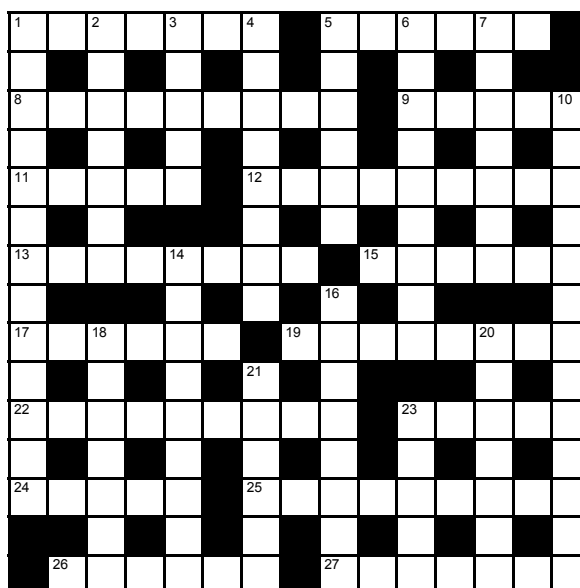


Across

- 1 Dope owns hotel - his undoing (7)
- 5 Collect drink and put it in returned dessert (4,2)
- 8 Bilingual message gets Gail excited (9)
- 9 Misbehave and set accountant back (3,2)
- 11 Poet who never left the house? (5)
- 12 Screens dagga where I cannot see (5,4)
- 13 Arrived with little bouncer and first nursemaids in the country (8)
- 15 Who heard right? Oh, yay! (6)
- 17 The sun one regularly learns to guard against primarily (6)
- 19 Snorted about length of content (8)
- 22 Tool to make it happen (9)
- 23 Some sporadic tantrums become proclamations (5)
- 24 Happy to finally initiate clearing (5)
- 25 Go mal over the endless argument about Fiat (5,1,3)
- 26 Trader reportedly from Thohoyandou? (6)
- 27 Get Lara out on the run (2,5)



- 20 The devil has fortune cut short by uncontrollable fire (7)
- 21 Wept about Ermelo starting to barter final alloy (6)
- 23 Pin makes party (well, almost) (5)

Down

- 1 Encounter barrier while climbing the wall and blow a fuse (3,3,7)
- 2 Relation met Poms for reconciliation (7)
- 3 Bury section of Benin Terrace in ... (5)
- 4 ... Jozi suburb that is hard, bad, and interminably toasted (8)
- 5 Bunkers down and starts to eat (4,2)
- 6 Level is ironically this - variable (2,3,4)
- 7 Put off work after rain starts? Is that good enough? (2,2,3)
- 10 Vicious fight on field with wild debate about odd talk (7,6)
- 14 Winding gold verge in Karoo mountains (9)
- 16 Touchstones about practice with upcoming song (8)
- 18 Relaxed professional follows nervous tape (2,5)