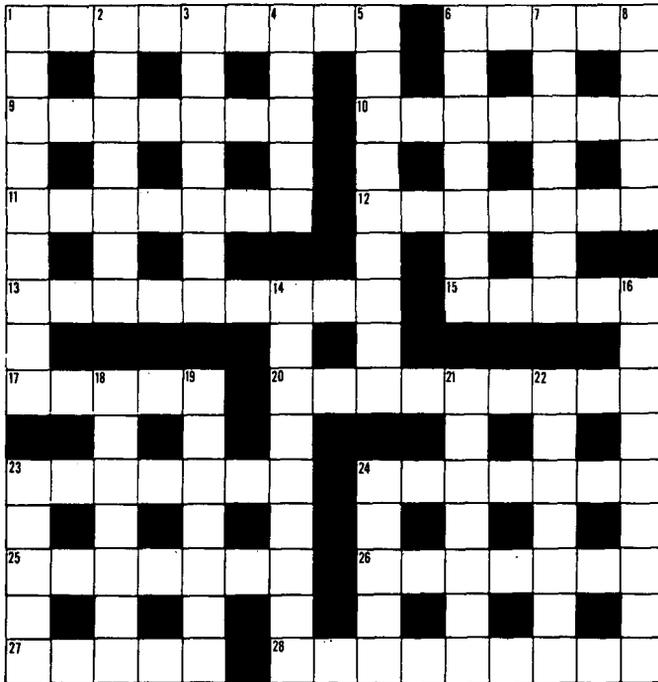


the political puzzle

by John Barclay



ACROSS

1. New leader makes Hal join up. (4,4,1)
6. Brief seen in daughter's eyes. (5)
9. One's had confusion from these accidents. (4-3)
10. Trial arranged for man before a sport site. (7)
11. Volunteer army on a calm day? (2-5)
12. Fife arrangement with L.A. school is enough. (7)
13. Communist condiment? (3,6)
15. Basketball player or zoo keeper? (5)
17. On solid ground like in bed. (5)
20. Tippy nail shuffled in Michigan. (9)
23. Mortified flesh is ego-

centric. (7)

24. Deer cub doctored in good health again. (2,5)
25. Toner 200 improved joint action. (7)
26. 1977 Goya era exhibition. (4,3)
27. Actions by mischievous pests. (5)
28. St. Louis backers of 1 Across? (9)

DOWN

1. Clearly not a Yankee fan! (6,3)
2. Collected crazy dare in brick carrier. (7)
3. Will establishment bar poet somehow? (7)
4. Startling to find direction input confused. (5)
5. Where girl ends up on H.M.S. Raisin tour. (2,3,4)

6. Correspondence calls for craft, if it can be arranged. (7)
7. Bad weather triumphant, we hear. (7)
8. National symbol in idea gleaned from magazine. (5)
14. Crazy about city chops. (9)
15. It's not fair when they come down? (9)
18. Ice lens produces nothing. (7)
19. Motorists like stream in South Dakota flowing North. (7)
21. 1 Across before he was 1 Across. (7)
22. Take Iran van to absolute state. (7)
23. Belts and hose? (5)
24. Purchaser of smashed Eastern ruby. (5)

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 38.

The Case of the Co-opted Critic: Ralph Nader and Harvard Law School

by Lynne Bernabei

There may be institutions in our society that have never felt the sting of social criticism, but law schools will never be counted among them. Since the early 1900s, law schools have had their share of critics, sometimes in vogue, more often not, but their refrain has invariably been the same.

Law schools, they say with considerable justification, accept large numbers of idealists and then transform them in three years into mechanics, people who have rejected the social values they entered with and replaced them with the hired gun mentality that dominates the legal profession. Students enter law school with aspirations of changing the world and leave as legal counsel to ITT. In 1959, a neophyte law professor named Roger Fisher summed up the dilemma as well as anyone when he asked: "I would guess that among the entering first-year students, a high percentage would express an interest in public service, in politics . . . in making the world a better place. I would venture . . . that among the third-year graduating students this percentage is far less . . . Is the law school also a school in cynicism?"

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In 1975, Ralph Nader decided to find out why law schools turn out the kind of lawyers they do. The choice of institution for the Nader-sponsored investigation was an apt one: Harvard Law School, in name at least, the preeminent law school in America.

In addition to its prestige, its power and its tradition, Harvard Law School was also the place which originally developed the teaching method—the so-called Socratic method—that has been universally adopted as *the way* to teach law in this country.

Nader was a Harvard Law School alumnus and a long-time critic. He had become discouraged by the small, ever declining number of public interest lawyers in each Harvard graduating class. Most recent graduates went to corporate law firms. This was a rude jolt to Nader who just six years earlier had seen signs for hope, signs that things might be turning around. "Law students," he wrote in 1969, "began to turn away from private practice. . . . Those who went directly to the firms were less than enthusiastic. The big corporate firms in New York and Washington began to detect early signs that their boot camps were not responding to the customary Loreleis of the metropolitan canyons."