

**ACROSS**

- 7 Most faithful (6)  
 8 At sea (6)  
 9 Australian fast-running birds (4)  
 10 Be indisposed (3)  
 11 Jab with a finger (4)  
 12 Overpopulate (with vermin) (6)  
 14 South \_\_\_\_, US state (6)  
 16 Sawn wood (6)  
 19 Short trip away from home (3,3)  
 21 Heating or cooking chamber (4)  
 23 Central issue, crux (3)  
 24 Openings (4)  
 25 Again! (6)  
 26 Watching lasciviously (6)

**DOWN**

- 1 US president 1945-53 (6)  
 2 Animal cages (4)  
 3 Finally (2,4)  
 4 Towed, tugged (6)  
 5 Short extract (4)  
 6 Small box for valuables (6)  
 13 Go back, as of the tide (3)  
 15 Vernon \_\_\_\_, TV and radio presenter (3)  
 17 Coastal town in North Ayrshire (6)  
 18 Shouted wildly (6)  
 19 Person in the red (6)  
 20 Raising (6)  
 22 Fluorescent light gas (4)  
 24 Coat with precious metal (4)

