

**ACROSS**

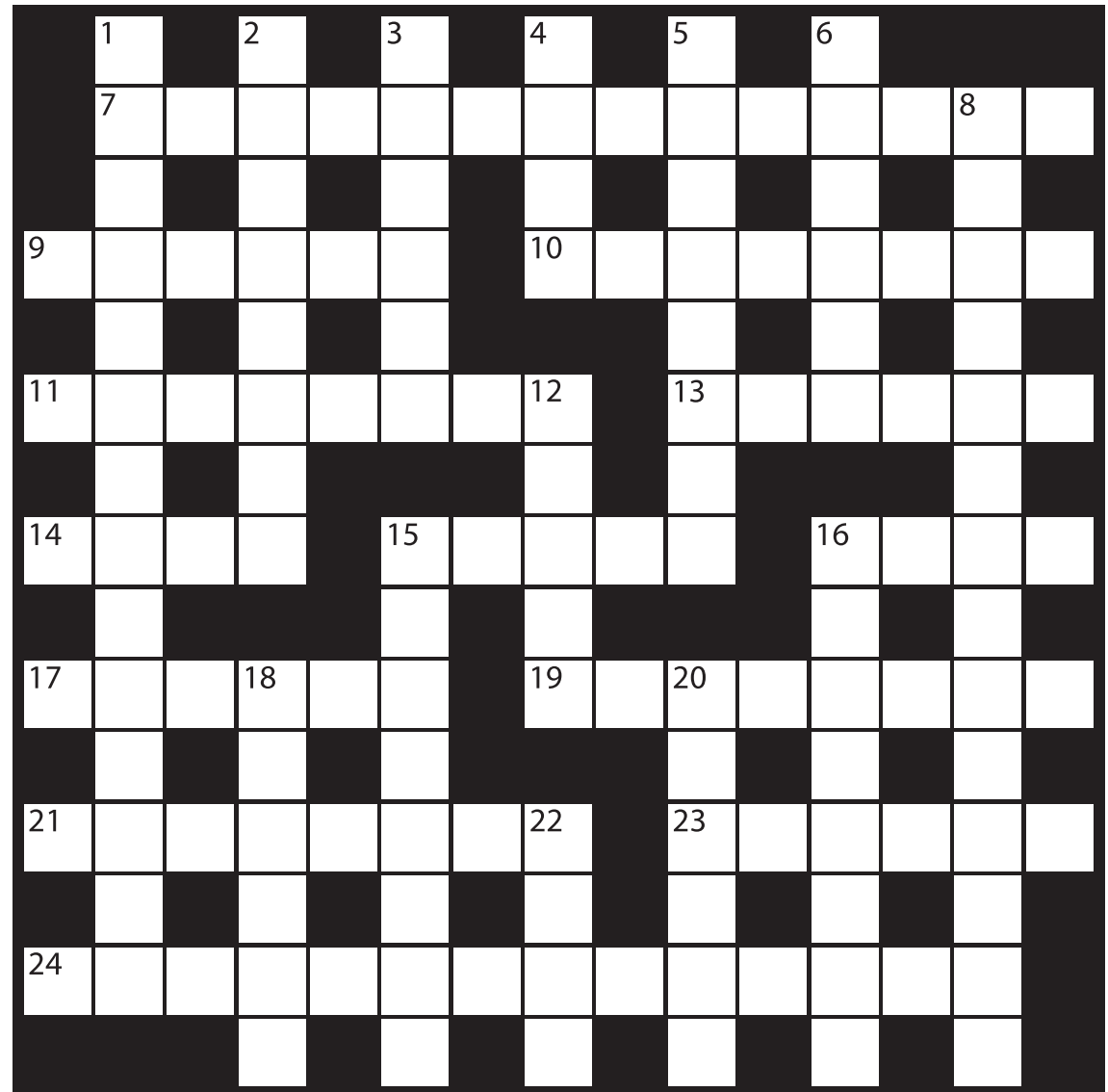
- 7 Brief encounters that end in songs playing (3-5,6)  
 9 Bouquet found by a hill (6)  
 10 Unnecessary quills heading for Shakespeare (8)  
 11 Two cops holding gun and balloons (8)  
 13 Angel will be in Spanish bar (6)  
 14 Ink supplier initially lacking money (4)  
 15 After wine, king gets excited (5)  
 16 Somewhere to buy grass (4)  
 17 Writer has support to pen books (6)  
 19 Camouflaged troops in allotments... (8)  
 21 ...escort an eccentric relative (8)  
 23 Poles carry papers (6)  
 24 Doctor roughly cuts a girl open (7,7)

**DOWN**

- 1 Make-up applied by a student for walk (14)  
 2 Didn't like to try breaking contract (8)  
 3 Points out part of engine (6)  
 4 Water down what's covered by health insurance (4)  
 5 Fools almost upset judge (8)  
 6 Paper round ends in laugh about composer (6)  
 8 Daughter is on date that's an anti-climax (14)  
 12 Assemble group on horseback (3,2)  
 15 At it, refuelled squadron starts journey (8)

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- 16 It helps one make pounds with computers (5,3)  
 18 Religious belief is dividing them (6)  
 20 Soldiers shot for profit (6)  
 22 Grasses reportedly grow (4)