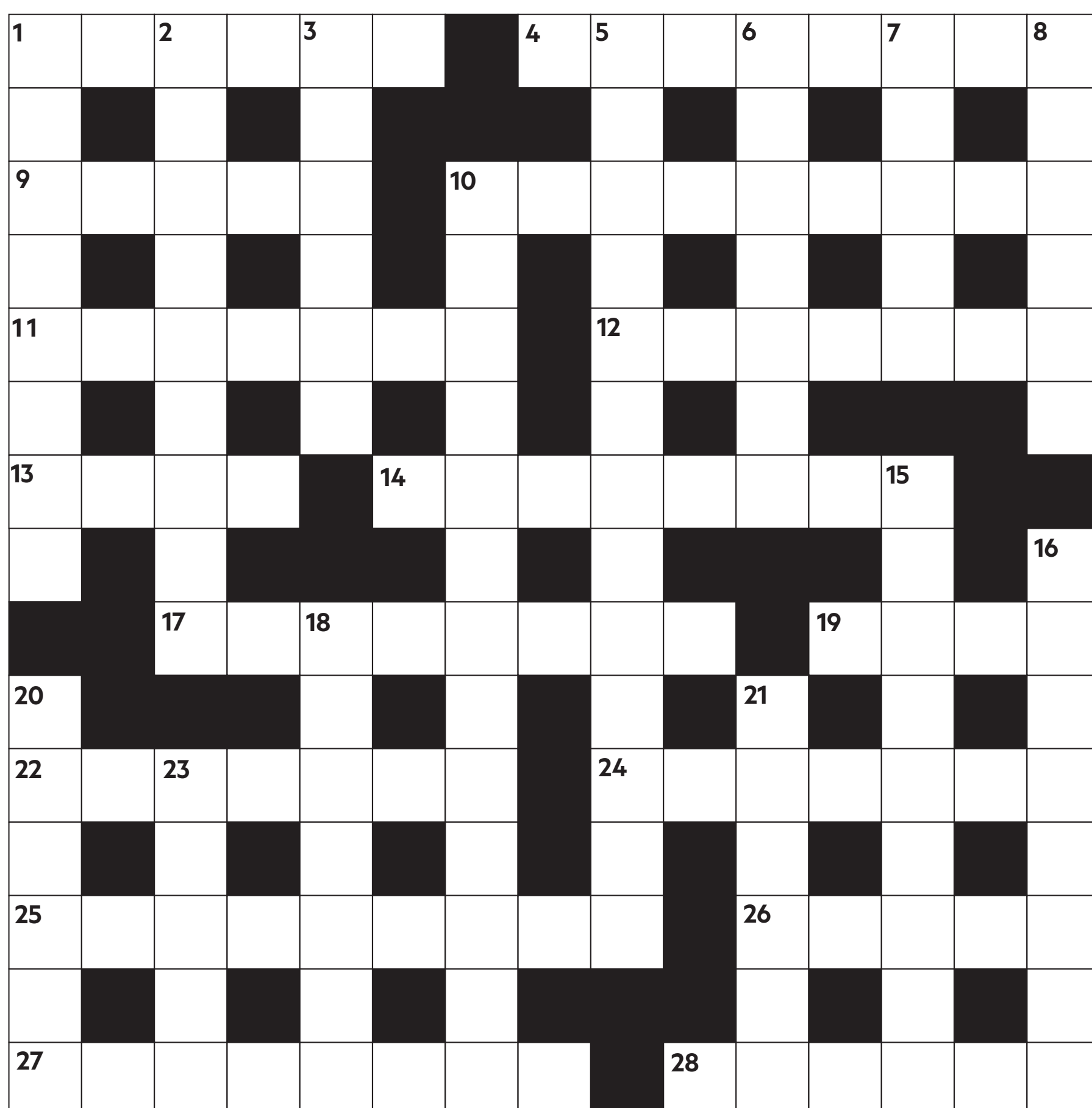


FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 496

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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 Stoop (6)
- 4 Pretentious, contrived (8)
- 9 Javelin (5)
- 10 Pierce (9)
- 11 Abandoned (7)
- 12 Southern US state (7)
- 13 Natural fibre (4)
- 14 Fire-retardant substance (8)
- 17 Impudence, gall (8)
- 19 Celebrity (4)
- 22 Small wind instrument (7)
- 24 Word-for-word (7)
- 25 In a salubrious way (9)
- 26 Object (5)
- 27 Memory jogger (8)
- 28 Breathe with difficulty (6)

DOWN

- 1 Dejected about sad town that's dilapidated (4, 4)
- 2 Go too far with hilarious event after spells of cricket (9)
- 3 Red rice is cooked on empty stove (6)
- 5 Basically mean somehow to match investment, at first (13)
- 6 Passage from tax certificate that's abridged and amended (7)
- 7 Creativity's on the ascendant, including first class jewellery (5)
- 8 Perceived smart outfit for musical entertainer (6)
- 10 Remove vehicles from trains with speed that is changing (13)
- 15 Primarily sad in nature that's turning gloomy (9)
- 16 Opening words of lecture, initially, Old English group rearranged (8)
- 18 Wet mist one found swirling (7)
- 20 Republicans find in this place tailless rodent (6)
- 21 Something for a wound and a runner's pain (6)
- 23 Get shock from electrical armature (5)

Solution 495

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