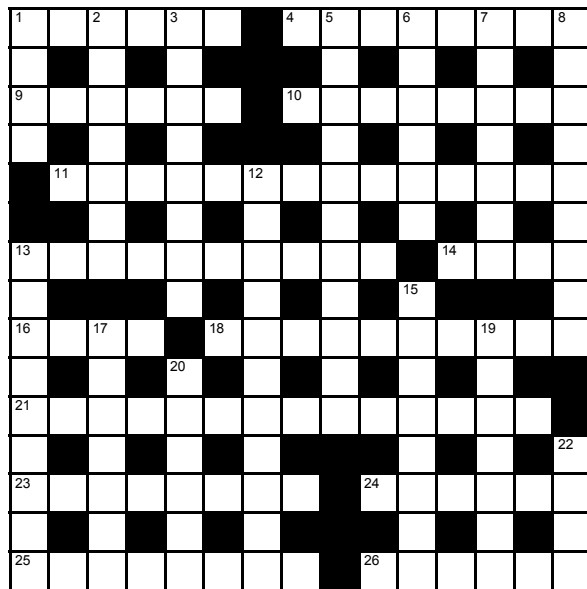


Across

- 1 Blue side in silky covers (6)
- 4 Out-of-line deer cooked and made into kebab (8)
- 9 Ask for invoice that's describing time (6)
- 10 Knocks back drinks e.g. beer as regular chuckles (8)
- 11 Singer jolts ANC hero in medley (6,8)
- 13 Mushroom ring placed over Danish starters like octopus (10)
- 14 Cut short "Cheese!" (4)
- 16 Rumpus - even press leaving - about gun (4)
- 18 Peer I roast mercilessly about rodent (10)
- 21 Sea lions let elk struggle all on its own (14)
- 23 Stones take me back to time with crazy LSD (8)
- 24 Al Gore stirred up everywhere (6)
- 25 Certain times for refining duets, say (8)
- 26 Unfortunate fade and surrounding eruption make one not hear (6)



Down

- 1 Regular self? I am thin (4)
- 2 Cover shows pen doodling around love-knot (7)
- 3 Fabulous - my thick ale is endless (8)
- 5 Boy to name one area containing small seaside village (6-2-3)
- 6 White stuff rises over silver chariots (6)
- 7 Register again with presenter (PS don't hang around) (2-5)
- 8 Primary danger is in iron caught, so sanitise (9)
- 12 Green Eastern Cape - of dry Nile imbalances? (3-8)
- 13 Sit with muscle torn, most awkward (9)
- 15 Announce only end to game with closest friend (4,4)
- 17 Pupil for First Term, say, to start with English (7)
- 19 Run through and leer? (4,3)
- 20 One's country can be Madagascar (6)
- 22 Plant rising umpire in scratch opener (4)