

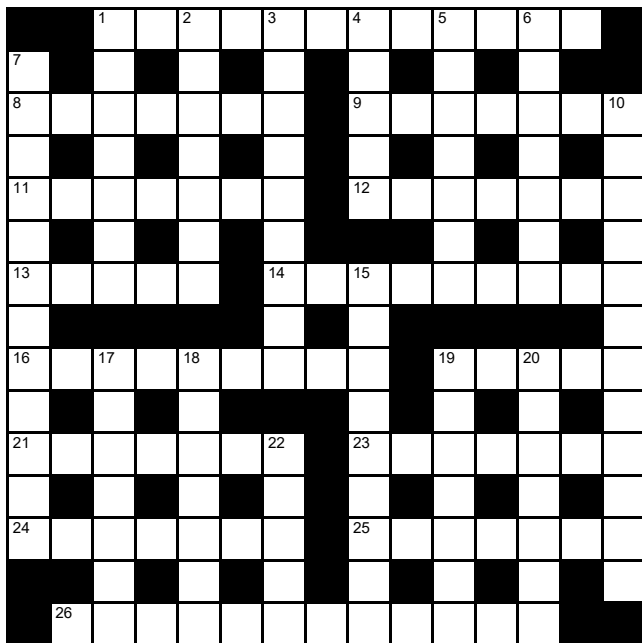
Crossword 17,238 Set by BUCCANEER

ACROSS

- 1** Irksome to catch terrible ruler time travelling for fun (12)
- 8** Voguish women ejected from mature clique (2-5)
- 9** Old-fashioned retort discombobulated male writer (7)
- 11** Current case for lay-off accepted by weak, bad rep (3,4)
- 12** Crook's loud partying in residence, dropping ecstasy (7)
- 13** Overworked painter finally drew borders (5)
- 14** Place, one around green ground in national park (9)
- 16** Poles from Poland wanting land in Barking instead (9)
- 19** M&S skirts mostly available for Eeyorish people (5)
- 21** In Spain, what stops this month's legal process (7)
- 23** No end of cereal and toast (7)
- 24** Scot returned garment greener than the rest (7)
- 25** Heated home maybe perfect (7)
- 26** Tight, religious clothes are cut by simple fellow (12)

DOWN

- 1** One tickled extremely graceful royal behind carriage (7)
- 2** Pope with curse about clingy garment (7)
- 3** Forced into service, Buccaneer has to hurry (9)
- 4** Disconcert leader of air strike (5)
- 5** Fix diet, getting mashed bananas now (3,4)
- 6** Hill rising for all to see above oddly leaden clouds (7)
- 7** Little Queen Victoria, say, welcomes assistance (12)
- 10** Official is going both ways, hugged by man in the street? (12)
- 15** In theatre, removal of clothing for rude part (9)
- 17** Old writer briefly tucks into one drink or another (7)
- 18** Lady, second to none, shedding pounds (7)
- 19** Ace communist leader snatching rest at work (7)
- 20** Rears about to be covered by underwear (7)
- 22** *Carry on Matron's* opening? It has symbolic value (5)



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