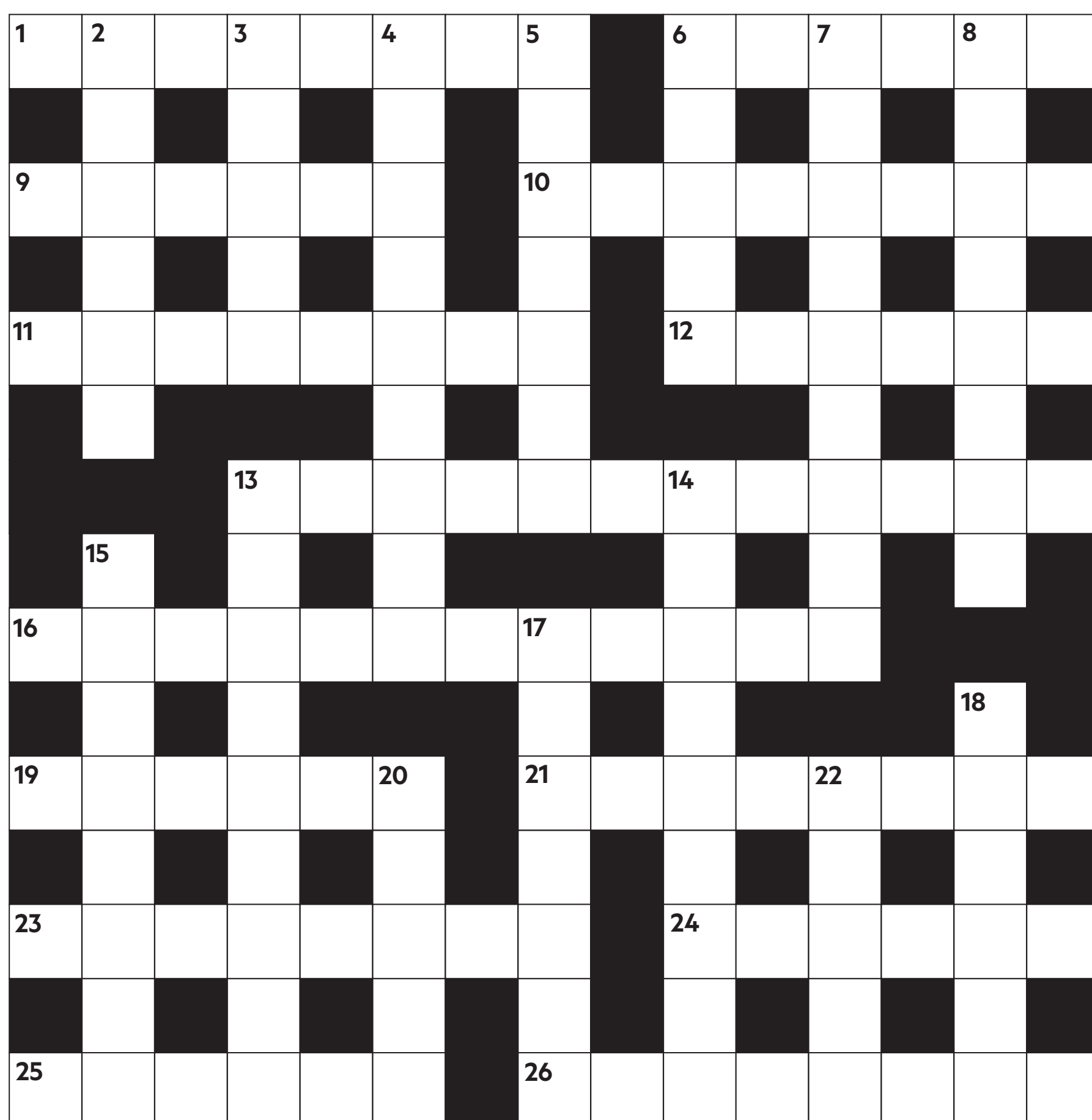


# FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 557

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

## ACROSS

- 1 Living room seat (8)
- 6 Turn one's back on (6)
- 9 Female flower part (6)
- 10 Put forward, advocate (8)
- 11 Harass verbally (8)
- 12 Potassium compound (6)
- 13 Not yet decided (2, 3, 7)
- 16 Senior student (12)
- 19 To do with the spring (6)
- 21 Long-stemmed showy flowers (8)
- 23 Resolute, positive (8)
- 24 Legwear (6)
- 25 Drowsy (6)
- 26 Army rank (8)

## DOWN

- 2 Former president gets about again when last one's gone (6)
- 3 Works in credit to get a coconut product (5)
- 4 A small amount of liquid put up on a hilltop for wild creature (9)
- 5 Full grant peer arranged externally (7)
- 6 Flag doctor with oxygen for surgery (5)
- 7 Radio type's irritable gesture (9)
- 8 Weather indicator turns satisfactorily without creaking, initially (8)
- 13 Concentrated on mixed tennis I have cut short (9)
- 14 First-class science hub with colourful plant and mineral (9)
- 15 Blame one that's ruined fertiliser (8)
- 17 Go off and decorate US soldier climbing inside (7)
- 18 Roller for mixing paint — let it off (6)
- 20 The people from Italy, perhaps (5)
- 22 Fire is partly burning less (5)

## Solution 556

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