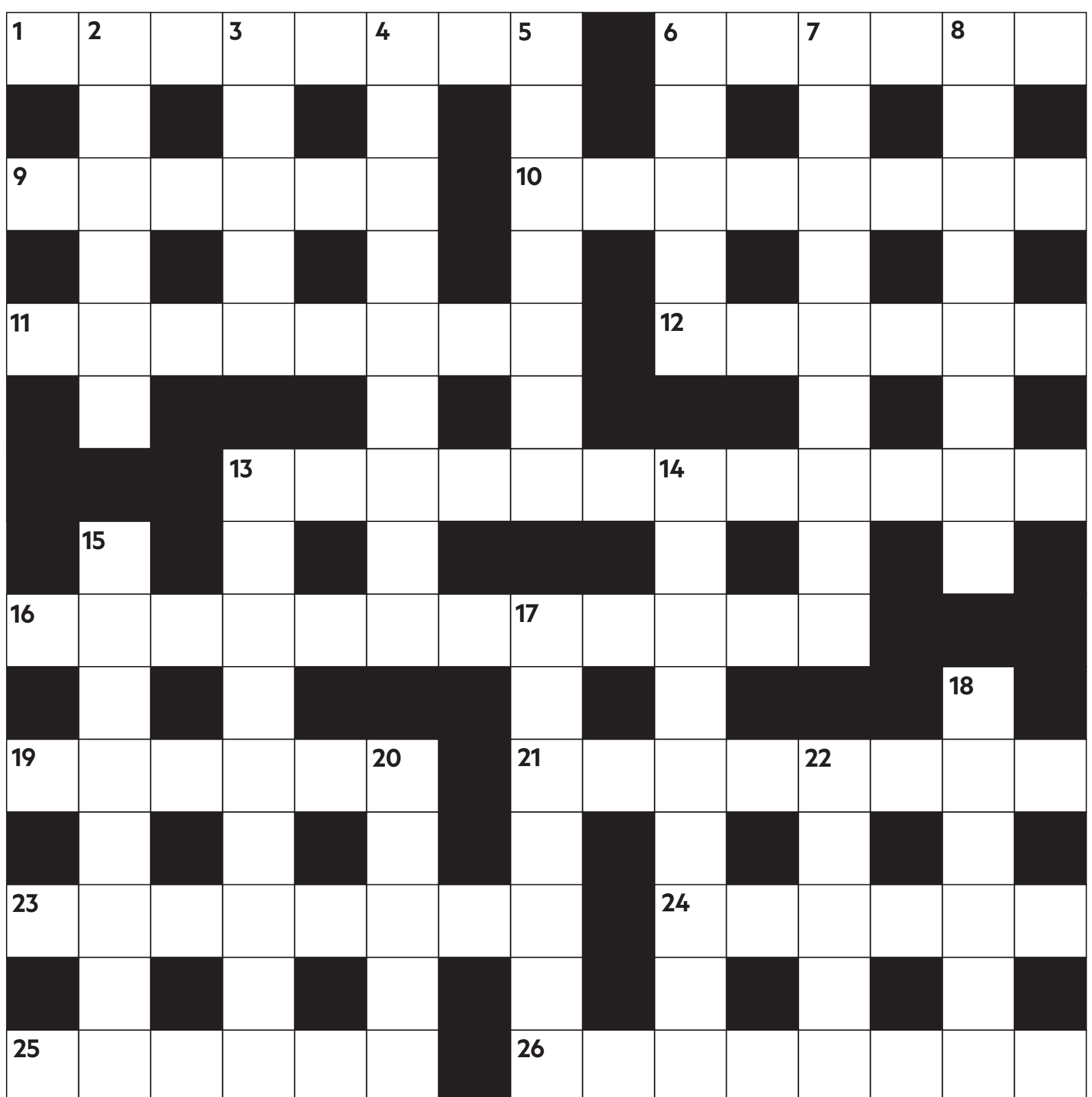


FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 541

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

ACROSS

- 1 Likely (8)
- 6 Part of a sentence (6)
- 9 Hope, aim (6)
- 10 Senior female pupil (4, 4)
- 11 Soaked, imbued (8)
- 12 Chinese martial art (4, 2)
- 13 Roughage (7, 5)
- 16 Soviet system of appointing party members to jobs (12)
- 19 Art of growing miniature trees (6)
- 21 Control, direct (8)
- 23 Answer (8)
- 24 16th-century Venetian painter (6)
- 25 Restraining rope (6)
- 26 Ancient Italian (8)

DOWN

- 2 Bawdy squire's drunk (6)
- 3 Barrister passing instructions (5)
- 4 After arguments, take out meat (9)
- 5 Creature took cover in wild cane (7)
- 6 Clap excellent joke (5)
- 7 Country gentleman in Austria follows artist up (9)
- 8 Certain ferries get redirected around middle of sound (8)
- 13 He spouted about Alabama and so on (4, 5)
- 14 Head of nursery gets moving, hugged by your child (9)
- 15 Dull voice is unacceptable after second practice, ultimately (8)
- 17 Marshal put gunners up on firing zone (7)
- 18 Layers of finest ratatouille (6)
- 20 Frostier reception, initially, after one covers crime's odd characters (5)
- 22 Fortune for American flower (5)

Solution 540

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