

## ACROSS

- 1 Improve, embellish (6)
- 4 Din, racket (6)
- 9 Creamy meringue dessert (7)
- 10 Section of an orchestra (5)
- 11 Double-dot punctuation mark (5)
- 12 Night bird (4,3)
- 13 Annual periods (5)
- 15 Effervescent (5)
- 20 Young pride member (4,3)
- 22 Dangerous (5)
- 24 Pronouncement (5)
- 25 Sequential (number) (7)
- 26 Dark, gloomy (6)
- 27 Keep safe (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Anticipate (6)
- 2 Luxuriate (in) (5)
- 3 Singer of popular ballads (7)
- 5 Dark-brown pigment (5)
- 6 Signal fires (7)
- 7 Excited activity (6)
- 8 Brown stripy cat (5)
- 14 Conceitedness (7)
- 16 Shorten (text) (7)
- 17 Extraterrestrials (6)
- 18 Find repugnant, loathe (5)
- 19 Membrane used for blinking (6)
- 21 Lay on food (5)
- 23 Because (5)

