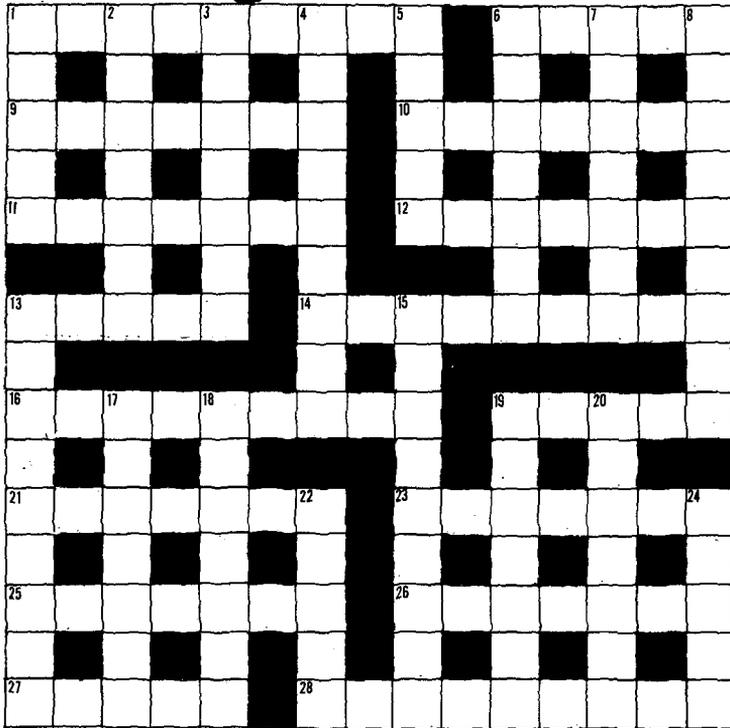


the political puzzle

by John Barclay



Across

1. The winner, put him in with a hundred in water. (2, 3, 4)
6. City in such a noisy victory celebration. (5)
9. Eel fibs? Quite the contrary! (7)
10. Calls again at airport to take back an opening in a prophet. (7)
11. Pet term for an enticer. (7)
12. To employ laws use fence or arrangement. (7)
13. Russian girl at New York mixer. (5)
14. Getting along with his lot in camp somehow. (9)
16. Grabs her in case things turn around. (7,2)
19. Good prospect in Mexico merchandising. (5)
21. Dow wire scramble costs man his mate. (7)
23. Tasks, and in sins, too. (7)
25. Mixed-up old bald stranger. (7)
26. Exterior brace used to remain longer? (7)
27. Philadelphia iceman on a fling? (5)
28. Pause to see if race can be sorted out. (5-4)
5. Kind of opera or play. (5)
6. Promising jump tuel arrangement. (7)
7. Inge upset taking air up in Africa. (7)
8. Setting of prices not object of his check. (9)
13. Misled by setting forth of Northwest Mounted Police. (6,3)
15. Twins home name is not turned around. (9)
17. Forever surplus? (3,1,3)
18. "all the Punkahs... cried, "My _____ you are!" Lear. (3,4)
19. Medical aid and Roman truce arrangement. (7)
20. Maker of music, not time composition. (7)
22. Something remains in an overelicitation. (5)
24. Yes, lieutenant can make class, too. (5)

Down

1. Normal costume? (5)
2. Ford bets one clam on Dot. (7)
3. Something enervating about nite air. (7)
4. Lays down culinary art in crust tins. (9)

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 42.

Nelson Rockefeller's Pill: The UDC

by Steven R. Weisman

It could not have been the most inviting prospect for ex-Representative Hugh L. Carey of Brooklyn, New York's new Democratic governor, to achieve his first official milestone by presiding over the dramatic collapse of the most powerful urban renewal agency in the state and the nation.

But that is exactly what happened last February 21, when Carey and the New York State Legislature permitted the day to pass without their paying off a \$104.5-million bank loan that had come due for the state's seven-year-old Urban Development Corporation (UDC).

The remarkable decision to default on Urban Development Corporation short-term notes was a shot heard round both the financial world and

the political world of dozens of states that had patterned their own agencies after the pioneering example set in New York.

The UDC had built or begun construction on 33,600 apartments in 50 communities with its authority to borrow money, develop its own projects, and then construct them, with disregard if necessary for local zoning and building codes. It had spent \$1.1 billion by the beginning of 1975 and was geared up to spend \$900 million more.

With the default, all this activity came to an end; worse, the credit of New York State was instantly and perhaps permanently damaged. This put in jeopardy not only the future ability of New York to borrow for desperately needed programs, but also the borrowing ability of other states,

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