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GEORGE BARANY AND FRIENDS

This politically themed puzzle comes to you from a consortium of progressively-minded friends of Rockefeller alum (1977) George Barany, who is currently on the faculty of the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. For more about this specific puzzle, including a link to its answer, visit here. More Barany and Friends puzzles can be found here.

ACROSS

1. Way to go
5. Env. stuffer, at times
8. Doo-wop syllable
11. Can. city
14. Cacophonous
16. Make tawdry
18. Brazilian city, familiarly
19. Like a GOP candidate's convoluted approach to the Jewish question?
21. Surfing site
22. Triangle type
23. "___ B?"
24. Dedicatee of a piano classic
26. Like ears of some politicians
27. GOP candidate's optical illusion?
29. City Obama visited to receive his 2009 Nobel Peace Prize
32. Those, to José
34. Houston AFL team that became the Tennessee Titans
35. Fascinate
37. Communication system for the gorilla Koko: Abbr.
39. Jai ___
40. "La Fille du Regiment" role that made Pavarotti a superstar
41. Showy annuals
44. Political scandal topic, perhaps
45. GOP candidate's autonomous tactics?
48. African-American alternative to LGBT
51. Ties together
52. Supremes' wear
56. Pub pints
58. Ball girl?
59. Reason for a bad hare day?
61. "Le ___” (Matisse piece)
63. Sicilian volcano
64. John or Paul, but not George or Ringo
65. Like a GOP candidate's amateurish operation?
68. God, to a Rastafarian
70. Legend maker
71. California's Big ___
72. Ceaselessly
73. North Sea flower
74. "___ real nowhere man"
75. Indira's son and successor
76. "___ You Later, Alligator" (hit for Bill Haley and the Comets)
77. Like Carson's campaign, it seems
78. Composer of crosswords?
79. Carew or Stewart
80. Med. care grp. in the USA
81. Staring at trouble
82. Nail-biting
83. José or Francisco's leader?
84. John Quincy, to John Adams
85. Masthead VIPs
86. Brand, in a way

DOWN

1. Cut back
2. Like Carson's campaign, it seems
3. Soliloquy starter
4. Styling stuff
5. Green concern: Abbr.
6. Ice-loving org.
7. Fragrant coniferous trees
8. Kind of bank where you lose interest after making a deposit?
9. The other woman
10. Cherubim, at the Vatican
12. Requiem Mass hymn
13. Chain whose name derives from its original room rate
15. Rice-A-___
17. “___ Ben Adhem”
20. Swindler, slangily
22. ___ opposites
25. Kinks song with the lyrics “girls will be boys and boys will be girls”
27. Vehicle that’s hailed
28. ___ rest periods
29. Baseball’s Mel or Ed
30. Welcome sign on B’way
31. Multi-PC hookup, for short
33. Steakhouse sound
36. Put out
37. Actress Bening
38. Squelches
42. Chief ___-A-Homa (onetime Braves mascot)
43. Put into pigeonholes, maybe
46. Excessive
47. Gun show exemptions, e.g.
48. Rest periods
49. Eyesight issue
50. Becomes more lenient with
53. Introduction to chemistry?
54. Clairvoyance, e.g.
55. “___ You Later, Alligator” (hit for Bill Haley and the Comets)
57. Very, to Wilhelm
60. Indira's son and successor
62. Grammy winner Morissette
63. The Continent
66. Dam site in Egypt
67. Dolls' dates
69. Latin 101 word, much loved in crosswords
72. NYC Theater District discount booth
73. Adjust, as a radio
74. “___ real nowhere man”
75. North Sea flower
78. Composer of crosswords?