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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)