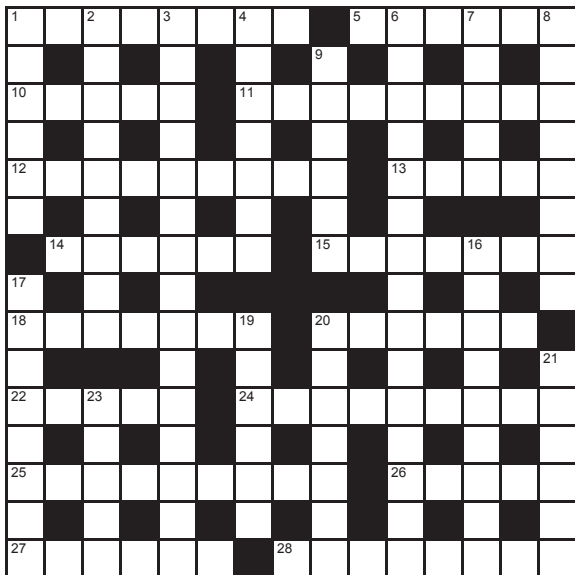


# CROSSWORD

## No. 14,997 Set by GAFF



### JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1 Perfunctory choice of academics (3,5)
- 5 Bank Arabs use a lot for capital (6)
- 10 Measuring volume of disco regularly, putting youngster first (5)
- 11 Lines indicating air is nearly gone (4,5)
- 12 Producing dramatic literary openings not unknown (9)
- 13 Event where the winner gets the most bucks (5)
- 14 Mark pens first rate song (6)
- 15 See 6 Down
- 18 Partial lift-off by Armstrong, maybe? (7)
- 20 Take in old man with tablets back to front (6)
- 22 See 4 Down
- 24 Hot IT man's corrected bug (5,4)
- 25 People start hysterical cries about election (3,6)
- 26 Wore ragged (3,2)
- 27 Detention given by master during break (6)
- 28 Play banned player out of necessity (8)

### DOWN

- 1 Fairy Queen's purse (6)
- 2 Strange, but *étoile* is black hole (9)
- 3 Rarely heard solitary miscreant on display tonight (4,2,1,4,4)

- 4, 22 Highly unlikely it could be Simba in the distance (7,2,3)
- 6, 15 No way for Navy to demand sunshine without first dodging storm (5,2,1,5,2,7)
- 7 Leads a choir rehearsing in D sharp (5)
- 8 A rat claims he's raised the bar (8)
- 9 A guess is bad manners (6)
- 16 One's trying to get away by 6 - pack anti-left-wing circular (9)
- 17 Hide lover's desire during endless provocative dance (8)
- 19 By far extremes of anarchy lies chaos (6)
- 20, 21 Using second cue, hit a terrible long shot (7,6)
- 23 Turnaround of character needed after cricket match disgrace (5)

### Solution 14,996

