

ABA BJ Puzzle of the Week: 12/22/11

Bedford Falls: The Puzzle



"It's A Wonderful Life," that holiday favorite, tells the story of George Bailey, banking executive, who makes a wish that he'd never been born. He's given the gift of seeing how things would have gone had he never existed, and changes his mind. This holiday puzzle draws on the Frank Capra movie for its answers.

Fax your completed puzzle, with name, bank, title, and e-mail, by 5 PM, Wednesday, Jan. 4, to 212-633-1165, to participate in a drawing for a \$25 gift card from Amazon. Good luck! scocheo@sbpub.com

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Bedford Falls: Across Clues

ACROSS

3. Building where Mary Hatch, George Bailey, and a bunch of other good swimmers wind up having a dip in formal evening wear.
5. Angel who prevents distraught savings executive George Bailey from killing himself.
7. Special present that "Old Man Gower" buys for George Bailey.
9. Insect--technically, an arachnid--that George Baily compares Mr. Potter to.
10. Brother of George Bailey, who drowns in the alternate reality that the movie explores, because George wasn't there to save Harry.
11. "_____ the Cop" was one of George Bailey's close friends.
14. Cheerless man who visits the Bailey Building and Loan who hopes the company had a good year, because he wants to get home to spend Christmas with his family in Elmira.
15. Mr. Potter's holiday greeting to George Bailey towards the end of the movie is, "And a Happy New Year, in _____."
17. What Harry Bailey was during World War II.
19. Number of dollars that the building and loan had left after the day of the run.
20. Cab driver who Mr. Potter describes as "sitting on his brains."
22. Incendiary device Mr. Potter gives to George Bailey in attempt to create good feeling while he tries to hornswoggle Bailey into selling his building and loan.
23. Pharmacist who George Bailey saved from going to prison by spotting a bad prescription.
24. Housing development built by and financed by the Bailey brothers' building and loan.
25. Character in the movie who knows the true whereabouts of the building and loan's deposits--and he's not telling.
26. Name of "Bedford Falls" in the movie's alternate reality.

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Bedford Falls: Down Clues

DOWN

1. Bar tender in reality, he owns the place named for him in George Bailey's alternate reality. He throws out Bailey and Clarence with a line like, "OK you pixies, out you go! Through the door or through the winda!"
2. She played Mary Hatch, who later married George Bailey.
3. Exclamation used by Sam Wainwright, one of George Bailey's childhood friends.
4. What kind of unusual, nut-eating pet did Uncle Billy have? You see it during the scene where he and George Bailey search the house for the missing money.
6. According to the toast at the end of the movie by Harry Bailey, this fellow is, "The Richest Man In Town."
8. Profession of Mary Hatch in the movie's alternate reality, in which she didn't marry George Bailey because he didn't exist.
12. Crime that Mr. Potter accused George Bailey of committing when his Uncle Billy lost the day's deposits.
13. Owner of the bar and restaurant where George Bailey gets socked in the mouth. The fact that he's later not bleeding is important to the story.
16. According to this movie, every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings.
18. Book left behind by Clarence for George Bailey.
21. Woman who Bailey makes a personal loan to to enable her to leave town and make a fresh start.