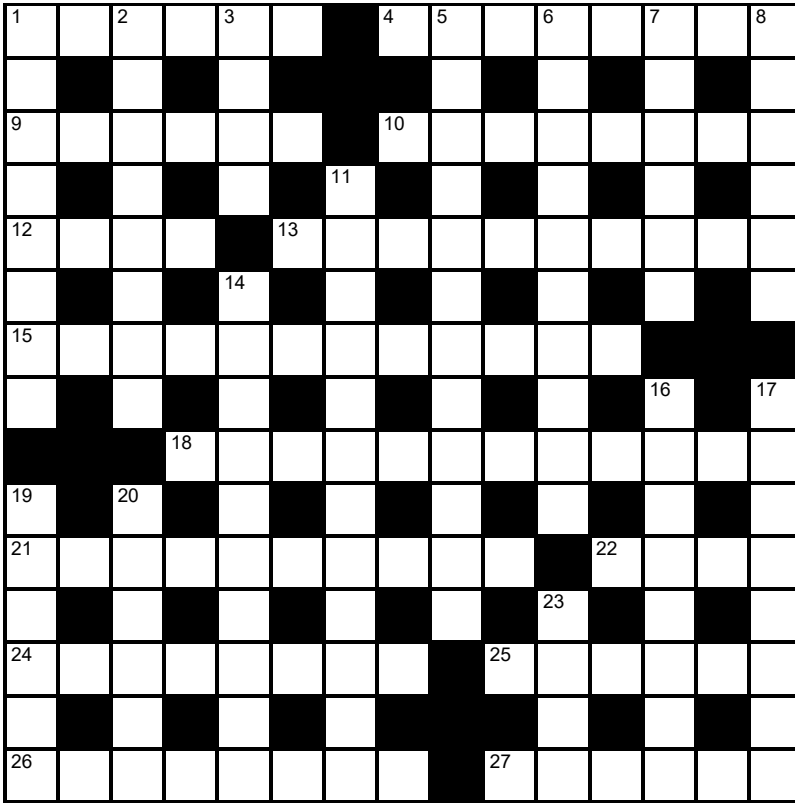


CROSSWORD

No 17,310 Set by BUCCANEER



ACROSS

- 1 Autocrat managed to invade government department (6)
- 4 Glide around in circles, occasionally, with fish (3,5)
- 9 One struggling against someone like Dubya (6)
- 10 Endlessly interrupt criminal of a salacious nature (8)
- 12 Large, clumsy person in lounge (4)
- 13 The writer's postscript in least colourful manuscript (10)
- 15 Restraint shown by Beethoven finally in song series (4,3,5)
- 18 American in great spirits making profits (7,5)
- 21 Meet detainee, say, caged by metal bars (10)
- 22/24 Phantom Menace's opening shot with some British acting talent (4,8)
- 25 Pageboy, perhaps, I introduced to tough love (6)
- 26 Old king hiding foreign friend's underwear (8)
- 27 Sound of tea drinker who overdoes it in film with dialogue (6)

DOWN

- 1 Where to find admirers in cooler suit (3,5)
- 2 Welsh politician using speech without ethics (8)
- 3 Supermarket which may exclusively stock chicken? (4)
- 5 Sentimental stuff to an extent sickly? Some scoff (7,5)
- 6 Kids have psychedelic experience tucking into cocktails (10)
- 7 Mean, when drunk, to seize cross English fellers (6)
- 8 Energy consumed crossing street in car (6)
- 11 You might dabble in this gently confusing game (8,4)
- 14 Unsuitable maiden sadly without support and love (10)
- 16 Former Chancellor again given brandy by king (8)
- 17 Duck wraps left over, or some meat (8)
- 19 Monk, say, drops special kind of acid (6)
- 20 Playing well, do some singing? (6)
- 23 In Paris, I'm fine getting wine (4)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,309

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