## **ACROSS**

- 1 US naval officer (6)
- 4 Urges, encourages (4,2)
- **9** Consistency, feel (7)
- 10 Contaminate, infect (5)
- 11 Outdoor game with bunkers (4)
- **12** Beat off (7)
- **14** Without difficulty (6)
- **16** Morals (6)
- **19** Japanese paper-folding (7)
- 21 West End district (4)
- **23** Portends (5)
- 24 Ape such as King Kong (7)
- **25** Slip away (6)
- **26** Winds (6)

## **DOWN**

- 1 Chews and swallows (4)
- 2 Church officers (7)
- 3 Abrupt in manner (5)
- **5** Fall apart (2,2,3)
- 6 Rinse, wash out (5)
- **7** Especially (3,5)
- 8 First name of Monty Python team members Jones and Gilliam (5)
- 13 Increase substantially (8)
- 15 Keeps in contact (with) (7)
- 17 Takes a breath (7)
- **18** Australian wild dog (5)
- 20 Delhi's country (5)
- 21 Small mouse-like mammal (5)
- **22** Blocks (4)

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