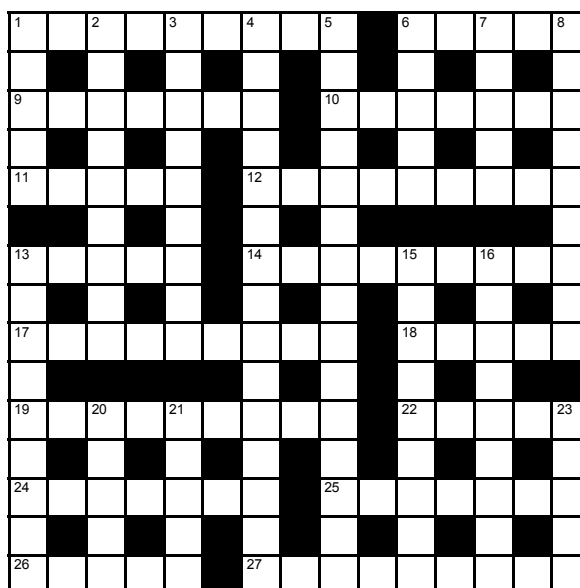


Across

- 1 Coward made loud noise then broke off (9)
- 6 Announcement of being in the top rankings but gave up (5)
- 9 Old duck, at first around for daughter, cheated husband (7)
- 10 Same fun - or I'm going crazy (7)
- 11 Briefly fry in South African-Australian bakkie (5)
- 12 Terrible bore got in, starting again (9)
- 13 Present person cares for those with TB (5)
- 14 Moving impatiently, throw around "endlessly dour Northern Cape" (9)
- 17 Hands over to representatives (9)
- 18 Quietly drive to lions (5)
- 19 Brandy found in stony river crossing? (9)
- 22 Approves nothing, yaks all over the place (5)
- 24 Start to laugh at drug price increase (5,2)
- 25 Ban Lolita? I am her now and again across the ages (3-4)
- 26 Catches ship carrying horse (5)
- 27 Bad, bad old Milan - churning of the stomach (9)



- 16 Copy one note initially, then abate into chaos (9)
- 20 Church is in charge with a Women's Auxiliary (5)
- 21 Noblemen fees overwhelm king (5)
- 23 Small spring can get bigger (5)

Down

- 1 Supports flyhalf and those around him (5)
- 2 New court about to end all regularly at night (9)
- 3 Deride the setter? Right, get a no-good backfire (9)
- 4 Country's demand for religious group (5,2,8)
- 5 Robertson musk ad shot on Garden Route beach (9,6)
- 6 Toxic air of inner-city (5)
- 7 Trendy, wearing semi-Dior sarong (5)
- 8 Rabble-rouser made out with rogue - good for Resistance (9)
- 13 Team thrills special friends (9)
- 15 Aristocratic male hosts expert with pleasure (2,7)