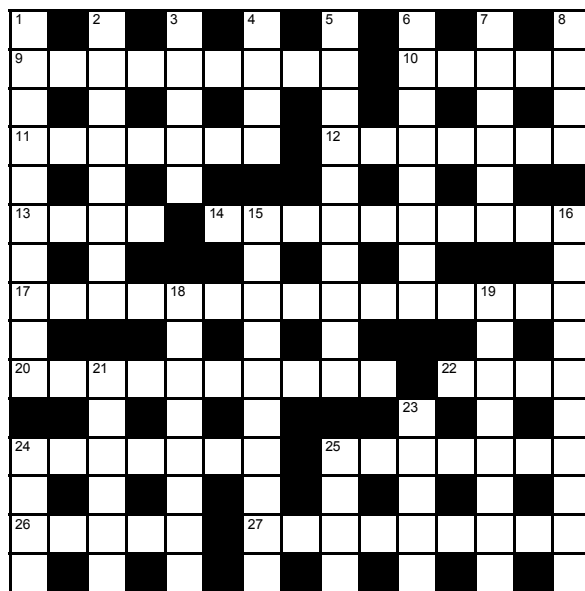


## Across

- 9 Cover in cloth holes and spurt off (9)
- 10 Grown up into skinhead ultra-conservative (5)
- 11 Flop of backward undertakers ultimately put into the grave (7)
- 12 Slow and off-guard, not even able (7)
- 13 Bank rarely is without a river (4)
- 14 Nothing cooler - city with a number of water expanses (5,5)
- 17 Command from Central Africa for indigenous church? (5,2,8)
- 20 Passion then confusion - I am overwhelmed by America's militancy at first (10)
- 22 Increase quickly, thereafter there is a resistance (4)
- 24 Physically abusive, very fast, capturing ten (7)
- 25 Most overcooked pastry has smoke at the end (7)
- 26 Prejudiced person can turn ... in part (5)
- 27 Many reject initial bigwig in charge, sadly even ranked (9)



- 21 South African people rise up, most sceptical (6)
- 23 Firm support from hooded being? (5)
- 24 Six bees not half give a buzz (4)
- 25 Pressure below whole reservoir (4)

## Down

- 1 Black exotic fur fez performing ultimate role of neutral bulwark (6,4)
- 2 Attracted attention to game which went ahead (8)
- 3 Permitted to speak audibly (5)
- 4 Remain with guy (4)
- 5 Starts or eats nervously after one drink (10)
- 6 Current hit, a limitless need, comes up - seafood! (8)
- 7 Dish up starters, dish up starters, mother thunders (6)
- 8 Dead raised, and others (2,2)
- 15 A fellow joins affair trapping big cats, regularly causing suffering (10)
- 16 Places of ups and downs, waves filled with time and voice (10)
- 18 Game with obstacle in path (8)
- 19 Future possibility for range to lack spirit (8)