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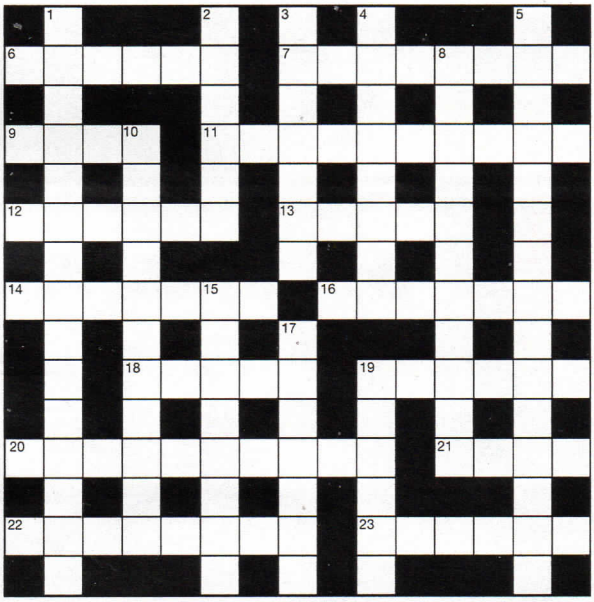

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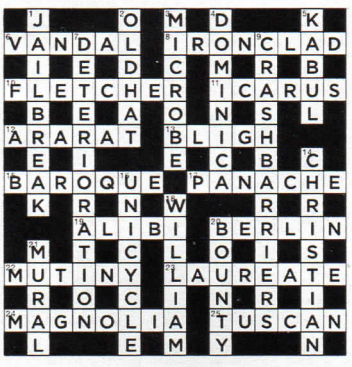
ACROSS

6 The capital of Iran (6)
7 Ruled out by **1 down** (8)
9 A poker player and a tennis player both dream of these! (4)
11 On the whole (2,3,5)
12 Arise, surface (6)
13 Biblical character who received the **1 down** (5)
14 Confrontation (4-3)
16 Follower, supporter (7)
18 The mountain where **13 across** received the **1 down** (5)
19 Danger, threat (6)
20 Providential – like **1 down**? (6-4)
21 Location, place to build (4)
22 Large fish which provides us with caviar (8)
23 Surname of the American who invented the phonograph and the microphone (6)

DOWN

1 Laws given to **13 across**; the Decalogue (3,12)
2 Powerless, incapable (6)
3 Sanskrit word for 'Great Soul' – as bestowed upon Mohandas Gandhi (7)
4 Dead end (3,2,3)
5 Statement about what you think will happen in the future (15)
8 Uproots, relocates (11)
10 Picture which appears on a computer screen when it's not being used (11)
15 Funds, resources (8)
17 Birds found in Trafalgar Square (7)
19 Woman who should be honoured according to the **1 down** (6)

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