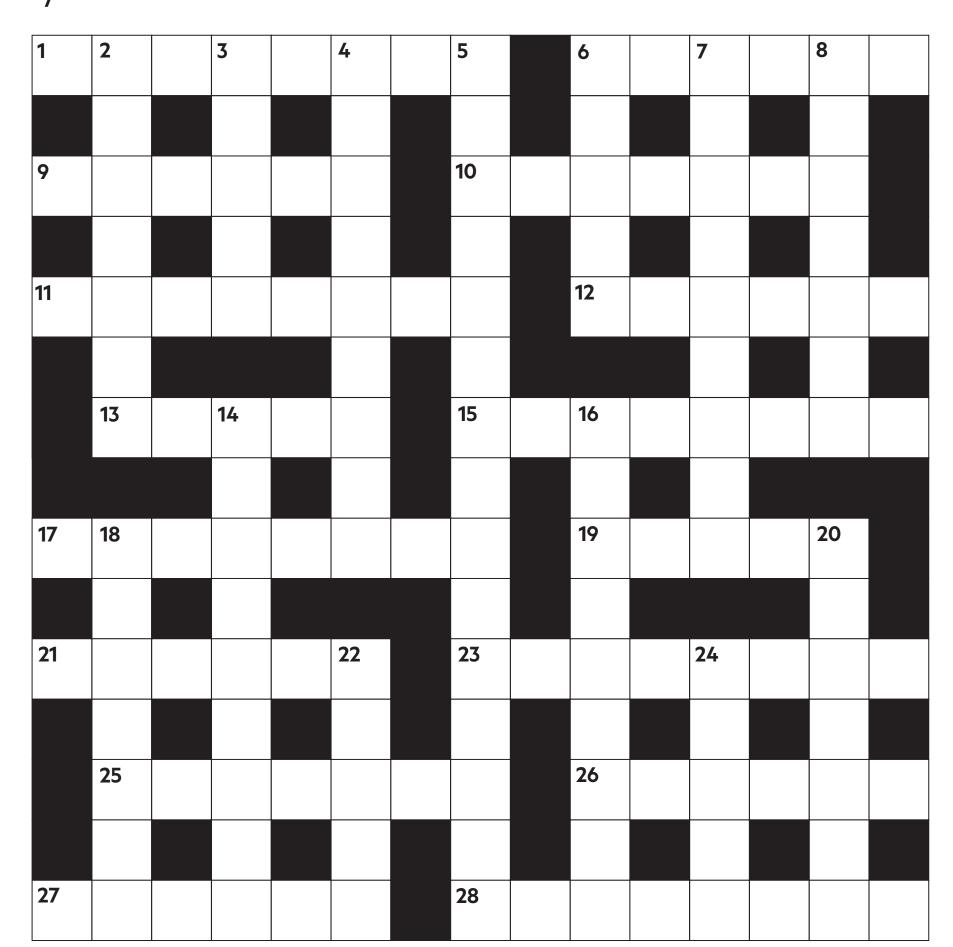
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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 East African country (8)
- **6** Concerned with government spending (6)
- 9 Marine holiday (6)
- **10** Robber, bandit (7)
- **11** Geese, ducks etc (8)
- 12 Stadium, pitch (6)
- **13** Follow (5)
- **15** Chatted (8)
- **17** Forbearance (8)
- **19** Juicy orchard fruit (5)
- **21** Move restlessly (6)
- 23 Football match interval (4, 4)
- 25 Atlantic island group (7)
- **26** Aristocracy (6)
- 27 To do with the mind (6)
- 28 Unforgiving, merciless (8)

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DOWN

- **2** Stretch tie out for little creature (7)
- **3** One laid out epic story (5)
- **4** Ancient emperor and leaderless revolutionary (9)
- **5** Unscrupulous lawyer harms balance with cause's odd characters, maybe (9, 6)
- **6** Cast for fish after start of flood (5)
- **7** Popular TV show thus links to a popular music period (4, 5)
- 8 One joins old poet in a steady way (7)
- **14** Flickering lights on second weapon (9)
- **16** First-class firm hides awful flop (3-6)
- 18 Friendly expression of self-examination of competence?(7)
- 20 Sound of activity with user having broken bone (7)
- **22** Asian shadow boxing middleweight to start with (5)
- 24 Take up part of recital a note of musical quality (5)