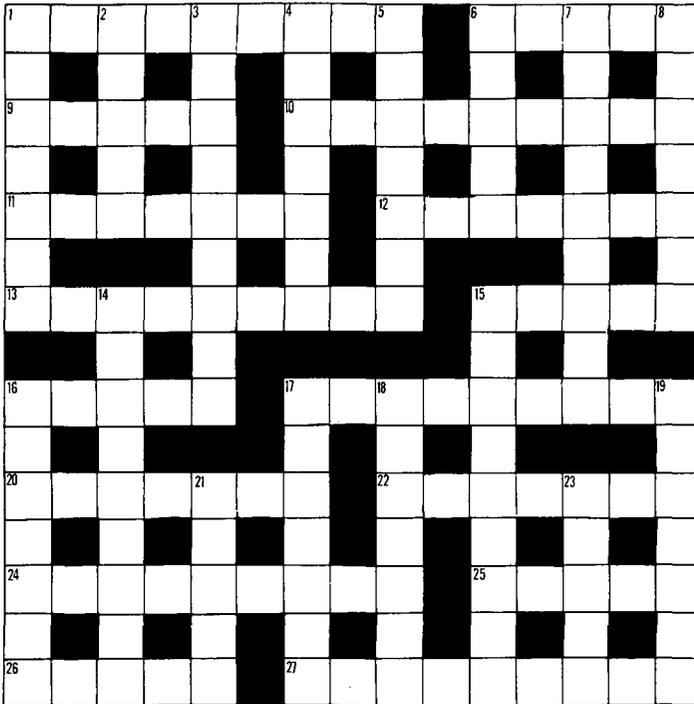


# the political puzzle

by John Barclay



## Across

1. Signal for those looking for something to do is 2-4, OK? (3, 2, 4)
6. Where the soldiers opted to keep supplies. (5)
9. City where I saw you last night. (5)
10. Would Nader bile rise if economy came to this? (5-4)
11. What hot potato makes you want to get? (3, 2, 2)
12. Tenants find direction in bottom of wine bottle. (7)
13. Courts where one may get dew on limb (9)
15. To Acheson and Rusk from Snead. (5)
16. Why turn down the smallest? (5)
17. If I got in with front-runners, they would keep others quiet. (9)

20. Convention city with fashionable past. (7)
22. Forgiveness tames New York outcry. (7)
24. Trenchermen, of course, but all of us, too. (9)
25. To get out of it, put notice in the night before. (5)
26. Move with fifty in team. (5)
27. Things slowing down about 100 mixed-up noises. (9)

4. As it went around it bored me. (7)
5. Mr. Klein has direct line to Mr. Ford. (7)
6. They are no longer found in Brando-Dos Passos films. (5)
7. Rape merit hit new high in 1974. (5, 4)
8. Revelation belief sets this group apart. (7)
14. Noted, noted mine. (9)
15. Postpones with internal objective to rally supporters. (9)
16. Gets ready to fire SEC cork. (7)
17. First individual in the dock? (7)
18. The girl in 199 is a prime example. (7)
19. American food resource leads by a nose. (7)
21. We go in to call Lincoln in a friendly manner and go too far. (5)
23. UN man takes most of the lilacs back. (5)

## Down

1. Best Herblock or anyone else in the audience? (7)
2. In effect, laid on the floor until educated. (5)
3. With fly leaf, you are moving ahead very cautiously. (9)

The numbers following the clues 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.

# Getting to Know Your Congressman: The \$500 Understanding

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by Arthur Levine

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As the new Congress gets underway, one senses a strange, persistent conviction in the air that an era of clean politics is at hand. The 103 fresh faces on Capitol Hill are younger, more "open" than those they replaced. They are the visible results of the Wrath of the Public which was visited upon politicians of the old order; and as such, they naturally set their jaws a bit more firmly when they hear sentiments like those of David Cohen, executive vice president of Common Cause. "People are waking up," he said recently. "There won't be any more free rides for special interest groups."

As a public service to our new legislators, and as a cautionary reminder to the elder members of the 94th Congress, we offer this tale of the closing days of the 93rd. Because of the understandable human reluctance to learn from the mistakes of one's predecessor, it should be pointed out that 1) the following events took place after Watergate and the passage of the Campaign Reform Act, and 2) the leading characters were not crass and soulless lame-ducks, doing their worst after the election returns were in, but instead,

were solid citizens of the U. S. Congress who at this very moment are guiding our destiny.

Rushing to beat the adjournment deadline, the 93rd Congress did not get a tax reform bill passed, but it did manage to reward three major special interest groups—maritime unions, dairy co-ops and trucking firms—with a series of boondoggles that could have cost taxpayers and consumers several billion dollars. Moreover, one provision—for increased truck weights—is likely to lead to more highway fatalities, as well as greater damage to roads and bridges. None of the bills met strong opposition, except during the final Senate debate on the maritime tanker preference act. President Ford, on one of his more effective days in office, pocket-vetted two of the bills—the tanker preference act and increased milk price supports. While the President's use of the veto has often protected the nation from the greed of the crippled, the veteran, and the jobless, this time his concern about inflation was justified. To judge by its actions, Congress was less concerned about inflation than about redressing the terrible grievances reported by the truckers, dairymen, and merchant marine. For their part, the

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