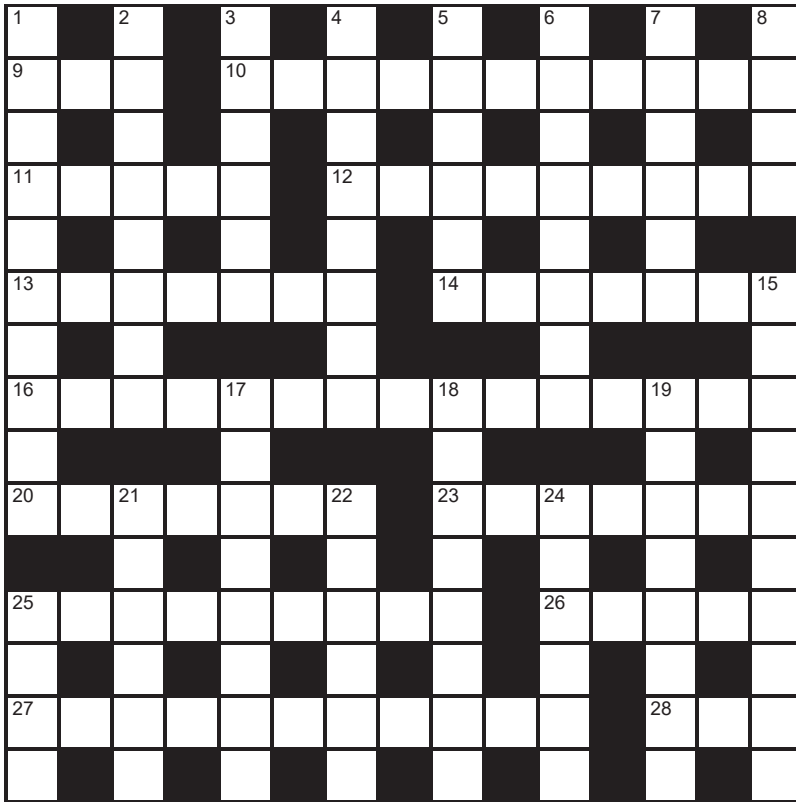


# CROSSWORD

No 16,753 Set by BUCCANEER



## ACROSS

- 9 A bit of god-awful back trouble (3)
- 10 Play .... with this? (1,5,5)
- 11 Venture to grab head of state's headgear (5)
- 12 Trace grid out one found in magazine (9)
- 13 Italian food recipe a fiddle, mostly (7)
- 14 Left university to play guitar for several years (7)
- 16 Struggling to catch rascal shown on trial (7-8)
- 20 Fabulous mount in South America doctor's crossing east to west (7)
- 23 Tot somewhere in Blackpool maybe less warm (7)
- 25 Lots keeping fit love pairing up (9)
- 26 Where races are a tie (5)
- 27 Loose branch freed, giving pain? (6,5)
- 28 Outgrowth on cereal grass not long (3)

## DOWN

- 1 American composer's dance music style (10)
- 2 Sex symbol drops back through African capital (8)
- 3 Rubbish on top of that ink design (6)
- 4 Instruction from officer giving discomfort (8)
- 5 More than one place on river (6)
- 6 Appealing quality is in entrance area (8)
- 7 Champion on course to make comeback crows (6)
- 8 Outspoken top dog (4)
- 15 Toning down fashion assessment (10)
- 17 Sense criminal isn't attending court (8)
- 18 Figure absorbed by my pieces for FT readers? (8)
- 19 Actor in a sporting garment (8)
- 21 Almost go out, heading for garden, say (6)
- 22 Primarily supercilious, like an aristocrat? (6)
- 24 Red paper in volume received by fashion house (6)
- 25 Annoy some in room, if flatulent (4)

## JOTTER PAD

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