

2017 Cryptic Crossword by Sarah Lolley

ACROSS

1. Rum drink gone off (some ingredients more than others) (6)
3. Cleaned sloppily without Moïshe's last menorah filler (6)
7. Overheard fixing sweet finale? (7)
9. Vent about that guy, heartless VP to George W. Bush (7)
11. Bleeds, sends after raven (10)
12. Reportedly release desirable Christmas present for kids (4)
13. Most tired right in the morning (5)
14. Oliver Sacks' uncle disassembled guns inside shabby tent (8)
16. Shaken, I step off imprudent ski run (3, 5)
18. Young man almost finished playing World of Warcraft (5)
20. Happiness disguises ache (4)
21. Walkers, among others, low on cash? (10)
23. I hear you'll keep a record of fuel burned today (4, 3)
24. To Dr. Spooner, you approach the end of a countdown? (3, 4)
25. Tell everyone about Tom's first spilled coffee (6)
26. Laurel threw a cocktail (6)

DOWN

1. Peer into inequalities (5)
2. Tennis events without timekeepers, umpires, leaders, balls, perhaps (9)
4. Ruins more than one Rowan (5)
5. Scores mischievous child aboard broken sled (7)
6. Christmas tree never goes out of style (9)
8. Laugh after dishonourable man retreats to cottage outside of Moscow (5)
10. Stand here to get lucky break: time slot "E" (9)
13. Rocking TIFF: "Lucid Killer" (9)
15. Recall endless thrill in wearing funky pyjamas (9)
17. It's given here and now (7)
19. Cheerful owner of little lamb caught by the ears (5)
21. Take the lead in setting prices on inventory list (5)
22. Covered Washington in soot (5)

