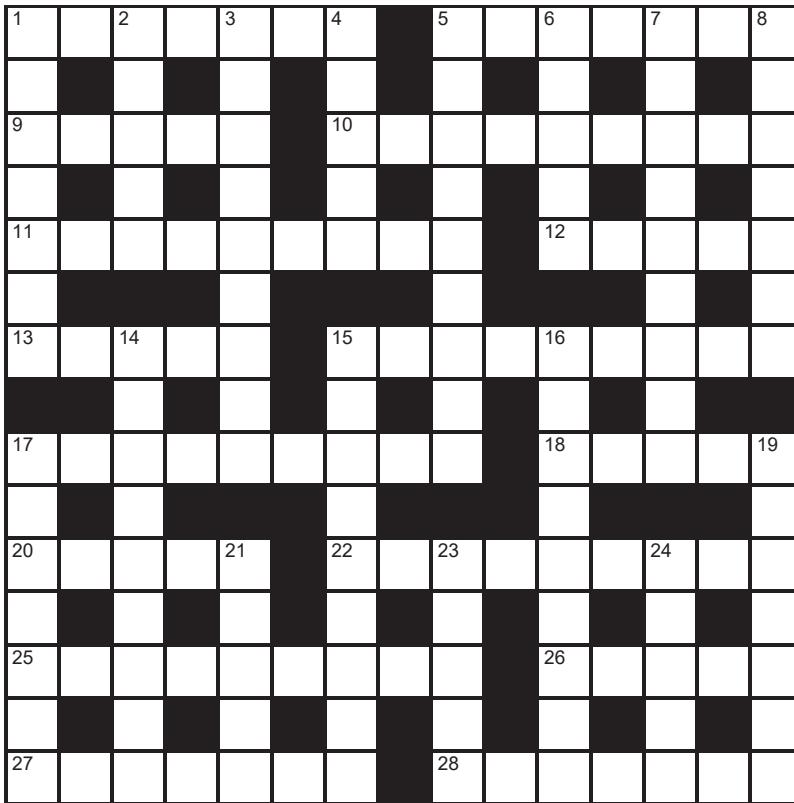
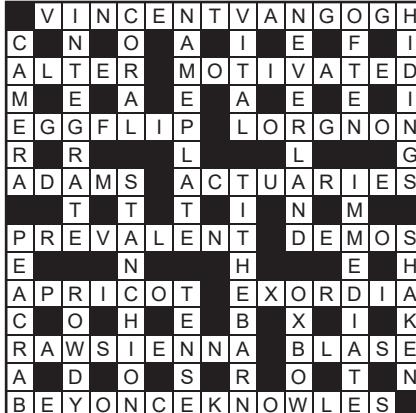


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ACROSS

- 1 Gestures of elite military personnel guarding fretful note-maker (7)
- 5 Black and yellow fruit (7)
- 9 In the countryside, right beside river (5)
- 10 The other way woman holds spades? With a tight grip (4,5)
- 11 Lots of you, at one time, by the front and back of Selfridges (9)
- 12 Hand over butcher's knife once the edges have been cut off (5)
- 13 Magazine that gentleman will love (5)
- 15 He commanded pirates, but each is knocked out by one flying character (9)
- 17 French port's anarchic rallies inspired by yours truly (9)
- 18 This is the end of tea leaves (5)
- 20 City leaders in Hereford are investigating financial abnormalities (5)
- 22 Pretend I'm a US soldier on a north-westbound railway (9)
- 25 How to describe a leopard's means of getting deer? (9)
- 26 Thaw a Sherpa's trousers under water (5)
- 27 I stress about women who have dark habits (7)
- 28 Parts of cricket and Formula One share characteristics (7)

JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- 1 Go on, good man, try to be sick (7)
- 2 Slow movement of big duck lacking energy (5)
- 3 Elects to play piece on English concertina (9)
- 4 Met about 5 or later (5)
- 5 Enter beneath this support room (9)
- 6 Souvenir of maternal bond delivered for marine (5)
- 7 Local bored by a bishop's story (9)
- 8 See, scratching bottom, a seven-stone weakling that's lying on the beach? (7)
- 14 Poet's written about the origins of rage in Australian hooligans (9)
- 15 Rid balls with one hit to win this? (9)
- 16 Cause a stir after cat caught bird (9)
- 17 American tribe's method put before those advocating violence (7)
- 19 The last of family photos is developed and the children love it (3,4)
- 21 An elk lifted part of its leg (5)
- 23 Sound generated by a posh copper circuit (5)
- 24 Make use of vuvuzela on vacation, getting into trouble (5)