

FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 560

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

ACROSS

- 1 Expensive (6)
- 4 Embark (2, 6)
- 9 Distinctive accent (5)
- 10 Intermediary (9)
- 11 Circling, going around (7)
- 12 Left out (7)
- 13 Semi-precious stone (4)
- 14 To do with goods, services and money (8)
- 17 Canine (8)
- 19 Indonesian holiday island (4)
- 22 Souvenir (7)
- 24 Tough waterproof fabric (7)
- 25 Predatory lender (4, 5)
- 26 Jug’s pouring part (5)
- 27 Stopped (8)
- 28 Point of view, position (6)

DOWN

- 1 Understand firm’s not twice reorganised (6, 2)
- 2 Celebrity panel’s right (9)
- 3 Look around gate that renovated smoothly (6)
- 5 Go after nobody let out group of cronies (3, 3, 7)
- 6 Country hobo embraces the Spanish-American soldier (7)
- 7 Let in even bits of random silt (5)
- 8 Strip of remote dune divided up in part (6)
- 10 Maybe chill cake with a bit of marzipan — too sweet (4, 9)
- 15 Firm action taken against drug and drink (9)
- 16 Portrait of very dishevelled gent with tie (8)
- 18 Beginning of siege — North and South destroyed (7)
- 20 A doctor was in front and took a stroll (6)
- 21 Shut top of the bedroom feature (6)
- 23 Shows ability to pay (5)

Solution 559

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