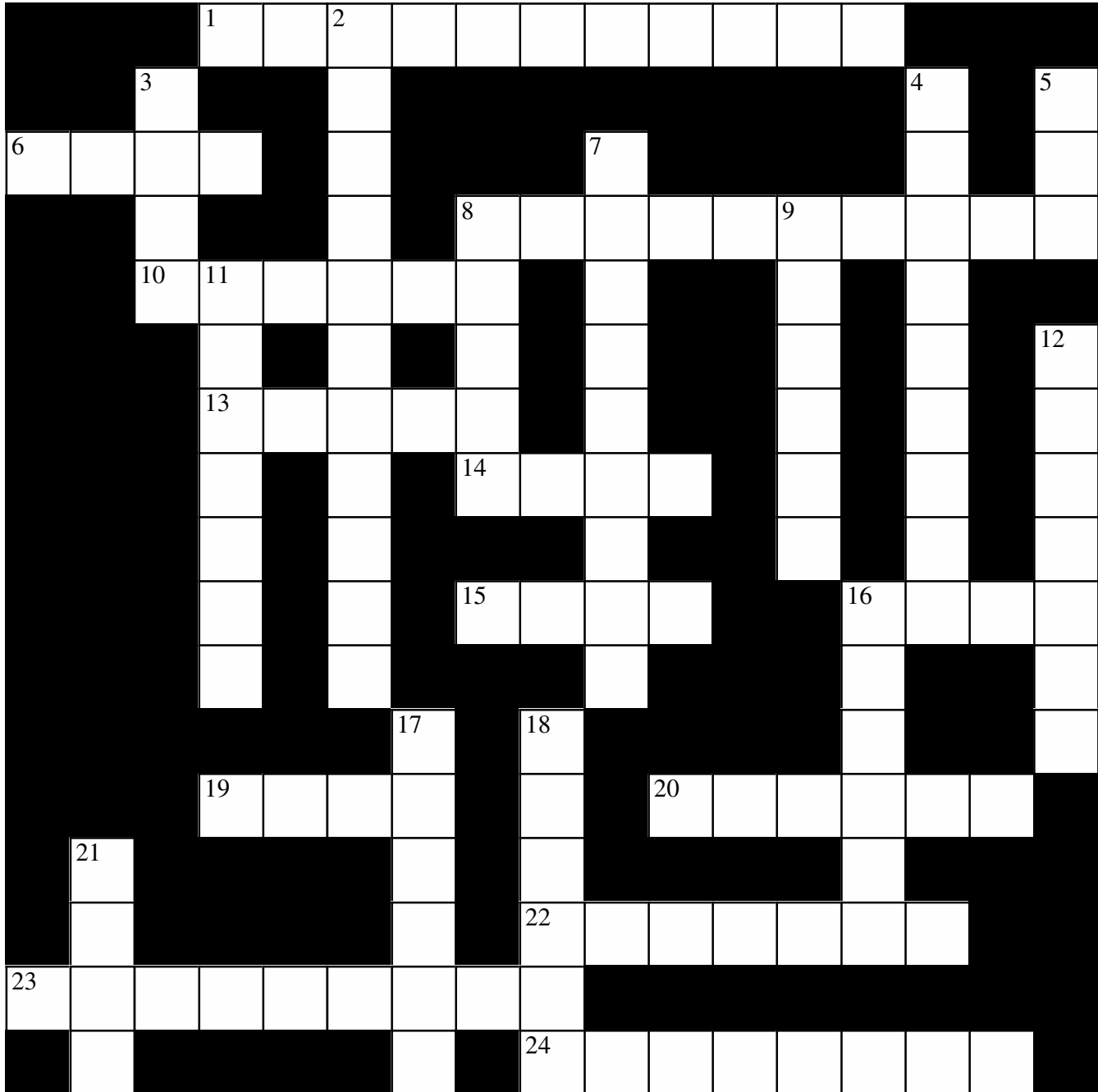


# ABA BJ Puzzle of the Week: 2/15/11

## Check Republic: The Puzzle

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**Going, going, but not yet gone, the check is still very much a part of the banking business.** This week's puzzle consists of words and terms to do with checks, checking accounts, and check fraud. Check it out. *Fax completed puzzle, with name, bank, title, and e-mail, by 5 PM, Tuesday, Feb. 22, to 212-633-1165, to participate in a drawing for a \$25 gift card from ABA's Community Bank Prepaid Program. Good luck! [scocheo@sbpub.com](mailto:scocheo@sbpub.com)*

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## **Check Republic: Across Clues**

### **ACROSS**

- 1.** When he puts up with paste and relies on decorative rolls, he's a craftsman. When he does it with checks, he's a criminal. Either way things can get sticky.
- 6.** Place where many deadbeats' checks used to be found in.
- 8.** This traditional piece of lobby "furniture" describe a nearly impossible feat to perform with a check itself. Building houses of cards is easier.
- 10.** Usually, to capture something, it's implied you have to be near it, as in catching a butterfly with a net. Yet combining this word with "capture" isn't considered an oxymoron when it comes to checks.
- 13.** A cold way to think of a check.
- 14.** If this is something you do when filling in your check register, you might bounce a check. If you use one of these to add to your account, your balance might be OK again.
- 15.** "Come fly with me..."
- 16.** What you've got when you've gotten the short end.
- 19.** Likely the most ubiquitous nominal recipient of checking payments, going by what people write in.
- 20.** When someone has a ball with a check.
- 22.** People born under the sign of Libra must be good at doing this with checking accounts.
- 23.** Paper that's taken as money but that isn't, is called "scrip." To be taken as money, a check has to bear this important "script."
- 24.** The part of a checkbook that doesn't pay anything, but which it pays to pay attention to.

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## **Check Republic: Down Clues**

### **DOWN**

2. Most people are very honest. Yet most folks use this as a check-based ripoff.
3. Thin, thinner, thinnest. Mic, \_\_\_\_\_, micest.
4. Customers have received these for some time. Now they often arrive electronically. Yet in spite of their ubiquity, checking accounts still can't talk.
5. One thing's clear about this kind of check. It won't clear.
7. Something done with checks, contracts, and international treaties.
8. What a check paying an amount ending in .00 is lacking.
9. Paper that helps make a check worth at least the paper it's printed on.
11. When an athlete does this with a product, he or she gets paid. After you do this to a check, you can also get paid.
12. Ultimate resting place of many checks before safekeeping became widespread.
16. Checks that feature wildlife, sailboats on the water, and other outdoor sights fall under this description. However, they clear the same way as any other checks and therefore don't take the time-consuming "route" their name might imply.
17. An alternative to a "check."
18. It's hard to stretch the household budget, and a check like this doesn't really help.
21. To avoid wasting checks, avoid having to do this with too many of them.