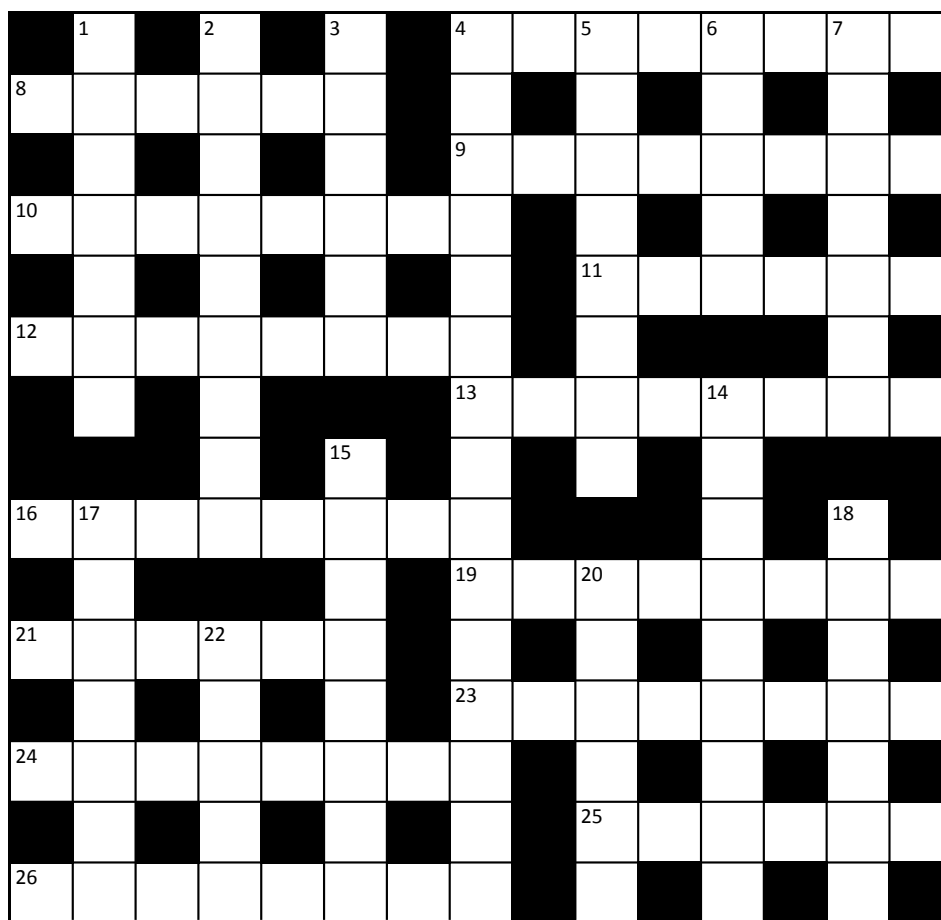


# Going Postal Crossword 166

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## ACROSS

- 4 Commit to a lifetime of service (8)  
 8,21&4 Her Majesty's "rock" (6,6,4,2,9)  
 9 Birds of prey (8)  
 10 Attendee (8)  
 11 Conditioned (6)  
 12 Royal family (8)  
 13 Telescope (8)  
 16 Malign influencer (8)  
 19 Boast about contacts (8)  
 21 ..see 8  
 23 Improved (8)  
 24 Military incursion (3,2,3)  
 25 In lieu of payment (2,4)  
 26 Investigate (8)

## DOWN

- 1 Liberty (7)  
 2 Eleven-sided shape (9)  
 3 Smooth music (6)  
 4 ..see 8  
 5 Hates (8)  
 6 DoE's birthplace (5)  
 7 Vote counters (7)  
 14 Characteristic features (9)  
 15 Workforce (8)  
 17 Means of transport (7)  
 18 Rules (7)  
 20 DoE's ship (6)  
 22 Not like Diane Abbott's belt! (5)

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**Across**

1 Cultural Marxist 9 Slenderly 10 Lunge 11 Idols 12 Sleigh bed 13 Runcible 14 Comedy 16 Icings 18 Chess set 22 Blemishes 23 Elite 24 Bitch 25 Validated 26 Stand one's ground

**Down**

1 Cashier 2 Lie down 3 Undistinguished 4 Aerosols 5 Mayhem 6 Religious leader 7 Ignoble 8 Tuesday 15 Thistles 16 Imbibes 17 Inertia 19 Shiatsu 20 Trended 21 Shaven