

ACROSS

- 1 Fruit bats after chocolatey drink, endlessly (8)
- 5 Half of fence to regularly sway (6)
- 9 Poor home gets vacated, causing implications (8)
- 10 Frenchman's bent, or corrupt (6)
- 11 Pole keeping close to benign gunners in capital city (8)
- 12 Father roughly put on a large beast (6)
- 14 Embarrassed Med cafe has floundered (10)
- 18 One parent included in circulated mail is irrelevant (10)
- 22 Article on fake spiritualist (6)
- 23 Old American in decline rejected support (8)
- 24 Enticing learner to join university group (6)
- 25 Devotee at nursing home hugging that woman (8)
- 26 Cultivated slender, but not new, plants (6)
- 27 Dark beast circumventing trap (8)

DOWN

- 1 Male in charge in Greek island entertaining people (6)
- 2 Hidey-hole, back of shower in prison, New York (6)
- 3 Sounds disheartened meeting is coming up (6)
- 4 Gather risk must be reviewed to find oceanic predator (5,5)
- 6 Load-bearer supporting paper, carrying elevated brand (4-4)
- 7 Access hospital ward with family, receiving leader of nursing (8)
- 8 Vessels gave off bad smell heading off on a way south (8)

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- 13 Diplomat before noon with a rod set up to catch fish (10)
- 15 Recalled defeat gained by footballer's dirty tactic and collapse (8)
- 16 One politician on broadcast becomes damaged (8)
- 17 Rinse tar off kitchen utensil (8)
- 19 Occupy another place, being second on vessel (4,2)
- 20 Advantage securing knight's agreement (6)
- 21 Cover Alec's back, he is pinching fortune (6)