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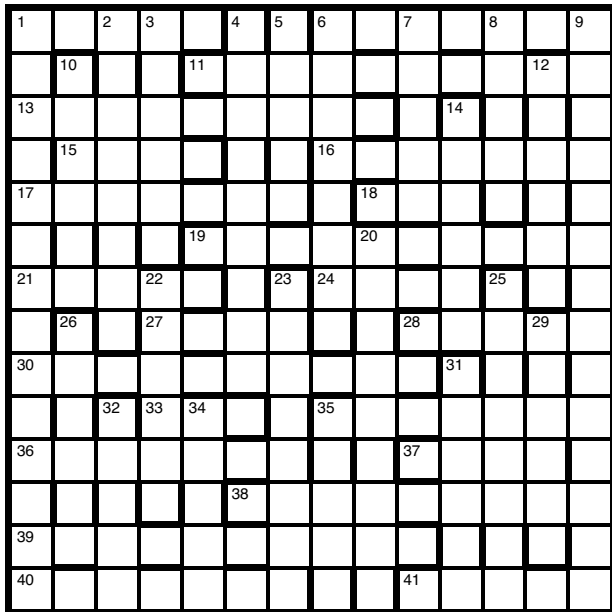
Puzzle 26 is 6A 18 40 1A 27 40
6A 41 6A 37 40 24 10 40 6A.

Across

- 11 Three-sided rig with natural fitting (10)
 13 Ribald cop breaking PC's temporary storage? (9)
 15 At heart, the Lion joined by a Lamb (4)
 16 Round wooden peg in face having twofold symmetry (7)
 17 Endorsement secured by small firm backing antenatal centres (7)
 19 Spanish fascist pals hating faults (10)
 21 Article on about financial backer (5)
 28 Old guide finally dies – RIP when lowered? (5)
 30 Second genius got cryptic hint (10)
 33 Millions in international alliance that can't fly? (3)
 35 In which you might make Derby game by railway (7)
 36 Disease one measures in China's international capital (7)
 38 Tomfoolery involving regularly faulty study of data (9)
 39 Sexually arousing retro type of film received Swedish money (10)

Down

- 1 Recording devices adjusted to access timers (14)
 2 New barriers missing right sort of fastenings (8)
 3 Pretentious expression of contempt follows success (6)
 4 Austrian bread, once cold, put into mostly coarse layers (9)



- 5 They're expected when splitting activators, off and on (5)
 6 Obstruct whale – that's not in Will's character (8)
 7 Highly excited English sequence in melody (5)
 8 Tone of white supremacists ultimately appalling (5)
 9 Advocates of three-way agreement subsequently pressed by judges? (14)
 12 The Bard's to lift up stupid person lying across main road (6)
 14 Amid the greatest, no good breaks (6)
 20 Lush Pacific salmon eaten by everybody I see (9)
 22 Socialist set to infiltrate Eastern Poles (6)
 23 Stopped endless refusal getting spread about (8)
 25 Old philosophical doctrine uses sin to corrupt maiden (8)
 29 Taiwan chopping sheltered tree (6)
 31 African gangster is toast, disheartened when pulled up (6)
 32 Small and elegant sail hoisted – where in *La Manche*? (5)
 34 Lower digger in sound (5)
 35 Methedrine with cocaine – foul (5)
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