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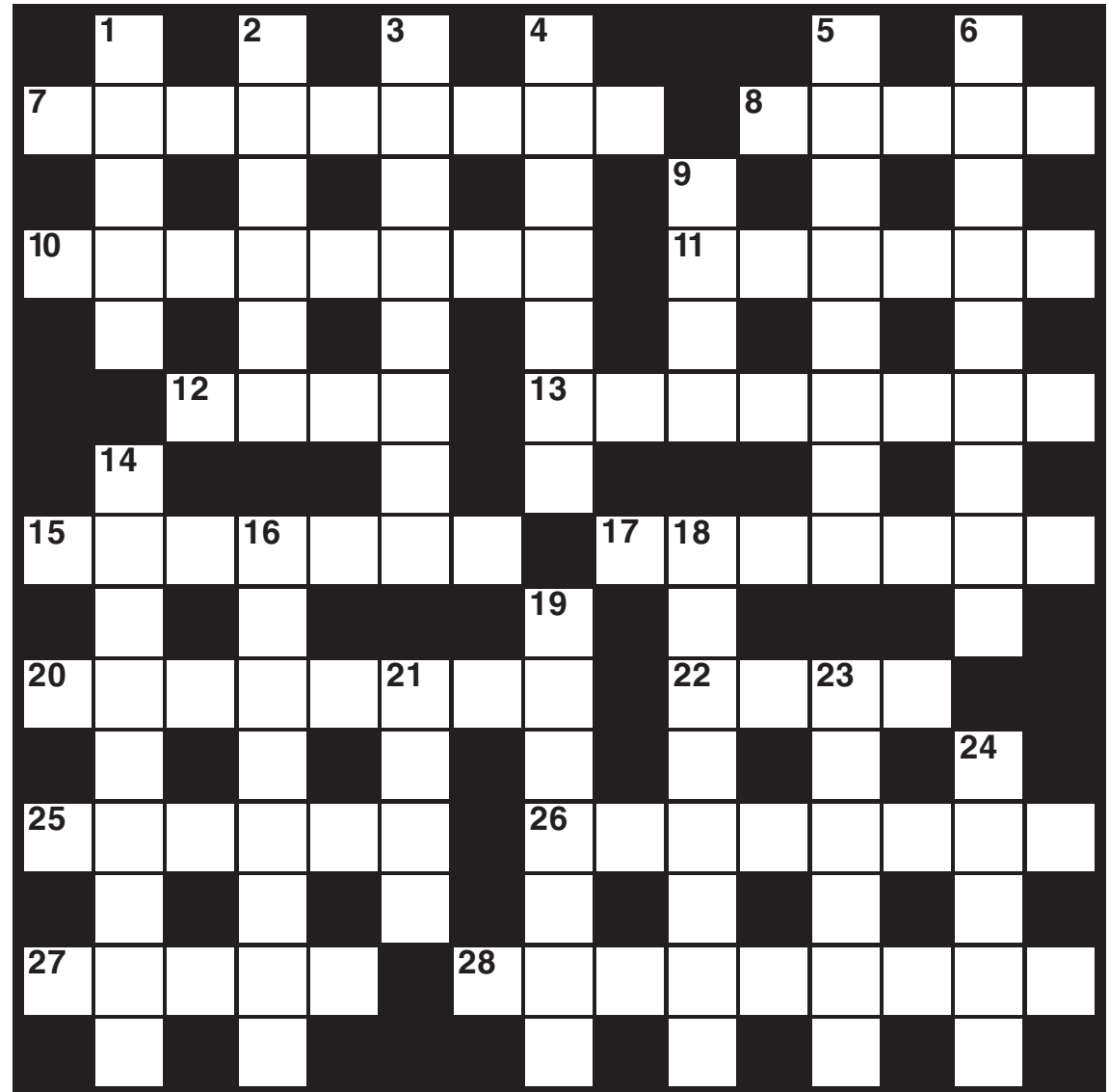
- 7 Deserted orchestra, one seen in commercial (9)
- 8 Poultry at least partly dressed? (5)
- 10 Point on spear, grating (8)
- 11 Popular pitch chant? (6)
- 12 Active volcano in Vietnam (4)
- 13 The others come down and hold (8)
- 15 Female, one aboard potentially great warship (7)
- 17 Tributes from the wars? (7)
- 20 Mix with Southern couple at first on the hike (8)
- 22 Blueprint left in vessel (4)
- 25 Where the captain may be found for a card game? (6)
- 26 Wet and cross, carrying equipment (8)
- 27 Move furtively as Ken ordered (5)
- 28 She reread badly, so practised (9)

DOWN

- 1 Helps wild beast (5)
- 2 Demand from some twin sisters (6)
- 3 Predict quickly about unstable core (8)
- 4 Repair old tear in sports wear (7)
- 5 Germs from rotten crab I ate (8)
- 6 Out and out blue Tory (9)
- 9 Pine for the girl (4)
- 14 Getting expert and making things better (9)
- 16 Protector of a gun raid, crazy (8)
- 18 Journalist on subject of carrier (8)

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- 19 Police department caught in the act – that’s settled (7)
- 21 Complaint about the meat (4)
- 23 Beheading wardens makes one furious (6)
- 24 Guide prophet round top of table (5)