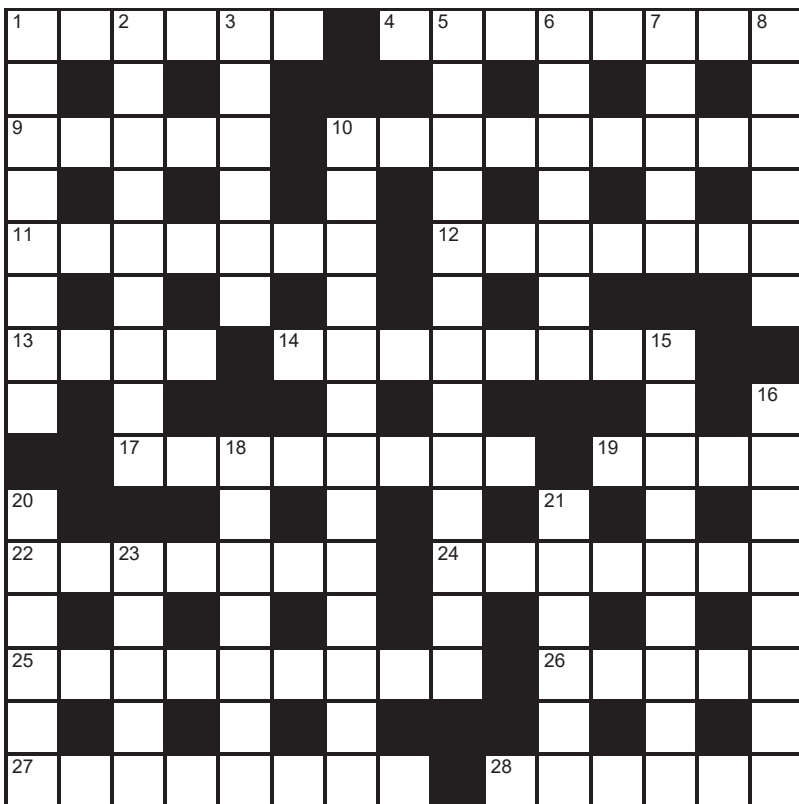


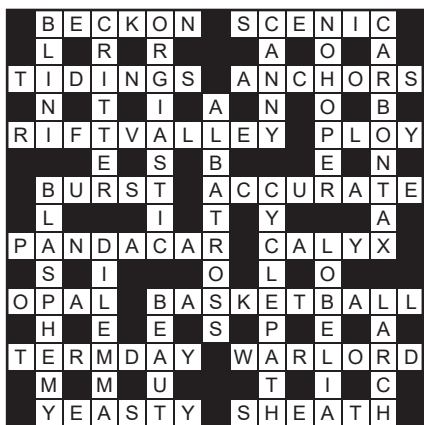
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## ACROSS

- 1 Avoid wife opening present (6)
- 4 Coppers joining plot put to death (8)
- 9 Search female on the game (5)
- 10 Drunkenly toast Emir in island state (4,5)
- 11 A means of containing shock? (7)
- 12 Listening closely, as our new monarch is? (3,4)
- 13 A yes from posh boy's nanny (4)
- 14 Notice that one is late (8)
- 17 Schoolboys from different European nations (8)
- 19 Liveliness of writer Faber finally promoted (4)
- 22 Eccentric angle on love consuming theologian (3,4)
- 24 Maybe Aristotle is to follow, riding donkey (7)
- 25 Sinister duke revelling in filth (9)
- 26 Ladyboy initially rejecting threesome? Rubbish! (5)
- 27 Make too much of old judge holding vicar back (8)
- 28 Middleman increasingly hard up (6)

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## JOTTER PAD

- ### DOWN
- 1 S for simpleton? (8)
  - 2 Get rid of badly brewed ale in time (9)
  - 3 Sex champion is a Scandinavian (6)
  - 5 Immediate tension as aunt erupts (13)
  - 6 Kneecap head with everyone's backing? (7)
  - 7 Loudly muck about in US city (5)
  - 8 Dissent at present extremely scary (6)
  - 10 Setting up shop perhaps (13)
  - 15 Measure of the Met's credit? (9)
  - 16 M for title of Emmanuel Macron (8)
  - 18 Actor, one imprisoned by Cromwell? (7)
  - 20 Magic party for the doctor, they say (6)
  - 21 Two seamen, one from central Asia (6)
  - 23 Lament return of drug network (5)



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