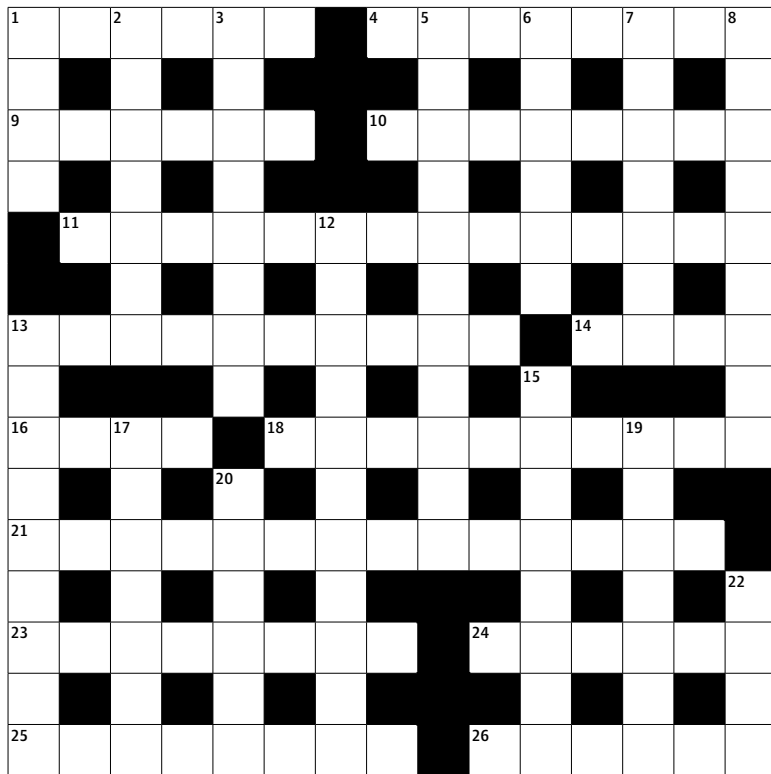


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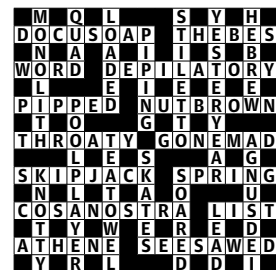
- 1 Point out finally a cause of plague (6)
- 4 Banter for a badge? (8)
- 9 Man with a cave for a mermaid? (6)
- 10,16 US presidential election may be like an old Citroën rally (3-5,4)
- 11,21 Another effing hot type of ruin? It could be! (3,2,3,6,3,4,3,4)
- 13 Like including soldiers in welcome deals (10)
- 14 Gaslight (4)
- 16 See 10
- 18 A top family's dodgy 'booty' like this? (3,2,5)
- 21 See 11
- 23,24 Since isolation, forced to find a solution (8,6)
- 25 Potential source of X-rays put on inside stone (8)
- 26 Extremely sick unclean kitchens: they're smelly (6)

Down

- 1,22 Lacklustre Labour leader in embarrassing selfies (8)
- 2 Win a couple of these in sound game (7)
- 3 Followed suit to begin with and

- was in debt (8)
- 5 One for cavities? (1,5,5)
- 6 Reside? Yes, but not out there! (6)
- 7 Virgin is one that recedes with time, lacking aspiration (7)
- 8 Crisis upset both author and leaders of the end of the Georgian era (9)
- 12 Most from age 18 (3,8)
- 13 Academic top prizes for shrinks (9)
- 15 Skip, half-drunk, with this in pocket? (8)
- 17 Preserve with grim honesty (7)
- 19 Incriminate a regime in a radio broadcast (7)
- 20 Wholly or partly certain to topple (2,4)
- 22 See 1

Solution No. 28,206



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