EVERYMAN CROSSWORD NO 3456

ACROSS

- 1 Shoulder bag, left by a chest, exploded (7)
- 5 Skegness finally got hotter, and crowded (7)
 2 Described above to even in
- **9** Be excited about a run in vehicle (6,3)
- **10** Windproof jacket used by old man protecting chest (5)
- **11** Nerd starts to dismantle Wankel engines, each bit (5)
- **12** Pests cause inns to be refurbished (9)
- **13** Money no object making an Astaire film? (3,4,3,5)
- **16** More cheesed off, alarmingly, about president defining a civil right (7,2,6)
- **18** Shock when peeper gets key (3–6)
- **20** Message he reportedly put on front of envelope (5)
- **22** Foremost of carveries requests large barrels (5)
- 23 Drops rock band, dismissing explosive type of music involved (9)
- 24 Wrongly praised, padre is unlikely to lose heart (7)
- **25** Awfully bad rule, existing for a long time (7)

DOWN

 ${\bf 1} \, {\rm Correct\, copy\, reveals\, plot\, in}$

case(7)

- **2** Story about British food (5)
- **3** Ridiculous, as an underdone loaf may be (4–5)
- **4** Fabulous creature with horns departed earlier (4,3) - closest men petrified (4,4,7) **14** Number joining groups
- **5** Plain sailing? Right on! (15)
- 6 Greek character employed by
- local pharmacist (5)
- 7 Two doctors describing swimming race close to Lancashire resort town (9)
- 8 Absolutely determined, clique departed earlier (4,3)
- 14 Number joining groups taking time off for morning coffee (9)
- 15 I see what you're saying (3-6)
- **16** Ripped off down end of road (7)
- **17** Bishopric? Yes, possibly in difficult situation (4,3)
- **19** Finished last of lasagna, Italian food (5)
- **21** Weapon taken from a disorderly crowd climbing on to top of building (1–4)

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Everyman No. 3454 winners

