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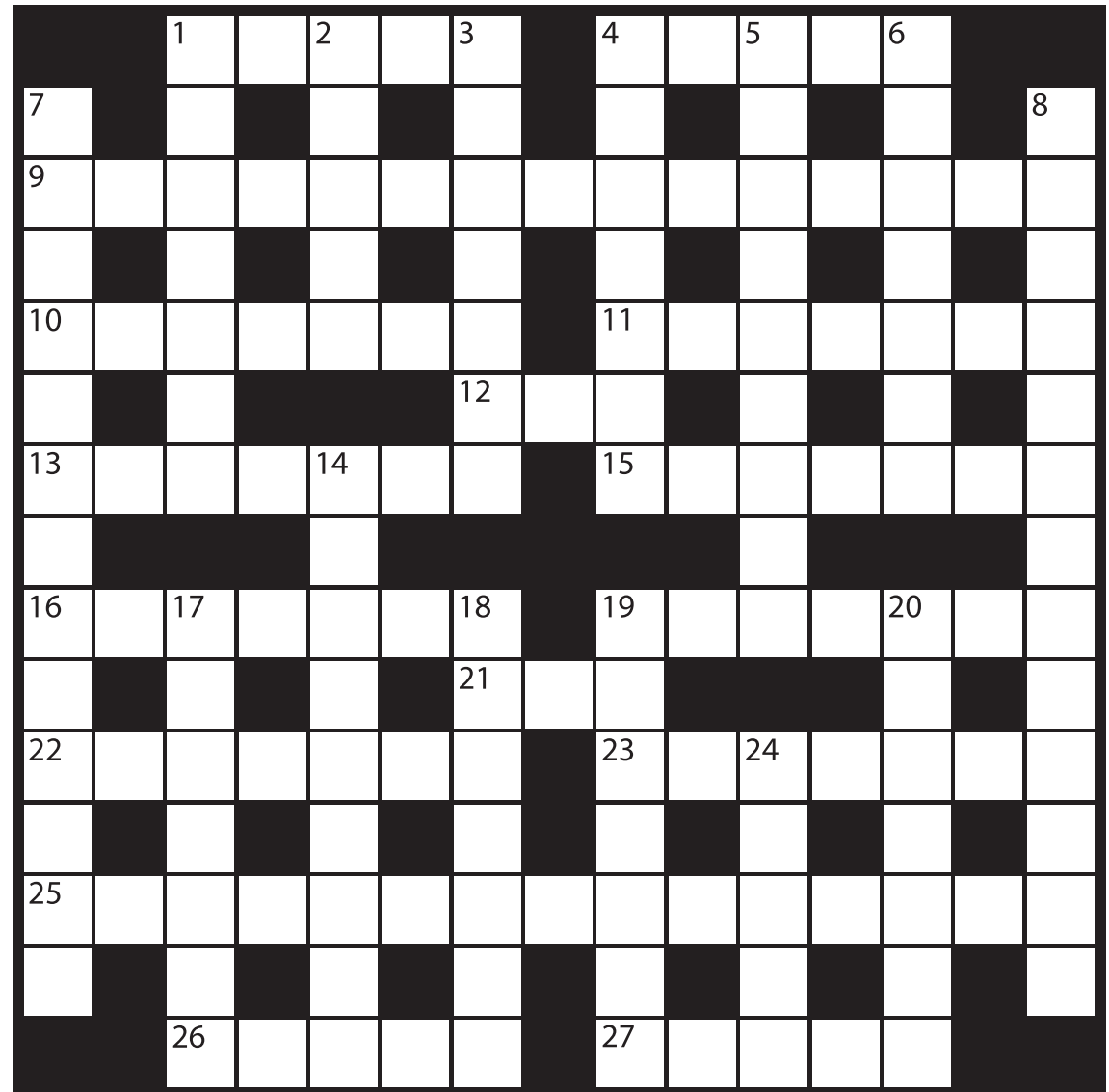
- 1 Philosophic scholar takes over indoctrinating Chinese leaders (5)
- 4 Plays jazz for femmes fatales (5)
- 9 Play "Of Mice and Men" that he produced to absorb company (3,6,6)
- 10 Nosy part worth nothing, holding bad sort (7)
- 11 Refrain from sailor's Scottish community (7)
- 12 Ruin odds removed from fuel (3)
- 13 Endlessly strange tropical fruit (7)
- 15 Diocese holds water - a foot (7)
- 16 Grenade exploded to madden (7)
- 19 Avert before the opening (7)
- 21 The Greatest gangster I follow (3)
- 22 Scottish boy's no realist! (7)
- 23 Hit glen with trouble on ease (7)
- 25 Drink for Patrick Harvie to recycle, embracing map (5,10)
- 26 Very small peg on city (5)
- 27 Some bother about love for animal (5)

**DOWN**

- 1 Contrasting points in Nazi poet (7)
- 2 Awfully big vehicle gets award (5)
- 3 Chanced upon plenty knights here (7)
- 4 V&A's hiding Left destroyers (7)
- 5 Take a minute, working with weight for Victorian novel (9)
- 6 Draw aliens back to train worker (7)
- 7 Bear argued about silver type of railway (8,5)
- 8 It's mainly our link with the Continent (7,6)
- 14 She has a Tory perspective! (9)

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- 17 Intent is torn out for clothing (7)
- 18 if you don't have this, you're clueless! (7)
- 19 Rebuffing impudence with stern progressive in novel (7)
- 20 Rave about, then work to employ (7)
- 24 Crow about nothing - she wanted to be alone (5)