ACROSS

- 1 Six-legged invertebrate (6)
- 4 Wrecking lout (6)
- 9 Mess (7)
- 10 Mischievous dwarfs (5)
- 11 Really good (5)
- **12** Ottawa's province (7)
- 13 Pre-revolutionary Russian rulers (5)
- **15** More weird (5)
- 20 Novice driver (7)
- 22 Malicious (5)
- **24** Hoist (5)
- **25** Uncertain (2,5)
- **26** ___ Waugh, author (6)
- 27 Negotiator (6)

DOWN

- 1 For fear that (2,4)
- 2 Recession (5)
- **3** Food supplier (7)
- **5** Skilful (5)
- 6 Matrimonial split (7)
- 7 Portugal's capital (6)
- 8 Dribble (5)
- **14** Popular holiday destination (7)
- **16** Tie-breaker (7)
- 17 Arthur C ____, sci-fi writer (6)
- 18 Pelvic area (5)
- 19 Pearl-creating mollusc (6)
- **21** Poor (5)
- 23 Main part of a tree (5)

