

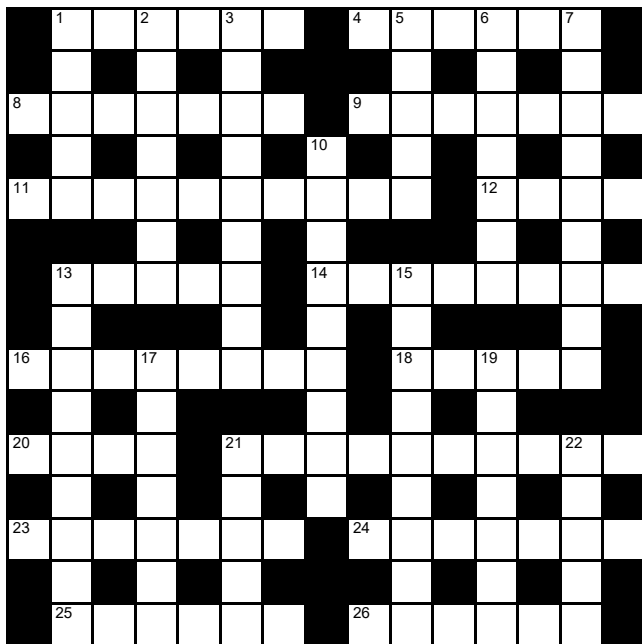
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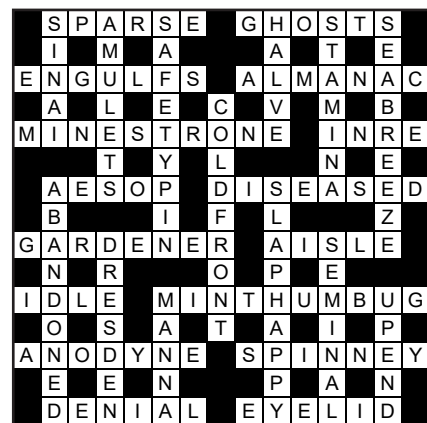
- 1** Celebrity currently in middle of arena (6)
4 Fixed in just a tick (6)
8 Doctor avoids initially rancorous consultant (7)
9 Adept old lady pinching a hospital cash machine (7)
11 Gormless and mostly corrupt oil producer (10)
12 Regularly scrubbing admirable face (4)
13 Soft cry of sheep losing head in fold (5)
14 Prehistoric vampire bats fly without wings (8)
16 Cooking utensil of brass and slate (8)
18 Plate carried by Sherpa Tenzing (5)
20 Break spell (4)
21 Importuning nun endlessly in pub before church (10)
23 Foolish onlooker having change of heart (7)
24 Idiot upset cyanide (7)
25 Identify lunatic fringe (6)
26 Once again enter flash car after conclusion of encounter (6)

DOWN

- 1** Travel over hog's back and hill range (5)
2 Timeless emotions, unexpectedly disagreeable (7)
3 Inexperienced ram, reportedly over-excited (7-2)
5 Set up computer-controlled transport system (5)
6 Start to talk and walk like a duck or cock (7)
7 Reformed egomaniac is sorry (4,5)
10 Fatuity of small joy at first unnoticed (9)
13 Former claimant's ugly pet (9)
15 Amorous advance after instant messaging? One's unperturbed (9)
17 Smelt relative's garment left at home (7)
19 People nursing brief desire for miracles (7)
21 Children matter (5)
22 Drop a little lower? (5)



Solution 17,445



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