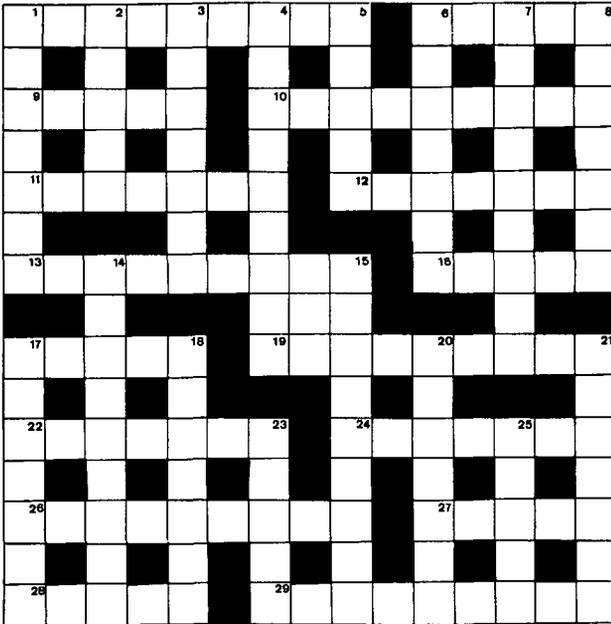


# The Political Puzzle

by John Barclay



## Across

1. Muskie, McGovern, et al. looking for reward in G. I. Spam can. (9)
6. Pops, you should dry off! (3, 2)
9. Say hello to Dan! (3, 2)
10. Askew, Nunn et al. (9)
11. When he says "amen," 'tis for sure! (5, 2)
12. No truce after close election. (7)
13. He can't vote this year. (9)
16. Gave harsh medicine, put direction in Defense Dept. (5)
17. Fastens well the stack. (5)
19. DOT leader erects a railway. (9)

22. Less happy to come to an end in back room. (7)
24. Contemporaneous Muffet-Tuffet relationship. (4, 2, 1)
26. Despite acne, I date girl for cool drink. (2, 4, 3)
27. Many air races turn on this. (5)
28. Map detail added by the right group? (5)
29. We risk try with expansive ad man. (9)

## Down

1. These are more interesting after sin came to the fore. (7)
2. Do you want me to help back the candidate? (5)
3. To do this is a strain, even for a craftsman. (7)

4. Effectively they fetch a green light? (2-7)
5. Critic takes verse apart. (5)
6. Red cups are made to look fresher. (7)
7. Red view put in conjunction with Prussia. (3-6)
8. What one despot assumed. (7)
14. Elusive primary goals gained from riot upset in sins. (9)
15. Something which must be found in any recess. (9)
17. Main pit sound resource. (7)
18. To attack opponent put pin up in chair. (5, 2)
20. AA member. (2-5)
21. "Nearer—why not?" he asks. (7)
23. Advertising these brings tears to candidate's eyes. (5)
25. Feathered towel. (5)

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 61

# Why Lindsay Failed as Mayor

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by Steven R. Weisman

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New York Mayor John V. Lindsay, illuminated by floodlights on the steps of City Hall, delivered his first inaugural address on New Year's Day, 1966, in an atmosphere of promise and movement. As he spoke, the city was frozen in paralysis. That morning, millions of people were stranded as 33,000 transit workers walked off their jobs, bringing subways and buses to a halt. Lindsay's speech was a call to greatness and renewed respect for government, but the transit union president, Michael J. Quill, was not inclined to heed the plea. In one of the first official assessments of the new mayor, Quill described Lindsay as "a juvenile, a lightweight, and a pipsqueak."

Today, more than six years later, Lindsay's rhetoric is still stirring, but the sense of a city paralyzed remains. The mayor has never been able to stop the city's downward spiral. Services have continued to decline, division has

deepened among races and economic classes, and there have been unending crises. Crippling strikes shut down the schools and allowed tons of garbage to rot uncollected in the streets. Outlays for welfare and antipoverty programs increased, but the problems they sought to attack mounted even faster. New taxes were imposed one after another—a bank tax, an income tax, a commuter tax, a stock transfer tax, higher real-estate taxes—but the quality of life in New York City has never seemed more bleak, its government never more sluggish, wasteful, and finally even helpless.

While his rivals boast about what they've done, Lindsay may be the only politician in America to get anywhere by viewing his own record with alarm. Certainly, he's proud of many things, but not even Lindsay claims to have led New York City out of the darkness. No, he is running for President, he says, because he has been "in the trenches," while other aspirants have been pontificating in the safety of the Senate. The prob-

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