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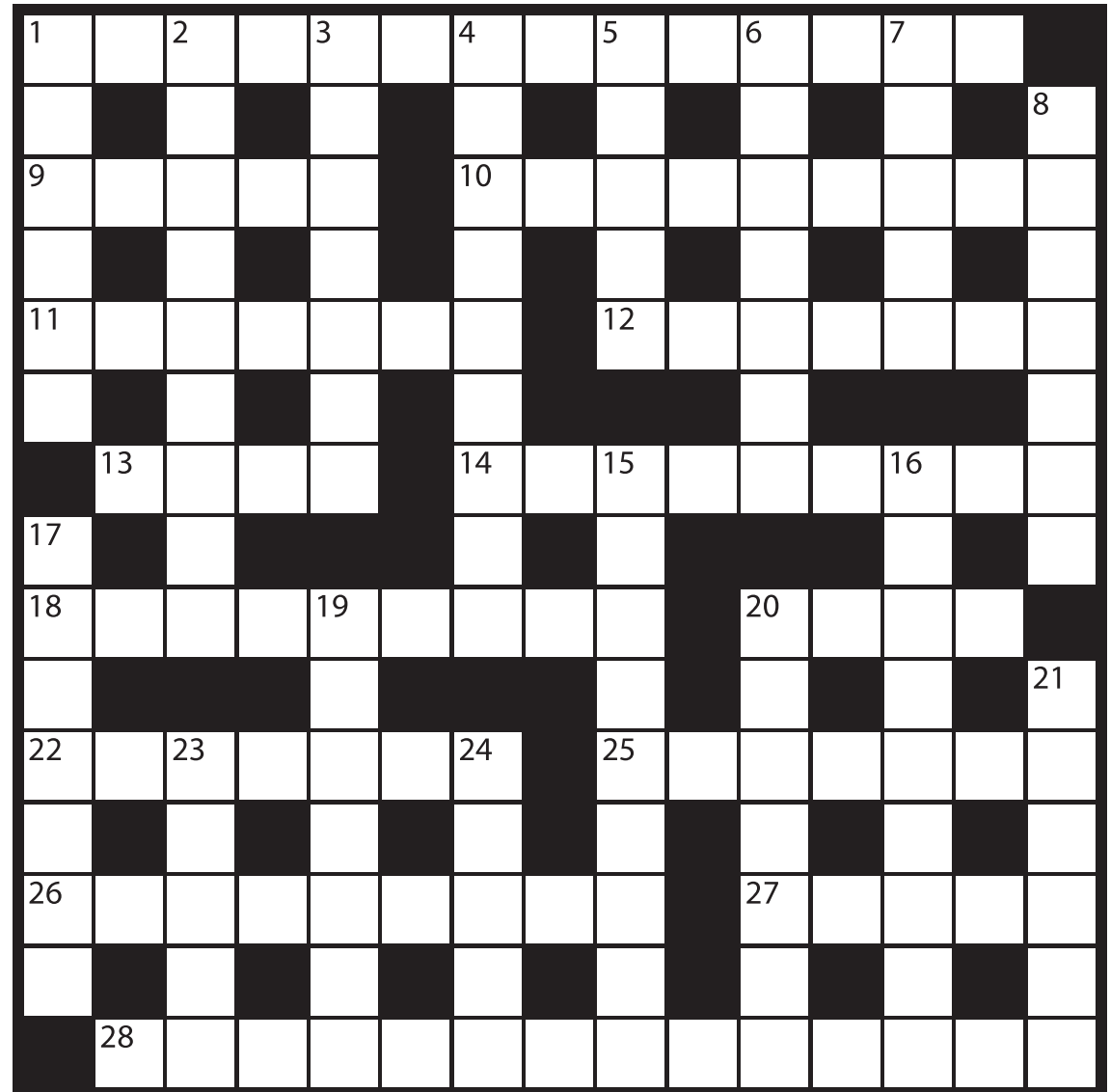
- 1 Bearded collie's blue yarn (6-3,5)
- 9 A vacuum to steer clear of (5)
- 10 Bird seed placed in tool (9)
- 11 Bristle burst small bubble (7)
- 12 Fruit loaf pinched, student involved (7)
- 13 Some chef is having halibut, for instance (4)
- 14 Arrogant ram is out wandering (9)
- 18 Washington state always environmentally friendly (9)
- 20 Laugh at imitation (4)
- 22 Head of government authorises place of execution (7)
- 25 Overheated, some prefer ventilation (7)
- 26 Hang around with partner (9)
- 27 Empty heavy article beside coastal town (5)
- 28 Render bib out of place in roast bird (5,9)

DOWN

- 1 Be quiet by church reportedly dingy (6)
- 2 A tedious person holding one drink for a native Australian (9)
- 3 Share the cost of game with European (2,5)
- 4 Nice to have beers laid out (9)
- 5 Jokes about northern mobs (5)
- 6 Outer garment provided by painter (7)
- 7 Drive back from dance bypassing centre of Skipton (5)
- 8 Boring head experienced thirst (7)
- 15 Easy-going when about to negotiate fee in dangerous area (9)
- 16 Those playing in the pit (9)
- 17 Nationality – possibly Bengali? (7)

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- 19 Coaching without a stew of dumplings (7)
- 20 Walker returning stuff to woman (7)
- 21 Way to get spruce, say, set in stone (6)
- 23 Maiden to ring for western rope (5)
- 24 One grasped by celebrity in flight (5)