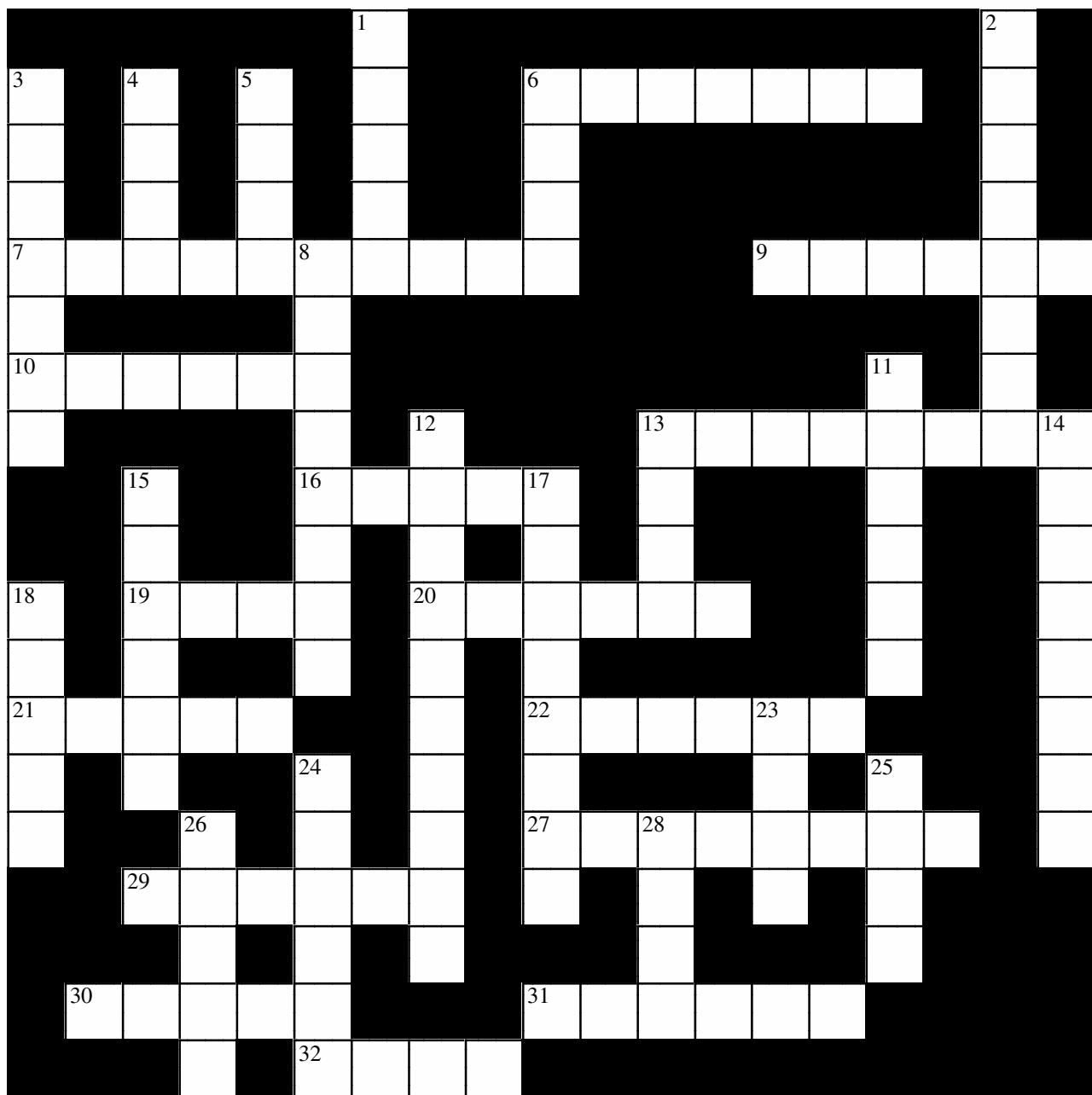


ABA BJ Puzzle of the Week: 1/25/12

It's Customary: The Puzzle



Money expressions, customs, and practices are woven into our culture. Even if you weren't in banking, chances are sometime during the week you'd use a phrase, adhere to a custom, or do something with money that has become more or less built in. It's likely so automatic that you don't even think about it. Think, "Good as gold" or "Bet your bottom dollar" or "Cash on the barrelhead." This week's puzzle is stuffed with words and phrases with roots in history, family heritage, and more, all related somehow to money and wealth.

