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## ACROSS

~~1,9~~-across

Ruin contests changing match venues (6,6)

~~4~~ Seizes broods (8)

9 See 1-across

~~10~~ Like us in retirement – old and relieved (8)~~12~~ Cheer up short Hogwarts professor by putting duck in clothes (4,3,2,2)~~15~~ Furiously gripe about nasty group's advantage (9)~~16~~ Send Yahoo content back to composer (5)~~17,3~~-down

Colon in title enrages, weirdly (5,9)

~~18~~ Deduct 50+ with South Melbourne development (9)~~19~~ Star shone on new actress (6,5)~~23~~ Pest lies, changing letters (8)~~24~~ Left after son stuffed in extra mouthful (6)~~25~~ Stone thing wears oddly? Reportedly yes (5,3)

26 Floor when telling tale (6)

## DOWN

~~1~~ Check parasite (4)

2 She takes vows about love for a person, for example (4)

~~3~~ See 17-across~~5~~ Get angry when loose console plays up (4,4,4)~~6~~ Poke fun at relative after last night (5)~~7~~ Very successful greeting discussed – loud and deceptive (4-6)~~8~~ Direction transforms sad and tense to dignified calm (10)~~11~~ She had a berry design for her sewing items (12)~~13~~ Nothing fades with coin colourfully shimmering (10)~~14~~ Deceptive change of hands results in interpreting incorrectly (10)~~16~~ Take note of covers album where French artist ultimately shared the load (6,3)~~20~~ Unlimited gamble for cute swimmer? (5) OTTER~~21~~ Ruler talks strategy around Republican leaders (4)~~22~~ Speak about Lima and do a fantastic job (4)