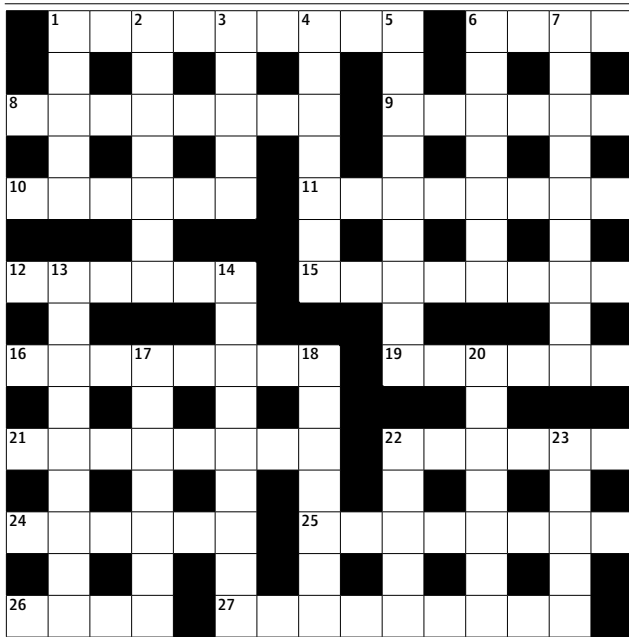


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,785 set by Rufus

Across

- 1 Approximate price semi may make (9)
- 6 People available for a game (4)
- 8 Write letters in bed, when in quarters (8)
- 9 Make clear there's a fantastic fry-up about one (6)
- 10 Note more money for cook (6)
- 11 Suffered, so gained redress (8)
- 12 In Latin "I" is used by many showing vanity (6)
- 15 Court case: it's arranged so this person may prove their promise (8)
- 16 Swindle made to pay – but jailed all the same (8)
- 19 Get in a pie – for this? (6)
- 21 Gold in finals round? Quite the opposite, resulting in a serious complaint (5,3)
- 22 Put down for PE, does workout (6)
- 24 Do they keep to the beaten track? (6)
- 25 Sweet sort of lady giving children guidance (8)
- 26 Kitty's back to stay (4)
- 27 Talons hug brutally in attack (9)

Down

- 1 Victor out West is a pretty good shot (5)

- 2 Picnic arranged to entertain posh composer (7)
- 3 Pick hat up and finally leave (5)
- 4 It's not right for in-law to embrace divorcee (7)
- 5 Like jelly in pineapple? (9)
- 6 Fond of, to some extent (7)
- 7 Not on time when trade is slack (3,6)
- 13 Where stevedores work for a likable chap (4,5)
- 14 Promises of party in show ring (9)
- 17 Leading at snooker – a conspiracy? (5-2)
- 18 Big drinks bring people to court (7)
- 20 Upsetting habit in restaurants? (7)
- 22 A mouthful of water (5)
- 23 Full-bodied drink (5)

Winners of prize puzzle 25,778

