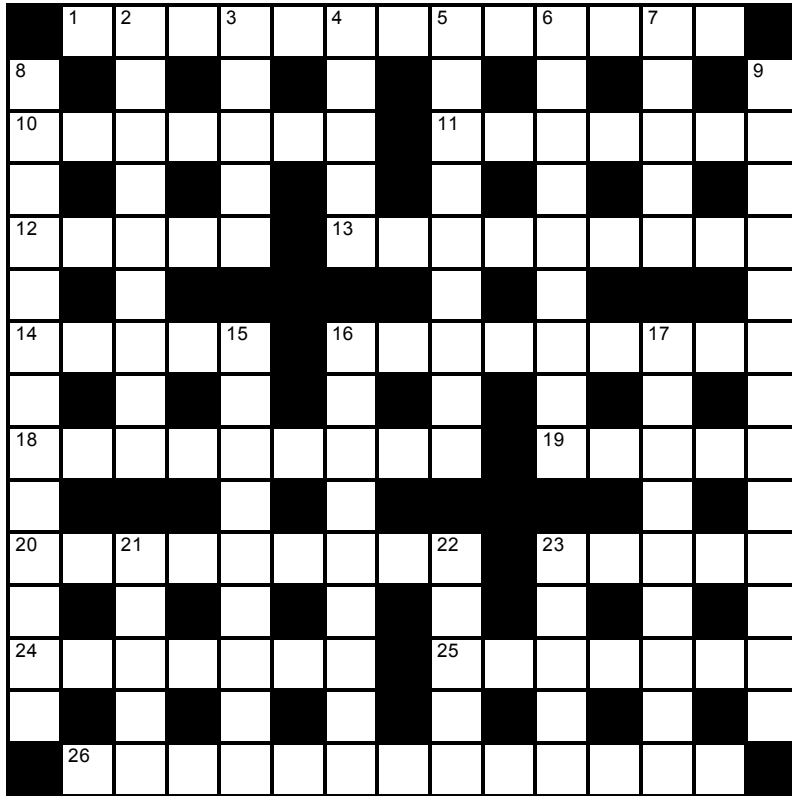


## Cryptic Crossword #28

Set by Qaos



### Across

- 1** Vicious, evil Leo rang everyone to expose a fruit (7,6)  
**10** Nothing changes these layers (7)  
**11** Wrong size? 75% certain fit (7)  
**12** Head cover (5)  
**13** Hung over? (9)  
**14** Scholarship for a pupil, perhaps (5)  
**16** Queen backs soldier to be a state-backed pirate (9)  
**18** Grass (or it's tip?) needs an instrument (4,5)  
**19** Put out down river (5)  
**20** 4d cube is set back by broken crates (9)  
**23** Leader makes law right (5)  
**24** I am a cheque turned over when paper folding (7)  
**25** Deadlock to occur in time - there's no time (7)  
**26** They're often on school grounds acting W.C.? (7,6)

### Down

- 2** Detailed party talk follows end of debate (9)  
**3** Dictator to upset an imbecile (5)  
**4** Records sound of composer's opening sonata (5)  
**5** Love boy before meeting desire (9)  
**6** Headgear worn by a group of insects? (5,4)  
**7** Narcotic taken up with a bit of opium bottle (5)  
**8** Company growth is topped, including odd German fire (13)  
**9** Compassionate but sore after bypass operation? (13)  
**15** Rode 'ard, my wild animal (9)  
**16** Legendary Greek 23a is a short, short person - a beast! (9)  
**17** "1-0 to 1-1?" I squealed by mistake (9)  
**21** Water flow some will insist reveals life's beginnings (5)  
**22** He steals effects, if the ... (5)  
**23** ... currency is generating pure energy (5)