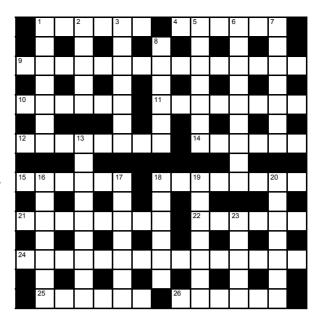
Across

- 1 Wreckage from bride's bash (6)
- 4 Importance of America backing country wanting energy (6)
- 9 Took crumpet and sped off so not on your lap (7,8)
- 10 Save wine but appear to lose face (6)
- 11 This clue is well-matched challenge? (3-2-3)
- **12** Go faster bring dogs back into order (4,2,2)
- 14 Medicinal liquids mean that rucks have energy for first contacts (6)
- **15** Grand instrument from the East is free (6)
- **18** Sidekick is female constant to hot male (8)
- 21 Work with quiet individual nit without one rival (8)
- 22 I wrap smell (no mess at first) with vadoek (6)
- 24 Time for announcing the short dull unfortunate noise by name (6,9)
- 25 Both hair test halves are long (6)
- **26** Gossipy outsiders evaluate turn (6)

Down

- 1 Most profound nuisance supports endless action (7)
- 2 Our rugby team is well into leading by knowledgeable example (5)
- **3** Female doing extreme triathlon? (4,3)
- 5 'The Mop' lost hearts and England rejected smiley leaders with bad moods (7)
- 6 Top of the world? Actually yes, this is missed by using the needle (4,5)
- 7 Bone at back ... I think ... (7)
- **8** Confront law about function (6)
- 13 Decant hamster and hippopotami tails under dagga mixture (9)
- **16** Blame harbour connection (7)
- 17 Notices article inside and gets angry (7)
- **18** Pretentious talk about Rio and hat (3,3)
- 19 Innocently says 'no' and smothers vile development (7)



- **20** Homeopath lonely going about Cape Town suburb (7)
- 23 Sailor on duty but lost (2,3)