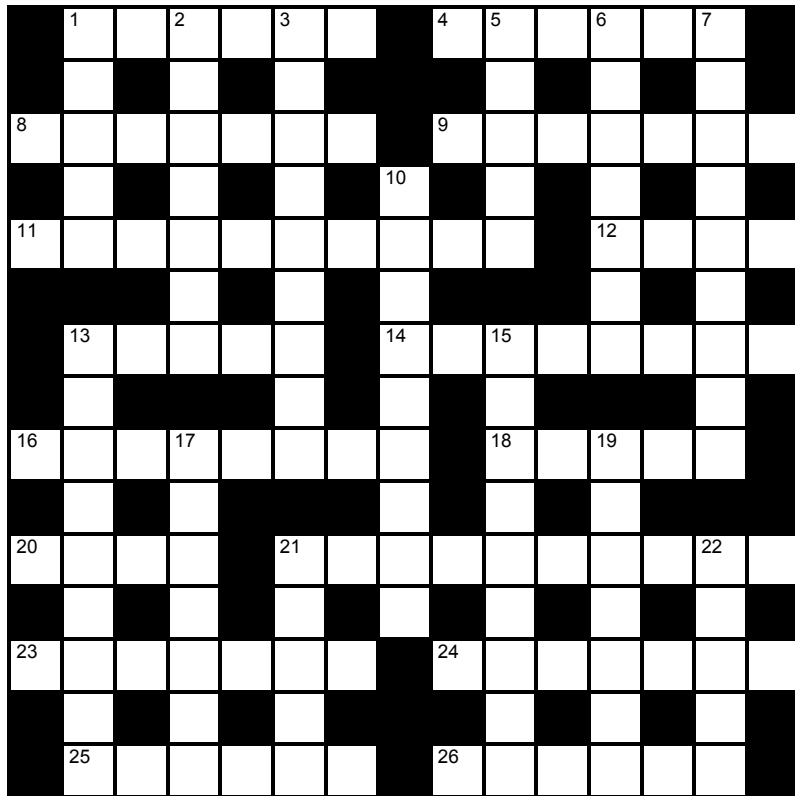


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Across

- 1 Babies regularly inducted into bottom rank in church (6)
- 4 One who mistreats a queen takes back sandwich (6)
- 8 Offered to pump beer in my ears (3,4)
- 9/11/13D Blocking them is one effect near toilet, fixes O-ring that is broken (7,8,2,4,5)
- 12 Time travel ends with no-one eaten by Morlocks (4)
- 13 State that's right for pilot (5)
- 14 *Enjoined* (8)
- 16 Small, twisted nail found in ruins of ark in Indian Ocean (3,5)
- 18 Female attire (derived from anorak) rubs the wrong way (5)
- 20 Catty sound non-women produced (4)
- 21 Automatic fail - 9.81 cents wasted (4-6)
- 23 Spicy, as in beer (7)
- 24 Huge bird loses head without its wings (7)
- 25 To me, this crossword is a comfortable support (6)

- 26 Informer chastises leaders following tantrum (6)

Down

- 1 Abandoned invoice from bank? (5)
- 2 Rice is mostly small and a bit cracked on the outside (7)
- 3 Persevere, presently getting cube in both hands (7,2)
- 5 Wizard's jeer gets very loud (5)
- 6 Topless model removed from guide before fortune teller (7)
- 7 Work in Stone Age is typified by the wall (4,5)
- 10 Nice balance can last (9)
- 13 See 9 Across
- 15 Party song "In the Navy" calls for silence (9)
- 17 Was about to call you to get in on action (7)
- 19 Pull back from President Carter (7)
- 21 Twist ends of wings anti-clockwise and burn (5)
- 22 Sound made by hunter in Nineteen Eighty Four (5)