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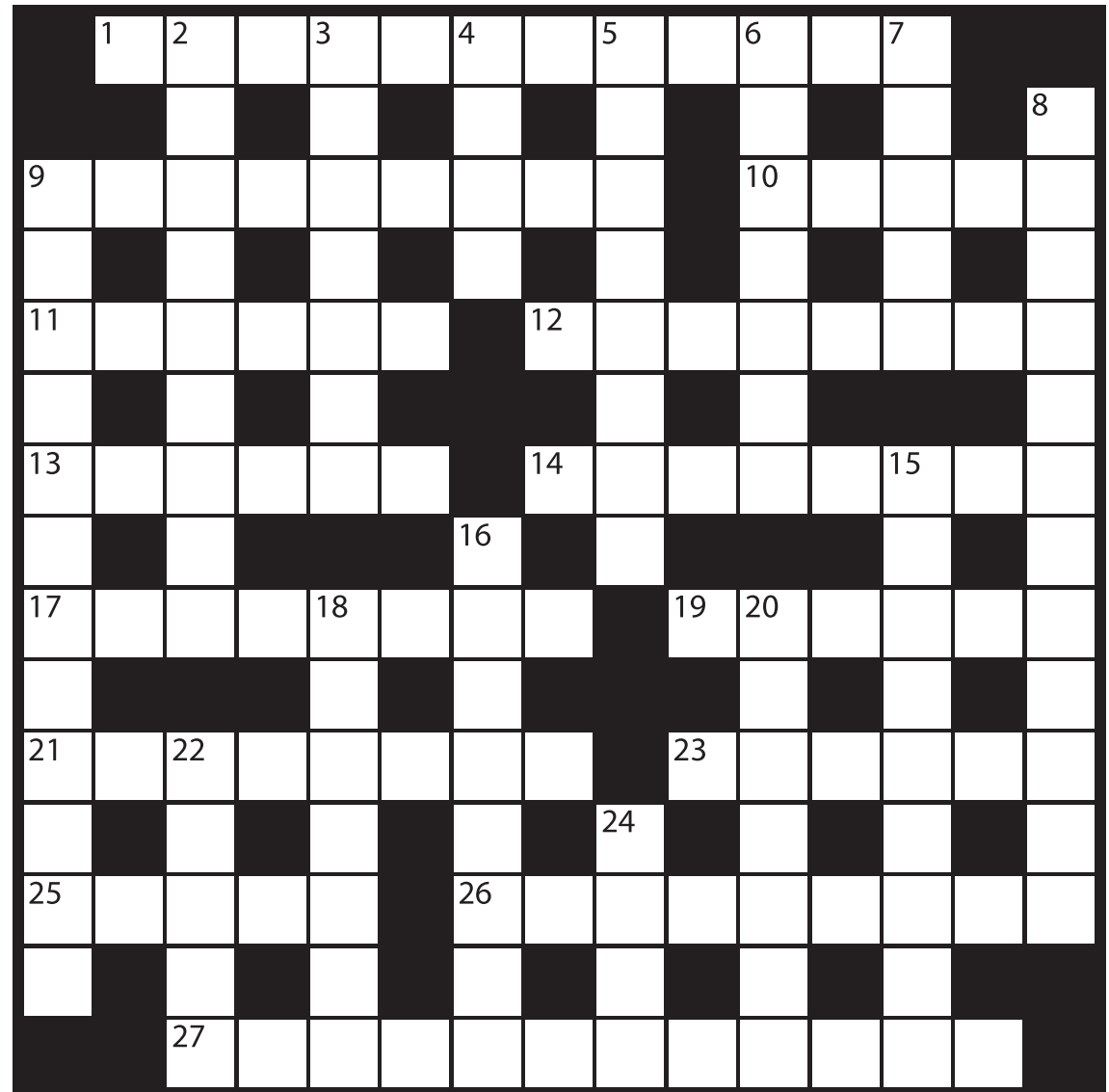
- 1 Dinosaurs in couples did so freely (12)
 9 Hot head, after wine, displays impatience (9)
 10 Yours truly, in mint condition (5)
 11 First class location for street (6)
 12 Morse novel located in part of England (8)
 13 Heading off to asphyxiate old lady (6)
 14 Chief has love child, say, in retirement (8)
 17 Improve appearance of tree at university (6,2)
 19 Area thought to be occupied (6)
 21 Engineers likely to be trustworthy (8)
 23 Unconventional metal covering jewellery (6)
 25 Guru is holding Glaswegian mother back (5)
 26 Love rats possibly watch clock (3-6)
 27 Railway worker needing fresh running water (6,6)

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- 2 Check out gold and copper (9)
 3 Relaxation certain after sloe gin's taken regularly (7)
 4 Expected student to fight (4)
 5 In criminal courts, briefly ran into client (8)
 6 Porter regularly consumed by wrestling boss (7)
 7 Ship carrying kind advocates (5)
 8 Loss of editor upset regulars (4,8)
 9 One who teaches in shed as term is ruined (12)
 15 Two-faced Conservative supporting how unmarried couples lived before (9)
 16 Magazine may have this report (8)

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- 18 Beginning to curb irrational desire (7)
 20 Drink facility found in car (7)
 22 Abandon knife that's lost edges (5)
 24 Ruin rising spirits (4)