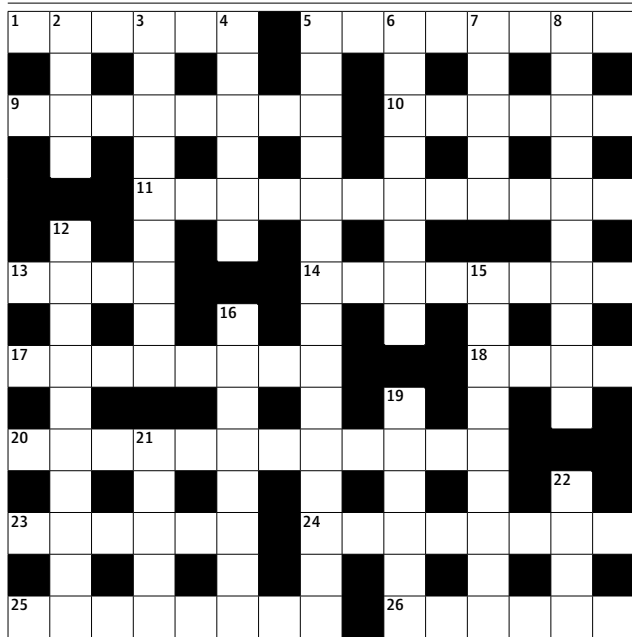


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Solutions to 22 clues contain at least one 14, which is unclued.

Across

- 1 Did her Hollywood swansong lack gravity? (6)
- 5 Spin doctor to officer: "It's how you must behave" (8)
- 9 Kebabs in villa regularly seen in this country, so I gathered (8)
- 10 Nymphet laughing out loud initially at sex with adult (6)
- 11 Drunken pig hit female printer (12)
- 13 French novelist's first item for sale? (4)
- 14 (3,5)
- 17 Elite member's old cigar crushed in left hand (8)
- 18 Where lots idly dived outside originally? (4)
- 20 Middleman takes look into writhing erotic turn (12)
- 23 Pinched passage in society feature (6)
- 24 Peer's joint backs on to ground (8)
- 25 In a 3 way, oddly collecting debts for second daughter (8)
- 26 Wound sound back after beginning to listen (6)

Down

- 2 Hero picked up zilch after winning Oscar (4)
- 3 Rebel activity to do with potential rise or fall in government (9)
- 4 One used to be suppressing occasionally dirty lies in store (6)
- 5 Calmly repaired nearly loose chip in bottle, extremely luckily (15)
- 6 Even jovial doctor's sick; there's a big bit in it (3,5)
- 7 It's not much work wrapping 41 flowers (5)
- 8 Declining pounds illicitly banked? (2,3,5)
- 12 Spread fertiliser in plot Daniel cultivated (10)
- 15 Growth in Shropshire's recession concentrates minds (9)
- 16 Wee obstacles settled during working hours (8)
- 19 Pulling up unopened broccoli heads, say, yields waxy stuff (6)
- 21 Time to muse (5)
- 22 Radio listener picked up missile launch site (4)

Solution No. 25,309

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