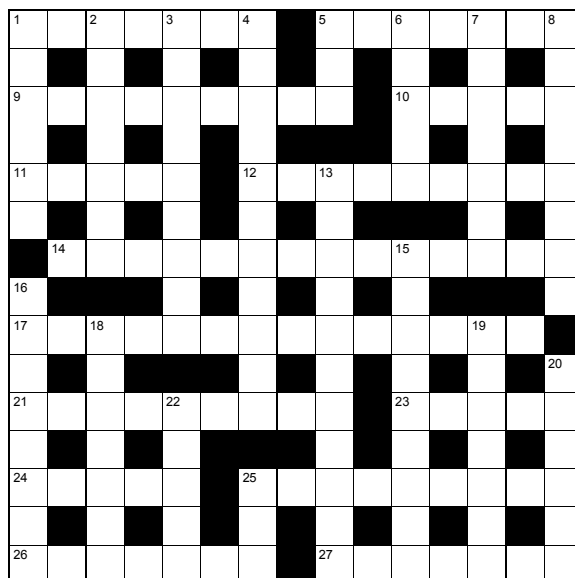


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ACROSS

- 1 Energetic daughter repelled several in charge (7)
- 5 Coming second in race run with competitor (7)
- 9 Check condition and replace (9)
- 10 I will take spin around Italian city (5)
- 11 Island foremost in avoiding tax (5)
- 12 Stand for soldiers here (9)
- 14 Fare may be a little high after this (4-6,4)
- 17 Comfortable footwear found in stripper's place possibly (6-8)
- 21 Student leaves in complete disarray, showing helplessness (9)
- 23 Drive out for fish that's about 10 pence (5)
- 24 Recall part of imaginative stage show (5)
- 25 Dress is nothing to me – it's tedious (9)
- 26 Attempt to take in very old and heartbreaking drama (7)
- 27 Woman needs relaxation to reach peak (7)

DOWN

- 1 Democratic leader of city, one in South Africa (6)
- 2 So I'm one somehow being offensive (7)
- 3 Semi to let is ruined by parasite (9)
- 4 Leader of meeting not the sort to sit on a sofa or stool? (11)
- 5 Terrific, you can't get one back! (3)
- 6 About to draw and knot ropes again (5)
- 7 Girl captivates boy with plant (7)
- 8 Stretch and enlighten one missing exercises (8)
- 13 Professional's cost of living to increase greatly (11)
- 15 Four stars indicating extreme anger? (9)
- 16 Mishap I had, beset by stress (8)
- 18 Right place, I resolved, to find duplicate (7)
- 19 Carpet salesman gets to travel around (7)
- 20 Neil turns up in court and he has a lawyer (6)
- 22 Poorly rated business (5)
- 25 Course is put in balance for audience (3)

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SOLUTION

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ACROSS

1 dynamic. 5 arrival. 9 reinstate. 10 Turin. 11 atoll. 12 represent. 14 best-before date. 17 carpet-slippers. 21 impotence. 23 expel. 24 Evita. 25 wearisome. 26 tragedy. 27 Everest.

DOWN

1 Durban. 2 noisome. 3 mistletoe. 4 chairperson. 5 ace. 6 retie. 7 verbená. 8 lengthen. 13 proliferate. 15 expletive. 16 accident. 18 replica. 19 reprove. 20 client. 22 trade. 25 way.