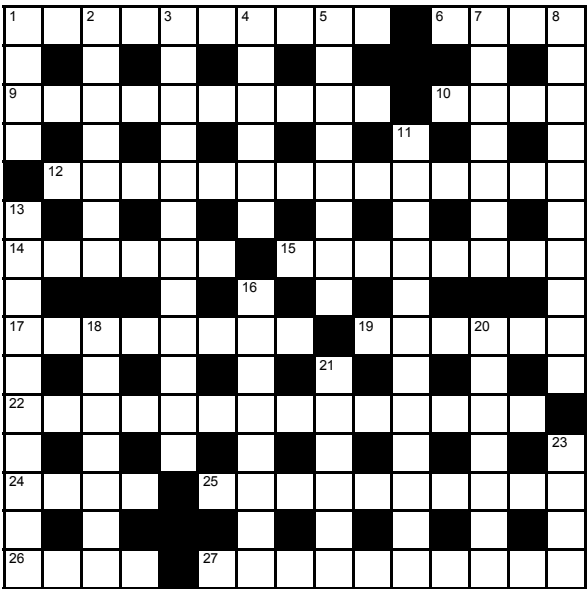


Across

- 1 When holding degrees, rocky road follows for emissary (10)
- 6 Way to fondle husband (4)
- 9 A small particle sits strangely for medical specialists (10)
- 10 Impulse to be with that man (4)
- 12 Cross thoroughfare in middle of Johannesburg (8,6)
- 14 Request I had entered was rather broad (6)
- 15 The English language is popular and is, for example, backward (8)
- 17 Monkey Puzzle tears Mom (8)
- 19 Get lappie first from jumble (6)
- 22 Illegal business in team with leading recruiter darting about (7,7)
- 24 Brag about collar (4)
- 25 Multi-coloured gemstone key to ten on the run (10)
- 26 Yes, well, quarantine ultimately is oppression (4)
- 27 Nest pruned in new arrangement with budget not fully used (10)



23 Fact ends guess about sea temperature (4)

Down

- 1 Open up Indian prince (4)
- 2 Made a meal of union member's report (7)
- 3 Using trained dogs and arms, robs buffets (12)
- 4 Signal gives co-ordinates (6)
- 5 Top form underpins blossoming (8)
- 7 Jumper, for one, will let heat develop (7)
- 8 Cramps in muscles (10)
- 11 Makes the same flag mix-up? Sies! (12)
- 13 Running extremely lithely and very well (10)
- 16 Near-trip - turns turtle (8)
- 18 Briefly hurry to reserve wooden sofa (7)
- 20 Mercedes, with direction, was given dangerous solvent (7)
- 21 Good stream opens earthworks' lattice (6)