

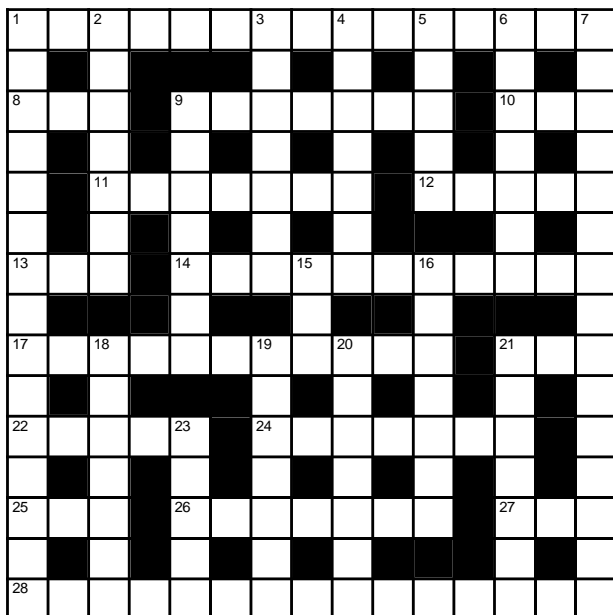


## Fix Hot Messes

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**Bonus Questions:** 1. What's the solution to the cryptic title (5,6)  
2. There are 4 instances of the above contained in the completed grid. Identify the locations.



### Across

- 1 Hot searing oil to melt things normally found on a plane (15)
- 8 Can come back, however (3)
- 9 Jumping fish carry it back (7)
- 10 Atmosphere in central Cairo (3)
- 11 Stretched round back of the head (7)
- 12 Musk, say gets good elevation in Africa (5)
- 13 Hearing of rank character in Athens (3)
- 14 Nuclear physicist sets fire - no crime (6,5)
- 17 Charitable small publication meets in agreement to remove union (11)
- 21 Runner, perhaps is returning with weak back (3)
- 22 Surprise ending in pleasant relation (5)
- 24 French girl wearing sticker showing Broderick character from the '80s (7)

- 25 Pin down central theme (3)
- 26 Moaned and cursed about fumble being returned (7)
- 27 Start to protest! We object to the discharge (3)
- 28 How to cut corners the right way? (15)

### Down

- 1 So, "purist manhood" movement gives an affinity for the wilderness (15)
- 2 Leaves to taxi back to company (7)
- 3 Musical with one actor (7)
- 4 Change license components? Splendid (8)
- 5 Her generic attributes return (5)
- 6 Rage-induced and sillier with middle age (2,5)
- 7 Endlessly calm, swim with it off, and in the end, you will be playful, with any luck (15)
- 9 Wanting to be in commercial with a California locale (7)
- 15 Misconstructed belief system? (3)
- 16 Fought when brought together with time left (7)
- 18 Fortnite player, say, has the French makeup (7)
- 19 Built-in propeller in a terrible bind (7)
- 20 Alone, I richen part of my imagination (7)
- 21 Entertainer quietly leaves to fish (7)
- 23 Chelsea Glenn holds an American icon (5)