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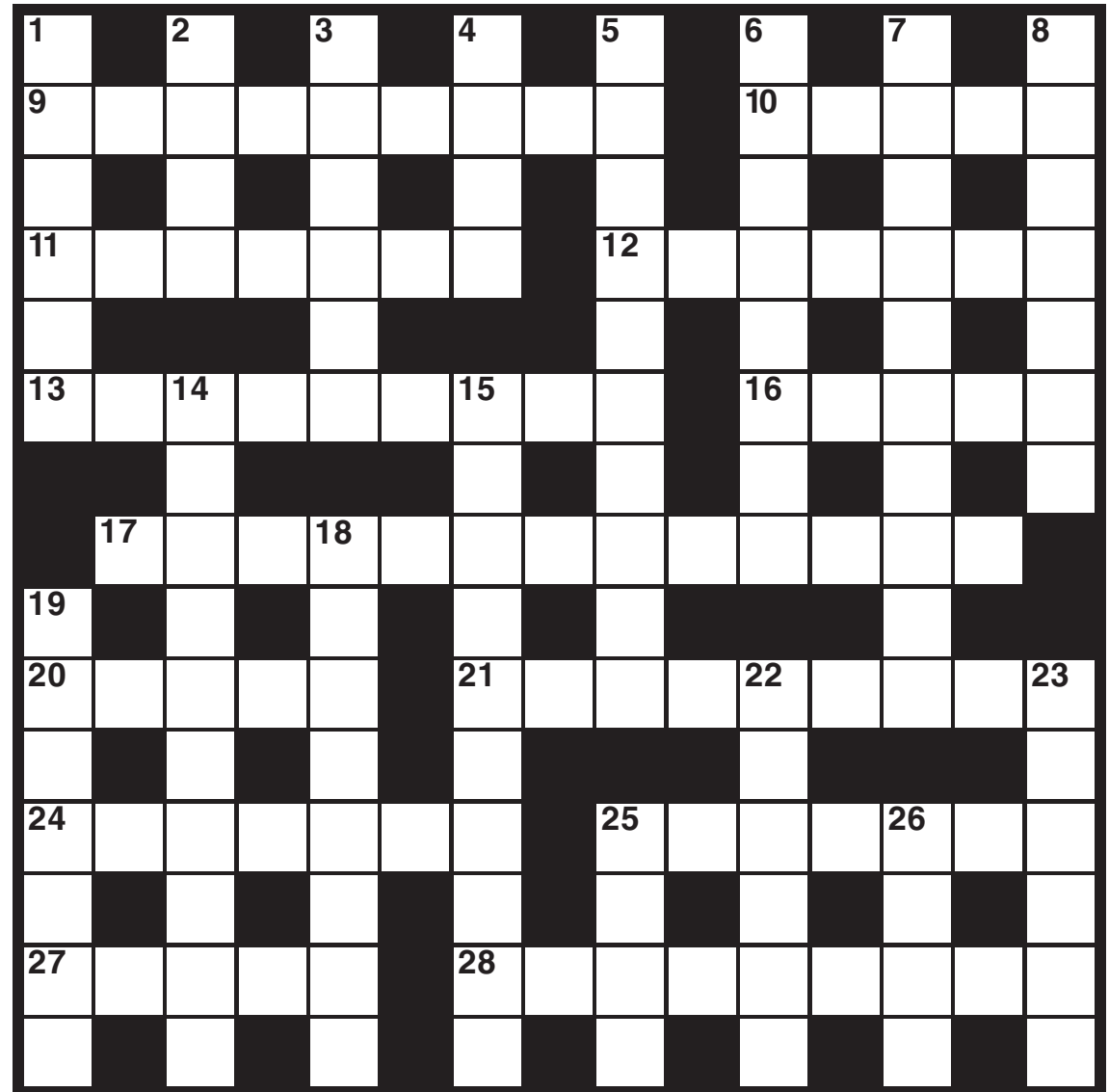
- 9 Put on fake make-up to taunt (4,3,2)
 10 Almost submerged by a thin layer (5)
 11 Painters in dire straits (7)
 12 Determined to put a barrier beside worker (7)
 13 Listen to hooligan holding rebel leader on the fireside mat (6-3)
 16 Beer's froth with last of brandy is intoxicating (5)
 17 Obstinate behaviour from an electric car (13)
 20 High point of island in Australian lake (5)
 21 Neat chap I healed (9)
 24 Exercise maybe meant as endearment (3,4)
 25 Woman – one behind bars (7)
 27 A price to pay for coral reef (5)
 28 Piece falling on flask we repaired (9)

DOWN

- 1 Sensational news story produced by something hitting water? (6)
 2 Piece of humour in his kitchen (4)
 3 Compensate when not filming (6)
 4 Finishes margins (4)
 5 Unwind after shattering excursion (10)
 6 Stop a girl making cloth (8)
 7 Gad about with maracas in film on island (10)
 8 Close watch after nap (4-3)
 14 Sailor will hesitate to take allowance, but it's not the norm (10)
 15 About to arrive, writers claimed, for reward (10)
 18 Ready to be won over having a meal Ben prepared (8)

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19 Intense and soft, an option for pizza? (4-3)

22 Artist enters restaurant to get a drinks container (6)

23 Doctor copies curtains (6)

25 Kick part of the car (4)

26 Go back through Pasadena as soon as possible (inits) (4)