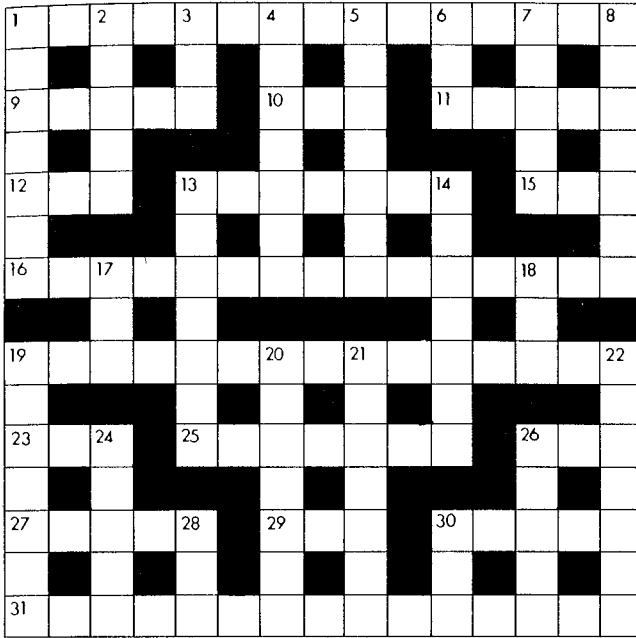


The Political Puzzle

by John Barclay



Across

1. The money flowed after "Fingers" deplaned. (7, 8)
9. Israeli Ambassador shines in Bar Mitzvah celebration. (5)
10. An eye not a nay. (3)
11. Nine Across is smart. (5)
12. Short interest in tin. (3)
13. Done well, it won't leave raw feel. (7)
15. No rest for Red star over Constitution Hall. (3)
16. What batter should keep. (3, 3, 2, 3, 4)

19. Scales are loaded against fiscal goal. (8, 7)
23. She has a use for courts.
25. Ad hoc railroad for fruit. (7)
26. Quaff a drink while coming through? (3)
27. In this river you find uses for everything. (5)
29. Wings are the starting mode of travel. (3)
30. He really lived back in the old days. (5)
31. Men pull, women toy when economy hums. (3, 12)

Down

1. Supply a vase in a fish to fill up house. (7)
2. It costs you to make bed up and turn it down. (5)
3. Dog with two tins on his tail. (3)
4. My ally, too, is faithful. (5, 2)
5. Legumes and insect make him rustic. (7)
6. San Francisco hill includes half of Boston. (3)
7. Grant for India. (2, 2)
8. He often tries to enlarge his authority. (7)
13. Win a toy at the entrance. (3, 4)
14. Wouldn't let men deed away their rights. (7)
17. My gal and Al's. (3)
18. Iron or bronze. (3)
19. Sculptor creates fiendish stabile. (7)
20. Something to shout about in lace mix. (7)
21. If that don't, late lab will! (4, 3)
22. Don't let lisp obscure expression! (5, 2)
24. He tried to give all he owned. (5)
26. Will we see you ever back in show? (5)
28. The bad part comes in the middle of musings. (3)
30. Kind of cell or dock. (3)

The numbers indicate the number of letters and words, e.g., (2, 3) means a two-letter word followed by a three-letter word. Groups of letters, e.g., USA, are treated as one word. Answers to last month's puzzle are on page 64.

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