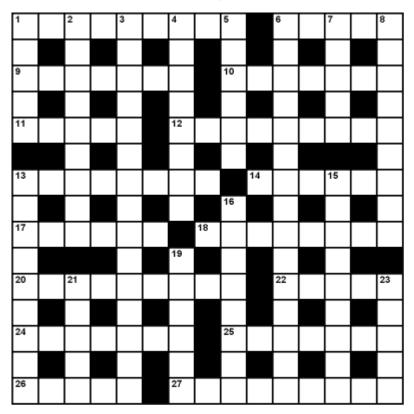
June, 2008 by Kegler



Across

- 1 Edges of signpost tearing and peeling (9)
- **6** Second musical instrument slightly out of tune (5)
- **9** Couple from Fenway upset Yankee star with bit of silly headwear (7)
- 10 Swallows last of water, true, in pipes (7)
- 11 A Country for the Old Men? (5)
- **12** Bananas so inanely prepared with onions (9)
- 13 Inclination to write cheer (8)
- **14** Chalk a line covering base (6)
- **17** Again readies wild steers (6)
- **18** Following the rules, magical creature holds back mountain (4,4)
- **20** Missing a fuzzy fruit stored in stolen cedar box, perhaps (4,5)
- 22 In retrospect, speak about nurse's stories (5)
- **24** Dirty team scores 51 (7)
- **25** Nastier stranger is more impatient (7)
- **26** Mayor Giuliani hugs daughter having a healthy reddish complexion (5)
- 27 Theme motel, if it's remodeled (9)

Down

- 1 Weak person held by practitioners of tyranny (5)
- **2** Basic principles of smallest group members grabbing coin (9)
- **3** Providing more detail, pitifully describing headless songbird (15)
- **4** Sassy lodge has fish tacos at the entrance (8)
- **5** Caper's risk discussed (6)
- **6** Restless mink pry loose certain pipes (9,6)
- 7 Cover story I bail out (5)
- **8** Actress Garr, mid-sixties, wearing flower for future generations (9)
- **13** Buyer of Star Trek weapon has zapped cur (9)
- **15** Sick girl's late for medical specialist (9)
- **16** When it comes up, I store juice with meat (8)
- **19** Regarding a certain kind of fight, it is said, "Not very many; not very smart" (6)
- **21** Animal enclosure hit hard (5)
- 23 Fires up font feature (5)