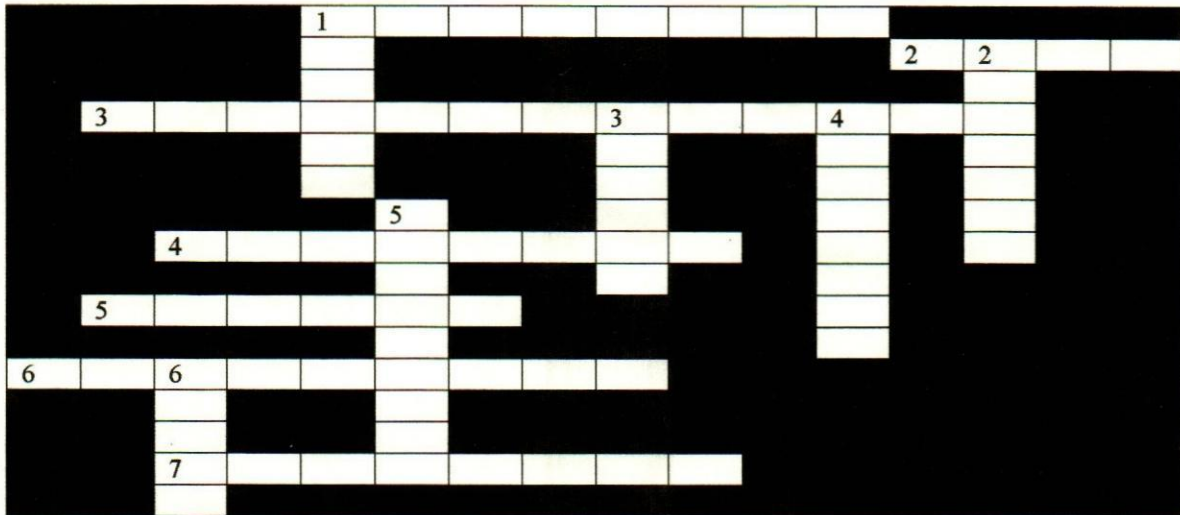




"A VISIT TO GREAT BAY" CROSSWORD



ACROSS

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2. This animal lives buried in the sand and mud. It is a filter feeder and gets oxygen through a siphon. Watch out if you pick one up, it may squirt water at you!
3. This animal migrates to shallow water in late spring and you can spot them as they come ashore during a full moon to lay their eggs. They are older than dinosaurs and feed on clams and seaworms they dig up in the mud.
4. This animal has both of its eyes on top of its head and can camouflage very well with whatever bottom it happens to be on. They can surprise you as they swim quickly to the surface.
5. This animal lives along the edge of the saltmarsh. Look carefully, because it is transparent and moves very quickly with a flick of its tail.
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6. These are the young of American eels, which have migrated back from the Sargasso Sea to spend a few years in the Bay. They can be found under rocks or pieces of driftwood. They are very quick and easily slip from your fingers.

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