ACROSS
1. A way that may get one into Hollywood film (6,9)
9. Defeat (not in sport) (7)
10. Key article on experimental weapons agreement (4,3)
11. The Claw in short story being broadcast (5)
12. Flowing by medieval English place of historical importance (9)
13. Something to eat in bar, almost rare (5,4)
15. Start of number penned by jazzy trio? (5)
16. Intend to protect good girl (5)
18. Cry as a result of rows heard by outhouse (4,5)
20. Senior teacher leading without thinking (9)
23. Relationship held in admiration (5)
24. Musical – Grease – or something from The Barber? (4,3)
25. Curse married woman (7)
26. Who could advise a sprinter on real running? (8,7)

DOWN
1. Speak bluntly, as gunslingers do in westerns? (5,4,3,3)
2. Girl hammered at a nail (7)
3. Duke? Duke wife ignored (9)
4. One purchasing extra round university close to Manchester (5)
5. Let a nun be put out? That’s indefensible (9)
6. Dissertation from Arafat, unfinished, turned up (5)
7. A male criminal I nicked, going round (7)
8. Play in nasty joint (9,6)
14. Film of Capone in European country (9)
15. Bury one in a US city among other things (5,4)
17. Tradesman less inclined to work after onset of gale (7)
19. Misguidedly train as a mechanic (7)
21. Father round to prepare hobbit (5)
22. Lure one from agency over time (5)

SOLUTION 15,621

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