

ACROSS

- 1 Simplest plays having dodgy characters (8)
 5 Fruit regularly put in double vodka, say (6)
 9 Endure Queen, rock band making comeback in gallery (8)
 10 Card game - pontoon, perhaps? (6)
 11 One excluded from school's reversed official removal (8)
 12 Nasty piece of junk in dumpster (6)
 14 Old coin from there keeps flipping, look! (10)
 18 Top dog in metal band appearing before HMQ (10)
 22 Beach or desert? (6)
 23 Representative of the Spanish, say, appearing in court (8)
 24 Euphoric writer, but dead inside (6)
 25 Garment from a young lady briefly held by old king (8)
 26 Number in regiment went yonder (6)
 27 What remark may be concerning Kramer? (8)

DOWN

- 1 Change tutu, but not coat, in China (6)
 2 Greeting old lady, unfortunately upset (6)
 3 Couch becomes worn, reportedly (6)
 4 Ran around theatre waving stationery (10)
 6 Dunfermline's full of bargain vegetables (8)
 7 Star last seen in True Grit and Rocky (3,5)
 8 Row about split becoming more fashionable (8)
 13 Wicked, extremely disruptive and uncouth teenager (10)

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- 15 Coppers changing time for Panorama (8)
 16 Happening to stop consuming recipe for mushroom (8)
 17 Mean bloke getting rich (8)
 19 Fancy castle is reflected in running water (6)
 20 French not including you, in a manner of speaking (6)
 21 Expose hint of anti-semitism in party (6)