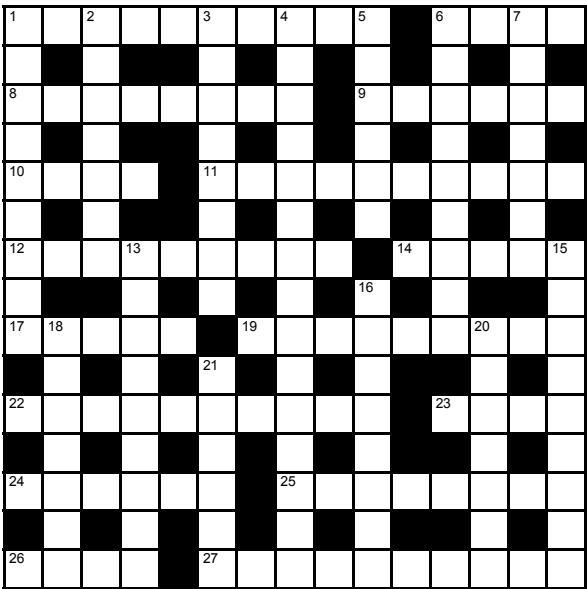


Across

- 1 Run amok with mad gag in Eastern Cape settlement (10)
- 6 Gone to see saint (4)
- 8 Party ring closed company when no-one returned (8)
- 9 Meets dogs coming after skinned mink (6)
- 10 Religious leader has one Mass in the morning (4)
- 11 Pleading about gold? Time for showing (10)
- 12 Like a gentleman has cheek, worker has case of legitimacy (9)
- 14 Run over reindeer escaping 'Christmas-at-PicknPay' openings (5)
- 17 Neil was second person to lead Nash close to quitting (5)
- 19 Walk alongside sea and please doctor (9)
- 22 Top time I have going about at Kingsmead Final, enthralled (10)
- 23 Give new one knowledge first, then answer (4)
- 24 Symbol has alien ring (6)
- 25 O arrived and conquered (8)
- 26 Vanish with a lonely heart (4)
- 27 Forwarded again to Old Boys to end traditionalist hostility (10)

Down

- 1 Fully aware that this vark - No-Win Glyn - held the solution (9)
- 2 Chap was initial man in charge at hotel *Mount Meadow* (7)
- 3 Doctor has pip about one putting on no-good fat (8)
- 4 Sweeping statements about officer: "It is a son gone wrong!" (15)
- 5 Music on railway gets you money in Africa (6)
- 6 Little red seed brings fortune? Yes, been announced (5,4)
- 7 Medical Aid is endless - gets a plant (7)
- 13 Reluctance to get land an anomaly (4,5)



- 15 Before valley, even gnats were rampant (9)
- 16 Beat with utter gore and spirit (8)
- 18 Old vehicle in area is old music maker (7)
- 20 Stir up an entrance about thing (7)
- 21 A tax put on a registration face for online identity (6)