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(NB - eight Pokemon hide in your completed grid. Can you catch'm all?)

**ACROSS**

- 1 Kiss pumps, laces out (8)
- 5 Contacted cowboy at speaking event? (6)
- 9 Skins of pastrami across the ridiculous Egyptian bread once (8)
- 10 Part of entrée loudly dispatched by chopper? (6)
- 11 Sleepyhead prepared to be awkward (8)
- 12 Pressure bishop to flee Middle Eastern nation (4,2)
- 14 Skylark recorded initially in Bible book showdown (5,5)
- 18 Ranger's plucky fighting leading to retreat (4,6)
- 22 Budgets remove leader in elections (6)
- 23 So-called name fuels troubles (8)
- 24 Guess in Battleships possibly providing stature (6)
- 25 Rotter ruined relic in old carriage (8)
- 26 File a lace invoice? (6)
- 27 Intoxicated goer with limo further down (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 Confront Teletubbie mounting model (6)
- 2 Yogi's PowerPoint showing tea-chest capsizing? (6)
- 3 Boozed noise from drunk concerning the Stones? (6)
- 4 Heroin here poorly injected - trips for 180 minutes (5,5)
- 6 Avoiding key, next to whale breaching (8)
- 7 Get drunk to draw old night-light (3,3,2)
- 8 In retirement, eminent mate to lose lid and blow up (8)
- 13 Typically, strafe assault almost isolates country (2,3,5)
- 15 Inability to produce script for Viagra phial, capsules? (8)
- 16 Ranker outskirts of Mumbai intermittently pervaded retailer (8)
- 17 Freely succeed without cue being changed (8)
- 19 Early phase, more by accident (6)
- 20 Koreans insist menus compulsorily have it for starters! (6)
- 21 Discontented waiters struggle, believe me (1,5)

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