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ACROSS

- 1 I ponder misbehaving, when persuaded to be involved (5,2)
- 5 Invent narrow ski, essentially, and jump evenly (5,2)
- 8 Aerialist flips oddly, landing on crown (5)
- 10 Bird's singing outside hospital is soul-stirring (9)
- 11 Crises seem generic unfortunately (11)
- 12 He gees up young leaders (3)
- 13 Bread belongs to us after first spending money (9)
- 15 Heavyweight with silver returning to Pacific nation (5)
- 16 Superhero sidekick's Nick at home (5)
- 18 Toss a red stick to divert (9)
- 20 Like insult (3)
- 21 Candid Sales mischievously raised eyebrows (11)
- 24 Key choice ruins rink activity (3,6)
- 25 With a stroke of the pen, all thumbs become motionless (5)
- 26 Clip bird's wings in blunder for zoo resident (7)
- 27 Lose the thread from robe clothing one girl (7)

DOWN

- 1 Stop work, abandoning initial renovation, and do up again (5)
- 2 Climbing mountain, heard to pull level (7)
- 3 Criticised after tail end persisted tediously (7,2)
- 4 Unacceptable idea I rejected (3,2)
- 5 His ardent meandering became dull (9)
- 6 Discusses celebrities and avoids work (5)
- 7 Left invading ruler, working for Star Trek regulars (7)
- 8 Savings held in family home? (5,4)
- 13 Destroying documents, run inside, taking off (9)
- 14 Liberate and he can sulk freely (9)
- 15 Carrying over everything when adding up (9)
- 17 Tap stomach in irritation (7)
- 19 Australian domain sounds direct and luxury-free (7)
- 21 Be scornful of wolf (5)
- 22 Laundry advertisement features a tree nymph (5)
- 23 Sees fruit (5)