mass of chert sticking out of limestone
- 16. if someone \_\_\_\_\_ you a cave burrito, turn it down
- 19. calcium carbonate is a major part of this rock
- 21. use mix of saltpeter, charcoal, and sulfur in this

24. sinkholes and caves are \_\_\_\_\_ features in karst topography

25. another word for deconned

26. an animal infected with rabies (rarely a bat) can \_\_\_\_\_ the disease with a bite

27. this South Dakota cave is 6 miles longer than New Mexico's Lechuguilla

### DOWN

- 1. this dam holds a pool of water
- 2. pack a canary if worried about these
- 4. cave comebacks
- 5. one of the few things you can remove from a cave

6. classic cave lamp combines this with water

7. you don't want histoplasma capsulatum in this organ

8. bring your paleontologist friend to look at one of these cave finds

13. went back up

15. he hangs out in a cave when feeling batty

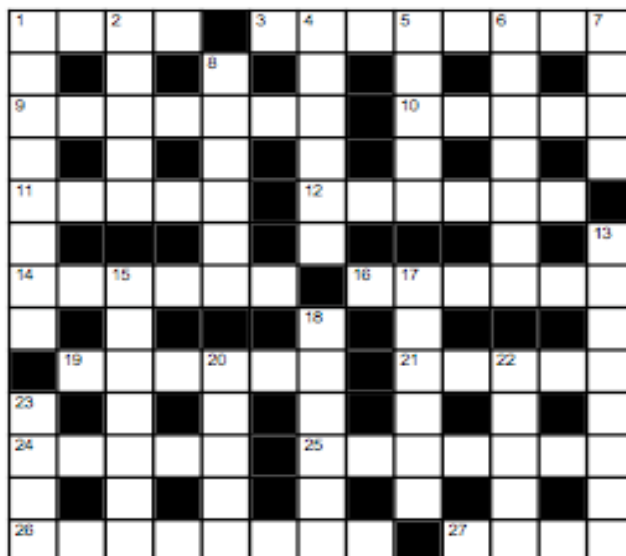
17. he might have a cave in his corn field

18. NCRC can train you in this

20. they'll drain your batteries

22. 7-down references one of these

23. an aque \_\_\_\_\_ conveys water



## Near Normal Grotto

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We're on the Web!

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<http://www.caves.org/grotto/nng/>

### ***About Our Organization...***

The Near Normal Grotto is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study, exploration and conservation of caves and cave life. Our members come from all walks of life – landscapers, camp counselors, carpenters, geologists, mechanics, teachers, and students, to name a few. In other words, people like you. Our interests may vary from exploration to conservation to photography, but we all share a passion for caving. If this interests you and you would like to know more, feel free to attend one of our monthly meetings!

## Answers to Cave Puzzle Two

### **Cave Puzzle Two Answers**

**Across:** 2. Pack, 4. Guano, 5. Soda, 8. River, 9. Pit, 11. Flowstone, 12. MRE, 14. Stalactite, 16. Acid, 18. Erosion, 20. Raft, 21. System, 23. Ascender, 24. Karst.  
**Down:** 1. Fossil, 3. Caver, 4. Gypsum, 5. Straw, 6. Dam, 7. Breakdown, 10. Environment, 13. Rise, 14. Shaft, 15. Chert, 17. Dry, 19. Ice, 20. Rock, 22. Bat.