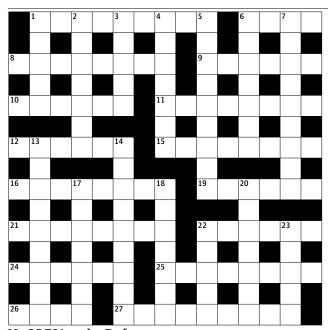
Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Disorderly actors appearing plastered (9)
- **6** Lively betting at the track (4)
- **8** Period added to the end of a sentence (4,4)
- **9** Got pea soup? Yes! (6)
- **10** No rest in assembly for these choir members (6)
- 11 Injustice in the players' union (8)
- **12** Doing nothing right in an exam (2,4)
- **15** Picadors get injured now and then (8)
- **16** In second part of race, sprint recklessly (8)
- **19** He comes across as a false friend (6)
- 21 Prefers French word in prose version (8)
- **22** Old sofa provides a rest in church (6)
- **24** A brie I ordered in Spain and Portugal (6)
- **25** It's equipped for dispatching stock (8)
- 26 Payment made to leading thespian for walk-on parts? (4)
- **27** Child sent to head, one breaking the rules (9)

Down

- 1 A way of learning by repetition around university (5)
- 2 Liberate one soul in torment (7)

- **3** Doesn't take kindly to making haste (5)
- 4 They travel to work and learn in France at the Paris assembly (2,5)
- **5** Dumped, though given a warning (6,3)
- **6** Something that's essential when raising fruit (7)
- **7** The opportune moment? Watch for it! (5,4)
- **13** Fair distribution of beer to all (9)
- **14** Stand for serving soldiers (5,4)
- 17 Fish cake? (7)
- **18** Be frugal, mate! (7)
- **20** Without breaks? Without brakes! (7)
- **22** Miss part of a declaration (5)
- **23** Coming before a superior (5)

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