ACROSS

- **1** Difficult to find (7)
- **5** Very much (1,3)
- 8 Set (into), fix firmly (5)
- **9** Securing with a key (7)
- 11 Cricket boundary score (4)
- 12 Burn without a flame (8)
- 15 Las ____, US gambling city (5)
- **16** 44th US president (5)
- 19 Large guard dog (8)
- **21** Shore (up) (4)
- 23 First-aid accessory (3,4)
- 25 Broadcasting live (2,3)
- 26 Portent, sign (4)
- **27** Groomed (7)

DOWN

- 2 Unskilled workers (9)
- 3 Sporting team (4)
- 4 Book, tome (6)
- 5 Enquire (3)
- 6 Small unit of weight (5)
- **7** Gripes, grumbles (5)
- 10 Stout, plump (6)
- 13 Establish the limits of (9)
- 14 Sacred word or phrase (6)
- 17 Nosey ____, over-inquisitive person (6)
- **18** Separated by a distance (5)
- 20 Stand-in doctor (5)
- **22** Gear teeth (4)
- 24 Small pointed fastener (3)

