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ACROSS

- 1 Lazy worker left during shift, right? (7)
- **5** Nutritional supplement is hard wrapped in thin metal sheet (4,3)
- **9** Union associate sheltering in temporary accommodation by mistake (15)
- **10** Back of building connected to a shed is cut open (6)
- 11 Release aunt, not taking a number? (8)
- **13** Generally not excited by sculpture with defect (2,3,5)
- 15 Leader not committed to extra responsibility (4)
- 18 There's no end to rascal's illegal activity (4)
- **19** Trial of pressure lock set strangely in stone (6,4)
- 21 Contract as specified in law (8)
- **22** Assault someone hoping, ultimately, to get home (6)
- **25** Contest on board reviewed surname not used in case? (5,10)
- **26** Break gallery display and begin again (7)
- 27 Visitor, according to auditor, speculated (7)

DOWN

- 1 Traditional jeer is supporting a strong desire (9)
- 2 Metal stored up in American military subdivisions (5)
- 3 Collected silver, up there with diamonds (8)
- **4** Slash cost of living? (4)
- **5** Fan tells stories about end of bitter practice matches (10)
- 6 Weight problem that's difficult when short on time (6)
- 7 Maintenance done on vehicle to fasten bearing under damaged coil (3,6)
- 8 Counsel giving up, was lacking, for instance, cover (5)
- 12 Snappy event is too unsettled after exclusive about smoking (5,5)
- 14 Cover for opening listed in brief largely for roof workers (9)
- 16 Dripping and suet a rat moved close to shed(9)
- 17 Raise case rescheduled at an advanced stage (8)
- **20** Small plane ascends strangely with wind finally dropping off (6)
- **21** Drive around green scenery (5)
- 23 Male wearing golf gear falls heavily (5)
- **24** Success not contributing to growing spirits, for example (4)