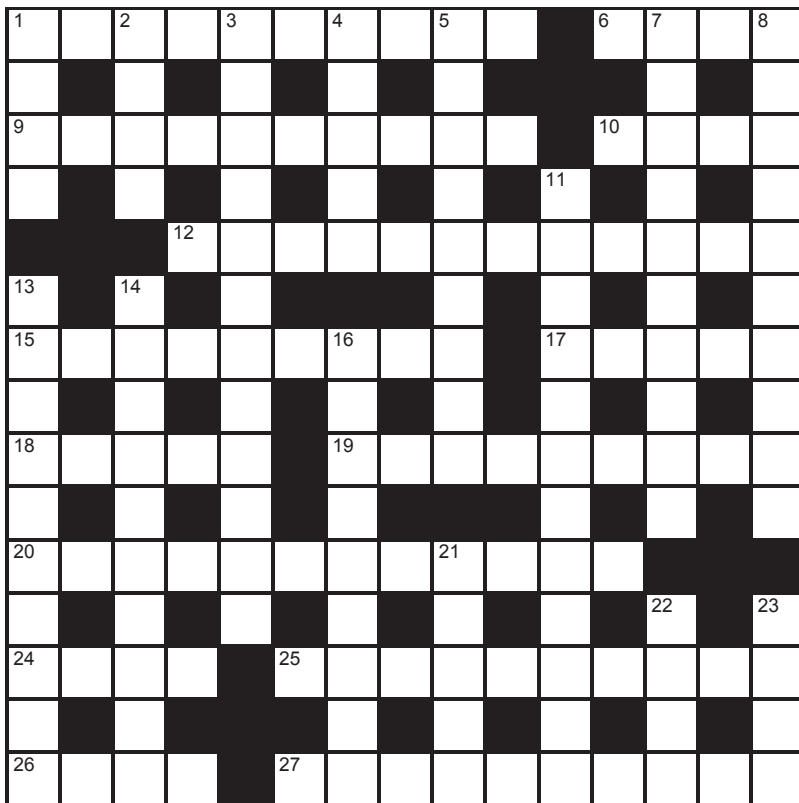


# CROSSWORD

No 16,958 Set by BUCCANEER



## ACROSS

- 1 Record French song containing one denial (10)
- 6 Star's confession of carrying out fraud (4)
- 9 Entering low, dry ground, dress in blue (5-5)
- 10 Catch Nigeria's capital entering decline (4)
- 12 Carpeting is installed by virtuous people before time (12)
- 15 Linguistically convincing graduate has silly clothing (9)
- 17 Brownie points American roué mostly rejected (5)
- 18 Be successful, cutting large wooden peg (5)
- 19 Following delivery of letters somewhere in Africa once (9)
- 20 Back specialist doctor or rich entertaining piano player (12)
- 24 Fictional canine is short and round (4)
- 25 Sheep from valley in southern part of UK (10)
- 26 Queen slips out of jacket in bar, in the main (4)
- 27 Trio removing hot pants in parts of planes, say (4,6)

## DOWN

- 1 9 across' opposite (4)
- 2 Which end of shinbone is sensitive? (4)
- 3 Sailor's mistress had lay composed by poet (4,8)
- 4 Articles in Times in need of editing (5)
- 5 What Cockneys listening to music do for phone parts (9)
- 7 Set aside kind of wine drunk by politician and judge (10)
- 8 Leg, one a bit wonky, on the table (10)
- 11 Kiss suitable to maintain good set of relationships (7,5)
- 13 Person who justifies and defends V-sign (10)
- 14 Something played in new card game, wearing hat (3,7)
- 16 Great artist's last work, one producing pictures (3-6)
- 21 Drop young animal in lake within grotto (5)
- 22 Dash that's put in pasture-land (4)
- 23 Single family member in current conditions (2,2)

## JOTTER PAD

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