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NOTE: <i>The wordplay in 13 clues has 22-across. All other clues are normal.</i>

ACROSS

- *1 Possibly shot medic (5)
 *4 White House cut top off extract (6,3)
 8 Creepy motelier returned lounge light (3,6)
 10 School tracked commuter's ride (5)
 11 Night runner we heard that's twice bearing west by choice (3,6,6)
 *12 Cast moving like cats (8)
 13 Jocks: 1-7 on the table? (6)
 *16 Similarly object to blowing lead (2,4) *IN KIND*
 *18 Capital hotel retrieved key (8)
 *22 Maybe a code-writer's need to drain fruit gin - one developing into double (12,3) ★
 24 Fuse intermittently burns in tree (5)
 25 Cleaner holes grew at random (6,3)
 26 Assess rustle? (4,5)
 27 Model secretary filling 1-across slowly (3,2)

DOWN

DRINK

- *1 Abjures 1-across one's absorbed (7)
 *2 Fit 9th Episode sequence (2,3,4)
 3 He filmed revolutionary British part of *The Wall*? (7)
 *4 Diminutive walker dodged vulnerable point (4,4)
 5 Relatives claim new movers scratched piano (6) *set ablaze*
 6 Part of battery perhaps 9-across central kit in drone (7)
 7 Dramatic series of two quolls, two quokkas etc aboard this? (5)
 *8 Stern let down by snappy fiddles (7)
 *14 Perhaps puppy love soared, getting together (7,2)
 15 Bakery cooked glazed doughnuts as class souvenir (8)
 16 Sabotage? I nod, but hesitating (2,5)
 17 5-down's brothers maybe record the heart during bulletin (7)
 *18 Wingers to save Roosters in part of tackle? (7)
 *20 Therapy test, initially by chance (7)
 21 Releases ducks for Spooner? (4,2)
 *23 Lizard content to flee sack (5)
 SKINK

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