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ACROSS

1 Give away large amount of red meat (6)

5 Sulphur in septic interfered with collection of waste (7)

9 Mad Italian user maligned a local product endorsement (4,2,9)

10 One who's dropped off fish with no head (6)

11 A short time at home disrupted travel (8)

13 Tailored large suit and ties (9)

15 Good-looker beginning with soul music (5)

17 Calls up items in jeweller's inventory (5)

19 Trade vehicle parking in front of way in (9)

21 Nicest ewes sprayed ahead of examination (8)

22 Gangster loves bad luck? (6) voodoo

25 Man, insincere, had translated language (8,7)

26 Touch sea-bird, for example (7)

27 Energetic person recalled many in party (6)

DOWN

2 Finish reproduction of nude sitting by piano (3,2)

3 Noticeable form of identification worn in event (7)

4 Hang around Vienna, say (4)

5 A son, kept in retreat by Castro, organised the mob (4,6)

6 Shows a movie trailer at the end in different scenes (7)

7 Athletic competition in European location that's secure (4,5)

8 Time to attack or hang back (5)

9 Butcher married fisherman (7)

12 Train senior cops going through reassignment (10)

14 Get urn boiling after drink and biscuit (6,3)

16 Opener's opening? (7)

18 At sea it wrecked stuff (7)

20 Number one book raised strong feeling (7)

21 Assess uranium found in engine's oil reservoir (3,2)

23 Imagine front of daily paper (5)

24 Sailed through section of rising tide carefully (4)