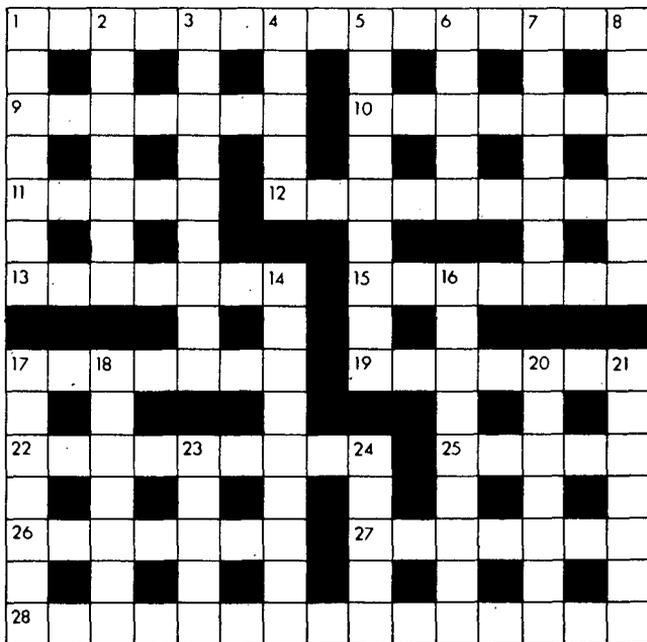


the political puzzle

by John Barclay



DOWN

1. Are you so glad he's lasted on Court? (7)
2. African native active in plug and anvil line. (7)
3. Lion hanging around tiger. (9)
4. Mr. Lee meet Mr. Davis! (5)
5. Lee script may sound dry, but it's all wet. (6 3)
6. Love in sisters may be common. (5)
7. Nader's men air Red's complaints! (7)
8. In songs, he comes aboard. (5, 2)
14. Back up about massive show of support. (9)
16. Note large results from him. (9)
17. Shine and send tingles

- up my spine. (7)
18. Woo turn caused by shabby clothes. (7)
20. Take cab back between greetings to light grill. (7)
21. Transmitters from Charlie Dressen. (7)
23. Expect to throw it away? No, why? (5)
24. Joke about straw? (5)

ACROSS

1. Short editor finds neuter blondes in bad taste. (6, 9)
9. Element that will ruin Mau Mau society... (7)
10. ... and go right on ruining it. (7)
11. Della's in and out of the soup. (5)

12. With pleasure they say short relative belongs to her. (9)
13. Find better light by Northeast ruins. (7)
15. Near relative who spent so much. (7)
17. Which king came first, i.e., egg or chicken? (6, 1)
19. Put closet in them or vice versa. (7)
22. Set out in craft if you want to join crowd. (2, 7)
25. Life is no bag of cherries back in Africa. (5)
26. Kings and queens make paw riot. (3, 4)
27. Even when definite, clear it with editor. (7)
28. Leave nonentities free to reminisce about war years. (8, 7)

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 48.

TWO POLICEMEN TALK:

Letting Rizzo Do the Thinking

by Christopher Wren

Dick Gregory, in his *Political Primer*, defined "crime in the streets" as "America's new way of saying 'nigger'." In response to lines like this many liberals nod their heads knowingly. After all, we knew all along that exhortations about crime control were, in reality, code words for racism and repression. So what if Middle America ate it up with a relish currently reserved for a meal of Phase IV sirloin? Liberals could always smugly take comfort in the conviction that civil liberties are never popular and that the Bill of Rights wouldn't win a popular referendum.

Yet many have still to learn what conservatives have known for almost a decade—that crime in the streets has a reality for most Americans that goes beyond simple code words. Increasing numbers of Americans cower in their homes, afraid to walk at night on the streets of their own neighborhoods. Sales of burglar alarms, German shepherds, firearms, and other personal security devices have soared. Cops have become folk heroes, with Joseph

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Wambaugh's *The New Centurions* and *The Blue Knight* leading the revival. Frank Rizzo is now mayor of Philadelphia, and Thomas Bradley has been elected mayor of Los Angeles. Both are former police officers, as was Minneapolis' mayor, Charles Stenvig.

Meanwhile, because they have refused to seriously confront the realities of criminal violence and have failed to come up with viable law enforcement control measures, liberals have ended up acquiescing in Nixon's law-and-order controls, such as the District of Columbia Court Reform and Criminal Procedure Act of 1970.

Just how ostrich-like this abdication of responsibility on the issue of violent crime enabled the left to become was finally demonstrated in the 1972 Democratic Convention platform. The law enforcement plank consisted of a boatload of platitudes, and included George McGovern's 1971 proposal to uplift policemen by providing them funds to attend college.

As a police officer and volunteer in the McGovern campaign, I had an especially sharp exposure to the difficulties that McGovern supporters had