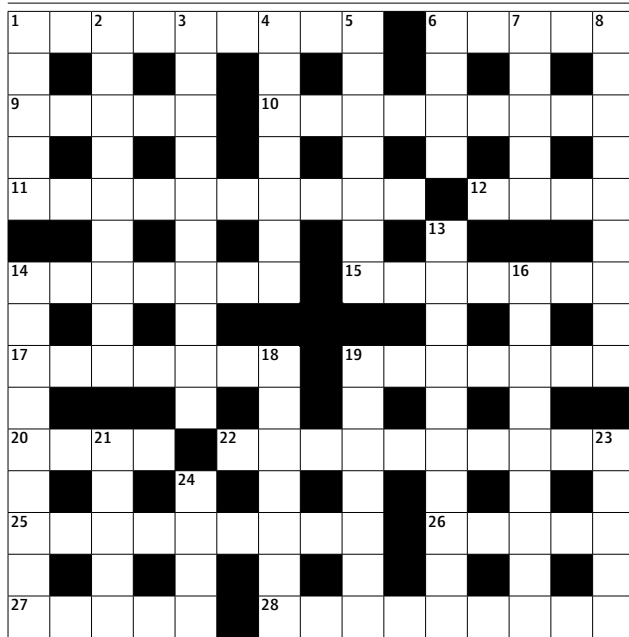


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,065 set by Paul

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Across

- 1 Guitar piece with avant garde middle section entertaining funky penguin (6,3)
- 6 Foremost of dorks, little black doofus (5)
- 9 Say why German figure gets boat (5)
- 10 Local inheritance initially dismissed as a teenager (9)
- 11 Funny but sad man inhaling smoke, falling back, I see (10)
- 12,16 Spooner's to flourish the canvas, showing green slogan (4,3,6)
- 14 Attach as bloodsucker, piercing boy (5,2)
- 15 Hospital cuts, as it were, lacking (5,2)
- 17 Tend to enter competition to take all the prizes (5,2)
- 19 See 24
- 20 Tongue violating under-secretary (4)
- 22 So Saturday dawns, cool for amity (10)
- 25 Clergymen treated pal as a slave? (9)
- 26 1 down erasing my northern residence (5)
- 27 Women's magazine which for some provokes a reaction? (5)
- 28 Devil's extremes during travels, insidious as a heathen (9)

Down

- 1 Go over last of minutes, having little time for meeting (5)

- 2 Bizarre crate among square fruit (9)
- 3 Spooner's taking mine as fussy? (10)
- 4 Spooner's (boys in) blue movies, as accompaniment to film? (7)
- 5 Upset listener discards rubbish (7)
- 6 One's served a beauty (4)
- 7 Endless time before a medical injection (5)
- 8 Spooner's to pass as it does, as insect? (9)
- 13 Party entitled to be flexible where documents ratified? (6,4)
- 14 Broadcast about some land, Washington, which must be praised (6,3)
- 16 See 12
- 18,21 Spooner's initiating step for Central London premium? (7,5)
- 19 Damned, or holy? (7)
- 21 See 18
- 23 Actor finally punches lousy agent (5)
- 24,19across Spooner's "you're such a gorgeous pipistrelle" – no charge? (4,7)

Solution No. 25,064

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