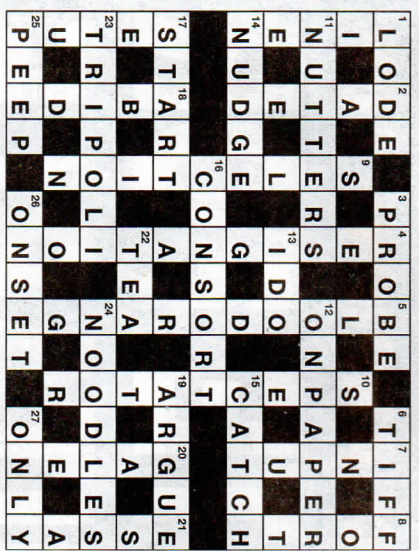


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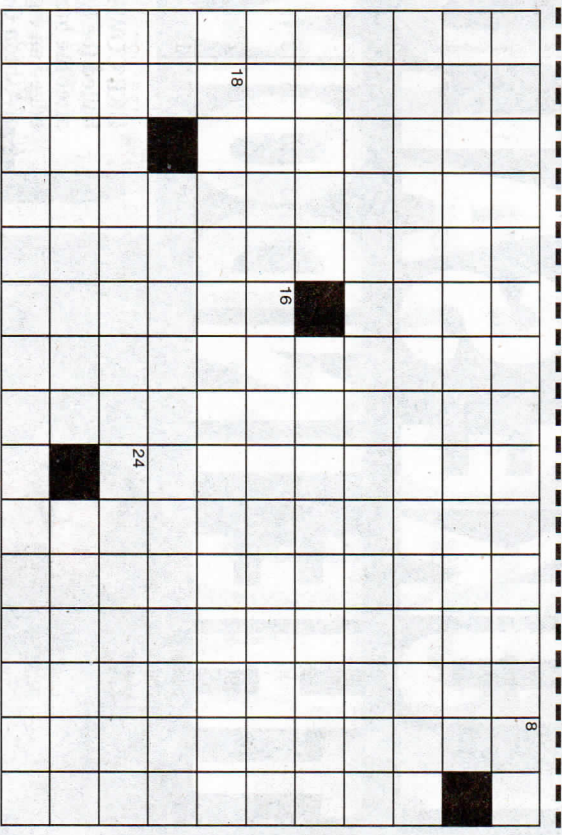


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### ACROSS

- 1 Claim about parting crowd
- 5 Aim for lead post (2 words)
- 9 Withdrawal soldiers pay for
- 11 Overhauled fastback to take away
- 12 Rude extremists put pass on...
- 13 ...flower from thistle, therefore
- 14 Fights expected by a sailor
- 16 Hackneyed opening of short story
- 17 City block covering small area
- 19 Gun not taken aboard empty boat
- 21 A little weight added to stomach
- 23 Unworthy goblin broke her heart
- 24 I allege corruption in Israel
- 25 Ministers annoying people without reason, including leaders
- 26 Wind unkind communist redirected

### DOWN

- 2 Bird before Eve's bears
- 3 An extra pair in addition
- 4 Fly caught sight of, we hear
- 6 Entitled sort you lead or follow
- 7 Making information up limits beginners
- 8 Fish - around nireny do well
- 10 Will made it back with assets
- 11 Love letter initially written in bold
- 13 Large round not finished by cast
- 15 Clock is rewound ten seconds
- 18 Sausage starter dropped, causing annoyance
- 20 Golly, separate unladen birds!
- 21 Opening line in really terse introduction
- 22 Fish confused lastly with brill

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