ACROSS

- 1 Suppose to be true (7)
- **5** Encore! (4)
- 8 Take delight in (5)
- 9 Possible criminal (7)
- 11 Cereal served brown, white or wild (4)
- **12** Break free (3,5)
- **15** Grime (5)
- **16** Imperial measurements of land and area (5)
- 19 Unsolicited post (4,4)
- 21 Persian monarch (4)
- 23 Grand French country house (7)
- 25 Slight skin injury (5)
- 26 Poetic name for Ireland (4)
- **27** Mates, pals (7)

DOWN

- 2 Refusal to accept or consider (9)
- 3 High-protein bean (4)
- 4 Muslim place of worship (6)
- 5 Floor-cleaning tool (3)
- 6 Speed contests (5)
- 7 Paris Underground system (5)
- 10 Emotional comfort (6)
- **13** Eavesdropped unintentionally (9)
- 14 Hinder, frustrate (6)
- **17** Strong drink, spirits (6)
- **18** Leader, principal person (5)
- 20 Courtroom official (5)
- 22 Lecherous look (4)
- 24 2240lb (3)

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