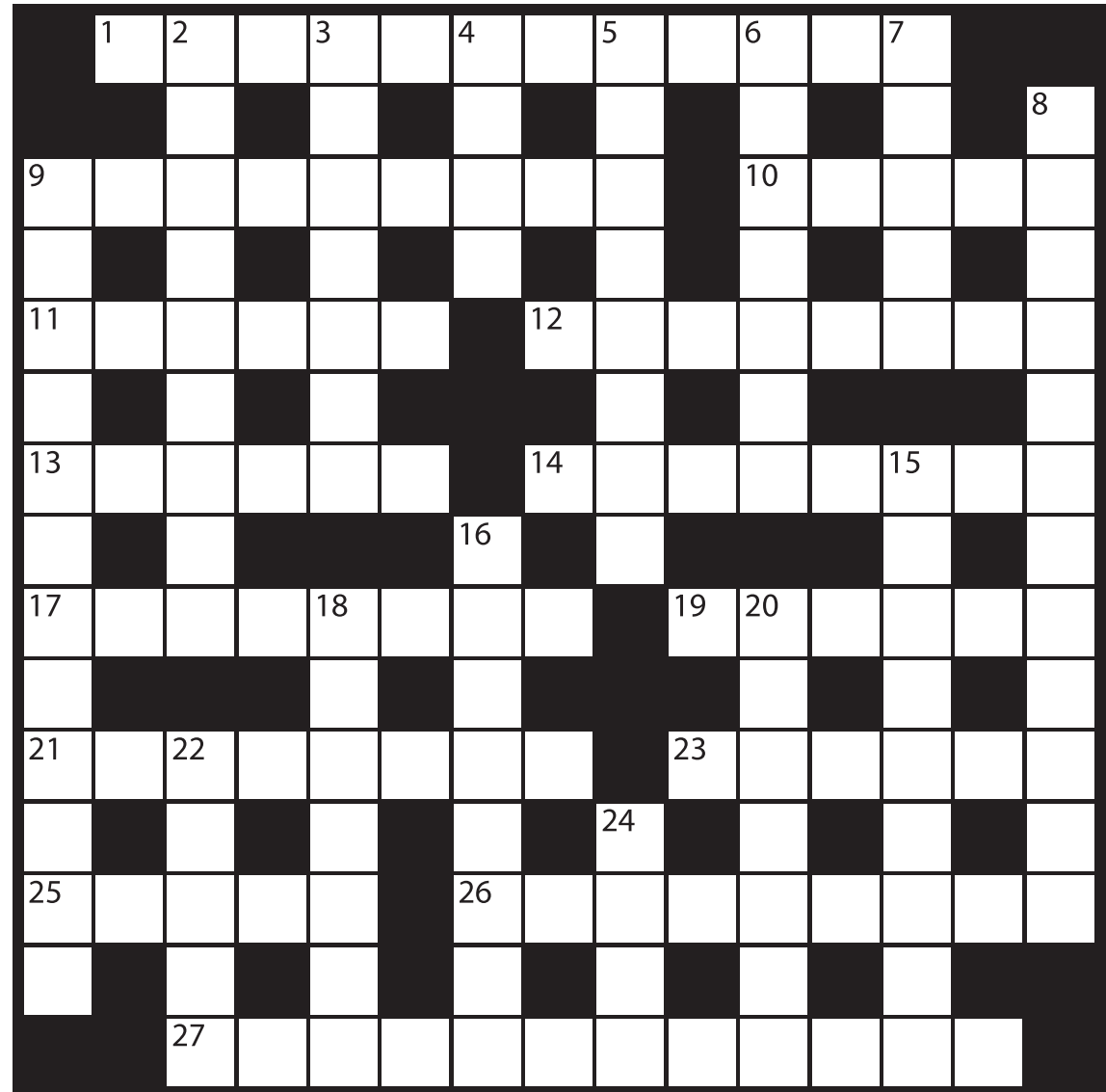


ACROSS

- 1 Firm, correcting pup's menace, providing deserved punishments (12)
- 9 Bishop really wanting to hold religious class is opening up (9)
- 10 Intended Meg to contract worker (5)
- 11 Going round country, involved in badminton tournament (2,4)
- 12 Clumsily, a swimmer blocks old lady on the outside (8)
- 13 Day painting half of shed went fast (6)
- 14 Bats alarmed new civic dignitary (8)
- 17 That man's more upset to hear pandemonium (8)
- 19 Consumes American energy drink (4,2)
- 21 Shoe rubs sprawling plant (8)
- 23 Give utmost and love wife (6)
- 25 Individual replacing contents of teacher's cosmetic lotion (5)
- 26 Fashion worker's team — they're regularly ignored (9)
- 27 Noticed stark fluctuating for usual commodities (5-2-5)

DOWN

- 2 Proposals about day to collect rent initially (9)
- 3 Ignore daughter in suggestion to support former wife (7)
- 4 Container is light, we're told (4)
- 5 A bra with ugly swirls, perhaps (8)
- 6 Ally to arrive carrying container of wine (7)
- 7 Cut small bond (5)
- 8 Remain as leader, possessing good endurance (7,5)
- 9 Eager for violence, try bold shot designed to catch Boz (12)



- 15 Distorted rubbish which young female journalist pens (9)
- 16 Family links of criminal with king (8)
- 18 Eastern doctor on ship is hindrance (7)
- 20 Notice defective ride that's comparatively shabby (7)
- 22 Lowers washbasins (5)
- 24 Shock when dangerous feat is not completed (4)