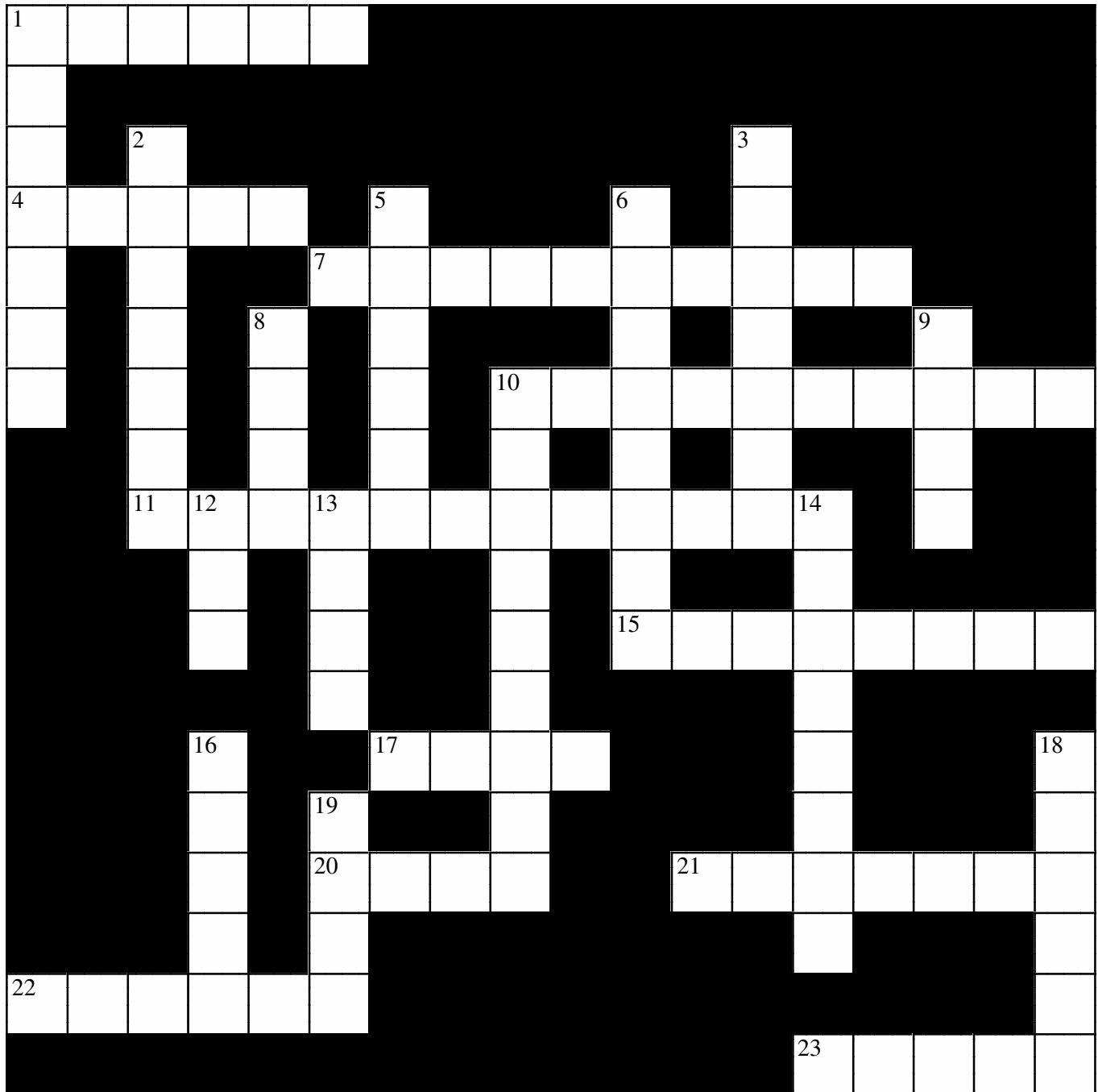


# ABA BJ Puzzle of the Week: 9/2/10

## OINK: The Puzzle



**Nothing says "savings" like a piggy bank.** Most everyone had some such container for holding coins when they were growing up. Many adults still have something, sometimes a fancy one that not only holds the coins, but counts them and maintains the balance. We're not sure what will happen to this icon once debit cards completely take over. This week's puzzle looks at many aspects of coin banks, from the classic pigs to the fancy mechanical banks that are now collectors' items.