Fax your completed puzzle, with name, bank, title, and e-mail, by 5 PM, Wednesday, Feb. 1, to 212-633-1165, to participate in a drawing for a \$25 gift card from Amazon. Good luck!
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It's Customary: Across Clues

ACROSS

- 6.** An animal whose diet also signifies a poultry amount of money.
- 7.** Fellow that legend says you will meet at the rainbow's end. (His cousin from IRS won't be far away, mind.)
- 9.** Type of nonmagnetic coin not even worth the ostensible 1/20 of a dollar it's claimed to be good for.
- 10.** To give someone a quick look around an office, factory, or home is to give them this kind of "tour."
- 13.** Colloquial alternative to putting money in the bank. You might say it was a way of "tucking away" a bit.
- 16.** What you are supposed to do with a gypsy soothsayer's palm, with silver.
- 19.** Small change given to those less fortunate.
- 20.** Number of pieces of silver traditionally said to be the wage of a traitor.
- 21.** No matter how you slice it, this common reference to money requires dough.
- 22.** Casual shoes that often indicate common cents.
- 27.** Significant day celebrated in some ethnic cultures by a coin being baked into a pie or loaf, to be found in the lucky finder's slice.
- 29.** Nearly every small business you see has at least one of these framed to mark a good beginning. (Generally, it's out of reach.)
- 30.** Customary carrier held by bride at some traditional weddings, for holding cash gifts from well-wishers.
- 31.** Conveyance in which a thoughtful giver will tuck in a \$1 bill, rather than giving the gift in its empty state.
- 32.** Some say this term began as an abbreviation for "To Insure Prompt Service."

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It's Customary: Down Clues

DOWN

1. A painful action on a person, on a copper disk it causes no pain.
2. Something you advance when you feel obliged, privileged, or opinionated enough to insert your viewpoint into a discussion.
3. To make a great deal of money, with a deathly air to it.
4. Traditional way of choosing who pays, who goes first, who tells the boss he's got a bad idea, etc., through use of a coin.
5. It used to be said that if you "dropped a _____," on someone, you had ratted him out to the cops by phone. Now, do you "drop a cell"?
6. When someone comes up with a new way of saying something, it's said that they "_____ a phrase."
8. This chilly term originated from the old farmer's practice of burying money in the ground under the farm house or cellar.
11. Essentially, a bribe given to someone with some influence over your life, to lubricate the ways of the world.
12. Legendary figure who exchanges incisors for cash.
13. Used to describe a condition of newness today, it comes from the making of money. In fact, it derives from "moneta," Latin for money.
14. By tradition, the type of coin placed in a bride's shoe, as indicated in the marriage poem that starts, "Something old, something new..."
15. A term indicating "very rich," which must account for its use in regard to "big shots."
17. Old coin once offered as an incentive to those in need of a drink in exchange for joining up. You "took the King's _____."
18. Place it is said one has left money if one failed to negotiate the very best deal one could have.
23. Place where a pair of coins is traditionally left on the body of a corpse.
24. Customarily made of silver, one of the few ways they say you can kill a werewolf.
25. Among Italians, especially in old neighborhoods, a way of collecting charitable funds with something that traditionally we say money won't grow on.
26. Sum of money traditionally offered, along with the words, "I'm not losing a daughter, I'm gaining a son."
28. Usually throwing money away is considered foolish, but some think tossing it in one of these will bring you luck--and possibly more money.