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No 16,699 Set by BUCCANEER

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ACROSS

1 Official politician touring city where people scoff (9) 6 Endless, boring work plugged by current

singers (5) **9** Painter's possible reason to have to walk

- back (5) **10** Oaf collared by teacher cried (9)
- 11 Record how old we are to cause despair!
- 12 Grand, as you once may have been (4)
- 14 Choose to enter river in buff (7) **15** Spoke about Conservative extremist (7)
- **17** Noble resistance in the Resistance (7)
- 19 Mike has trouble getting good deal for
- sports top (7)
- 20 Shock problem isn't resolved (4) 22 Community keeps a German in
- subservient state (10) 25 Daily newspaper's rejected by top executive (9)
- 26 Harmonic structure I incorporated into jazz style (5) 27 Unfortunate female born with case of
- dropsy (5) 28 Left running country house over quite some time (4-5)

DOWN

- 1 Was a criminal half-heartedly clad like a judge? (5)
- 2 Fellow serves state: it preserves honour 3 Playing cousin Tom first in rugby union or league (10)
- 4 Elevated thus, stood for chancellor once
- 5 Less mature guy, one off on run (7)
- 6 Dice the buccaneer keeps rolling over
- 7 TV personality's revolutionary version of
- 8 Swimmer's possibly East German hairdo
- 13 Run after Jesus's birth with man of God
- 14 Friar's party vessel holding a little beer?
- 16 Assembling for a light meal (9)
- 18 Stunning Melissa making the earth move? (7)
- 19 Tanner needs this nail hammered into pieces (7)
- 21 Scot's title of one article covering another (5)
- 23 Furnish menus, dinner regularly brought round (5)
- 24 With a will, this is proverbially found out