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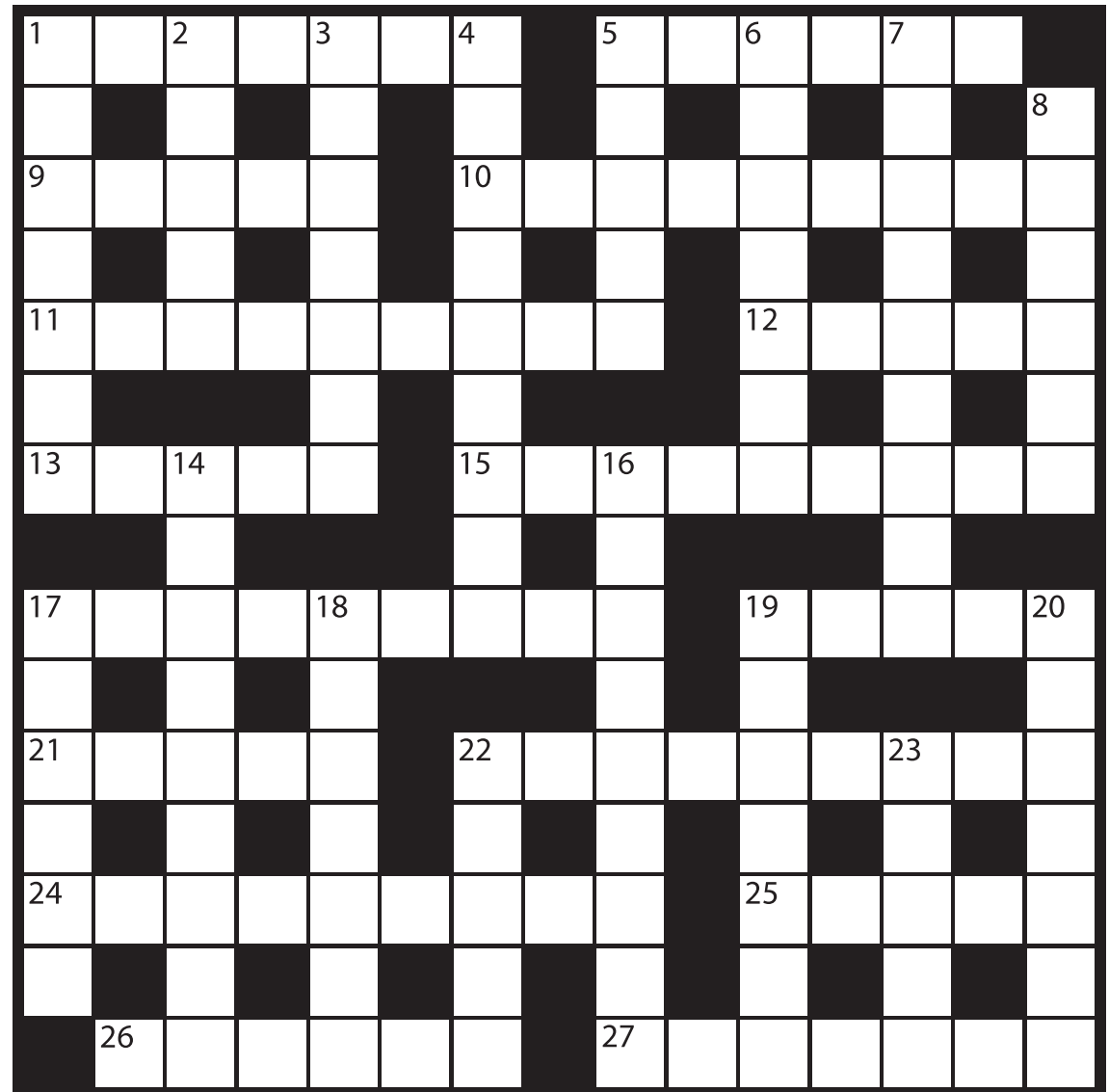
- 1 To be sparing is futile (7)
- 5 German city where I eat outside (6)
- 9 Violin knocked over in pub game (5)
- 10 Catches head in painting (9)
- 11 Bore carried around real problems (9)
- 12 In France, John has small trousers (5)
- 13 Male flyer – he circumnavigated the globe (5)
- 15 Egg-hatching device on Castro's island, beside rocky peak (9)
- 17 Entire dinner, perhaps, is a type of bread (9)
- 19 Be concerned about starter of vanilla slice (5)
- 21 Lift beams soundly (5)
- 22 Acting partner in charge of a Central American country (5,4)
- 24 Having restyled hair, opted to be a goddess (9)
- 25 Sweet centre in pastry turnover is delightful surprise (5)
- 26 Prepared for publication – it is indeed corrected (6)
- 27 Malone the Dubliner entertains artist virtuously (7)

DOWN

- 1 Awfully dud tape to be modernised (7)
- 2 Sign up for Loren broadcast (5)
- 3 The Spanish road almost leads to Herts film studios (7)
- 4 Tories ail badly – patience needed (9)
- 5 Set with explosives – take care, you hear! (5)
- 6 Jo's bone is altered in plastic surgery (4,3)
- 7 Letter or card? (9)
- 8 Spouter is a bloke, we hear (6)
- 14 Perilous hole is bad, should be done away with (9)
- 16 'Muscles' takes two rounds to get thrown in

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- amphitheatre (9)
- 17 Capital was very cold? On the contrary (6)
- 18 Bulldoze venue to flatten (4,3)
- 19 Mat for vessel! (7)
- 20 Precisely ten perform in cathedral city (7)
- 22 Sobbed when cider is drunk (5)
- 23 One wood is perfect (5)