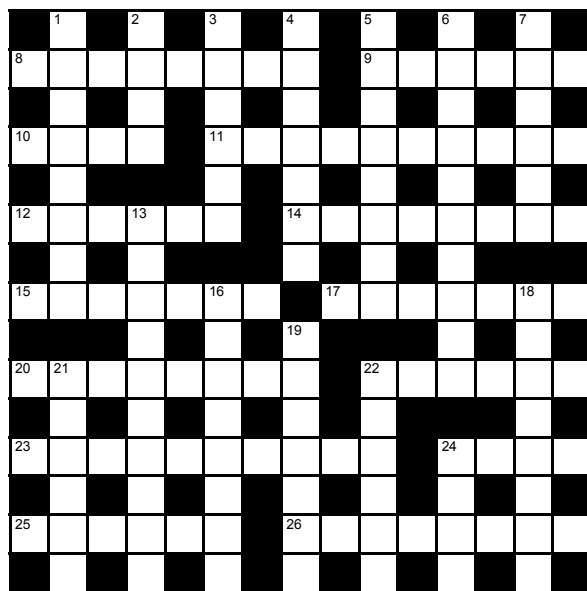


Across

- 8 Hot time with man - a time to flourish (4,4)
- 9 Map final bit eventually (2,4)
- 10 Mission village is little way back (4)
- 11 Tiger, for instance, tore off with empty bite at pregnant woman (6-2-2)
- 12 Elect the devil, rejecting the ends of outside party (6)
- 14 Italian flower, for example, looked washed out (4-4)
- 15 Interrupt that chap in nice set-up (5,2)
- 17 Loan a ball to entertain first vagrants (7)
- 20 Rat found in alien red trees (8)
- 22 Faraway arrangement, dear, belonging to me (6)
- 23 One imbedded in iron, led around Opening - shot put, perhaps? (5,5)
- 24 Snake takes final leer at pig (4)
- 25 Old girls maul, surprisingly, with no intimacy at first (6)
- 26 Medical field on endless intestine, extremely gory (8)



- 24 Leads Buthulezi around Lubhuku, adding and counting (4)

Down

- 1 Almost Spring evening ... almost (4-4)
- 2 Arrest 'Southwest Embassy' inhabitants (4)
- 3 Falls for Scottish guy - again! (3,3)
- 4 Pet, read about admin requirements (3,4)
- 5 Listen to the journo covering *Naked Wakes* (4,4)
- 6 At her age, taking in students is very popular (3,3,4)
- 7 States regular ballet can be employed (6)
- 13 Assumed name refusal to male deputy - 'Mule' - was upsetting (3,2,5)
- 16 Hint about organ surrounding one, vaguely prevalent (2,3,3)
- 18 Drive a Prime Minister around in top car, with a gin cocktail (8)
- 19 Checks out child following strange rite (5,2)
- 21 The Spanish wait up for something that can be eaten (6)
- 22 Separate daughter and cheat somehow (6)