*Fax completed puzzle, with name, bank, title, and e-mail, by 5 PM, Sept. 8, to 212-633-1165, to participate in a drawing for a \$25 American Express gift card. (Please allow three weeks for mailed delivery.) Good luck! scocheo@sbpub.com*

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## OINK: The Clues

### ACROSS

1. Stubborn about saving? This Democratic symbol frequently helped in mechanical banks.
4. Unusual "digital" assistant in the original Addams Family tv show was turned into a weird little coin bank that featured a white hand snatching the coin.
7. This variation on the shooting-type coin bank had the saver load the coin into a heavy gun, substituting the coin for a \_\_\_\_\_. Then the cannoneer dropped his hand to fire, and take the coin.
10. "Stump Speaker" cast-iron bank encouraged saver to put a coin into hand of what kind of figure, who put it into his moneybag? (Today it might have been labeled "PAC" man.)
11. A popular bank for children years ago resembled this multi-keyed cash-keeping device of pre-plastic days.
15. Without even saying "abracadabra," this cast-iron bank figure could make coins disappear. Some spenders do this without benefit of cast iron.
17. Many variations on the theme of the hunter and the hunted were made in the cast-iron coin bank genre. In one well-known one, Teddy Roosevelt shot at one of these furry targets.
20. An alternate theory of the source of "piggy bank" is that pigs—possibly signifying wealth in older times—were considered harbingers of this four-word benefit.
21. Before public coin counting machines began to proliferate in the nation's bank branches, this was the typical waystation between the piggy bank and deposit in a real bank.
22. In this "organ bank," instead of having things removed, one put the coin in the organ grinder's assistant's paw to have it saved. What was the assistant?
23. Radio Shack promoted this perennial favorite plastic bank as follows: "Meet Robie the Banker. His favorite food is a coin. And, he is so hungry, he eats all the coins you feed him!" Actually, Robie couldn't handle half-dollars. What kind of entity was "Robie"?

### DOWN

1. A painful reminder in coin-bank form demonstrated that dealing with this medical figure could be like pulling teeth.
2. Bank patterned after this famous but ill-fated ship might leave one with a sinking feeling.
3. "Rachel the Pig" is a bronze, huge piggy bank that sits in a certain caffeinated city's public market. Originally placed to help raise funds for a foundation, Rachel actually appears in tourist maps now. What city does Rachel call home?
5. Seaman's Bank for Savings in N.Y., long gone now, used to give out ceramic banks in which one accumulated coins in the seabag of this character.
6. Tall-hatted figure in many cast-iron coin banks would eat, snatch, or otherwise deposit coins for the saver. A good reminder of April 15.
8. In the film "Stand By Me," one of the youngsters spent part of his summer digging for coins he'd buried—and forgotten the location of—inside these simple containers.
9. "The one that got away" cast-iron bank featured a sportsman going after this quarry. The savings sequence began by placing the coin in the quarry's mouth.
10. Porcine method for saving coins.
12. Nowadays some children save their money in simplified replicas of this banking device.
13. Walking, talking piggy bank of Disney and Pixar's "Toy Story" films was voiced by same actor who played Cliff the Mailman on NBC's "Cheers." His jokes on occasion were cheesy.
14. What meteorological event is something that people are often admonished to save for?
16. Classical piggy banks could only be persuaded to "pay off" in one way, because holes were discouraged in order to discourage premature emptying of the bank.
18. Virtue saving in a piggy bank is intended to teach children, and an older name for savings institutions, too.
19. The term "piggy bank" is thought by some to come from the word "pygg." This was actually not an animal at all, but a substance used to make pots and jars. As the pots and jars were used to store coins, "pygg banks" became a term. In time, the substance was used to make pig banks, too. Name the substance.