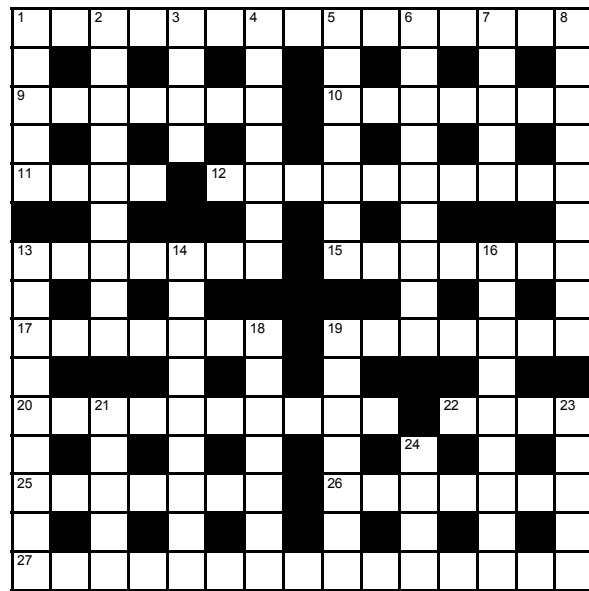


Across

- 1 Panted deeply as build-up to Resistance aired (15)
- 9 Port has wok, cooking at place of labour (7)
- 10 Construct tin beams which demand attention in the offices (2-5)
- 11 Cry about Head of Litigation oaf (4)
- 12 Thousand drink maple cocktail then finally skip food at braai (10)
- 13 Trail holds even ants back (7)
- 15 See, see, one cod swimming around! (7)
- 17 Record by Os has one journo glued (7)
- 19 More muscular worker with simmering fire (7)
- 20 Stop initial part of play in *Ted & Eva* debacle (10)
- 22 Dither for a fortnight, finalising starters (4)
- 25 I joined Molefe, rounding up Eskom head from Spain and Portugal (7)
- 26 Figures of speech in one glossy line about drug (7)
- 27 Soldier, soldier, greatest female is her, beautiful bird (5,10)



- 21 ... thorns, in lame variations (5)
- 23 Lobby for including the old ... (5)
- 24 ... garment adopted by emissaries (4)

Down

- 1 Free-flying raptors ... or tame pets of the powerful? (5)
- 2 Capital? Left with nothing - no last lev, zilch (5-4)
- 3 Sun rises and vermin appear (4)
- 4 Castro rep met upset host sovereign (7)
- 5 Begin to trickle Cabernet over very small cut (7)
- 6 Surprisingly, the mole is agile (9)
- 7 Walk with hobo (5)
- 8 Orchid and 1st Prize fruit vanish (9)
- 13 Balancing wobbly seat before passing on (9)
- 14 Bone given to first believer (9)
- 16 Two women get together and create a third (9)
- 18 Artist to draw odd five in Christian Institute (2,5)
- 19 Sheets of material are in ... (7)