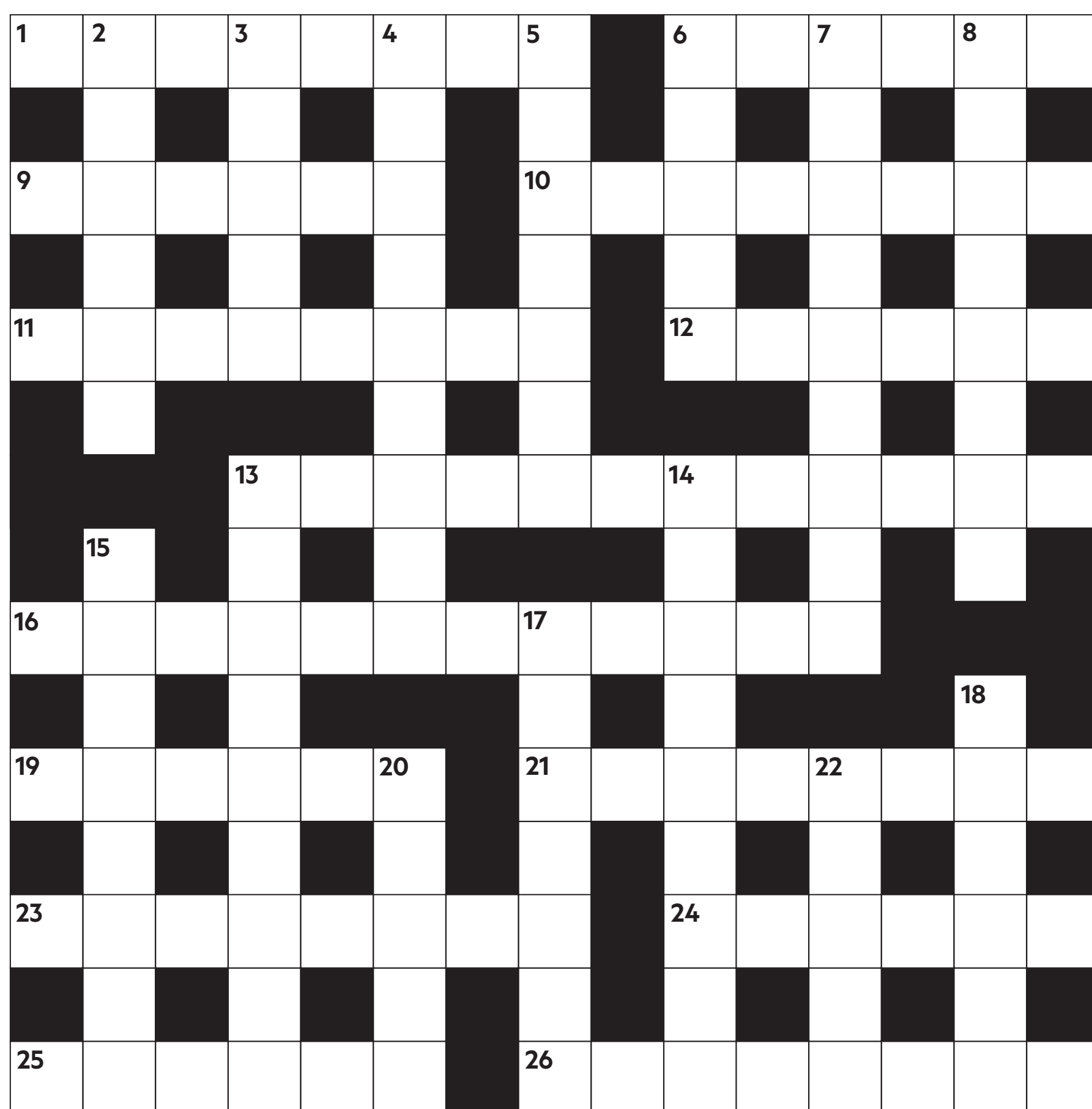


# FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 599

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

## ACROSS

- 1 French apple spirit (8)
- 6 Iterate (6)
- 9 Vocalist (6)
- 10 Estrange, put off (8)
- 11 Plotting (8)
- 12 Dung beetle (6)
- 13 Soften the message (5, 3, 4)
- 16 Business group formed from several firms (12)
- 19 Frantic, busy (6)
- 21 Pickled herrings (8)
- 23 Tumbledown (8)
- 24 Rule, reign (6)
- 25 Go without food (6)
- 26 Was of importance (8)

## DOWN

- 2 Each one eats pastry item (6)
- 3 Very feverish condition is not clear (5)
- 4 Daredevil starts wandering with the same brave deeds (7-2)
- 5 Arrogance is to bet involving thousands (7)
- 6 Drain system covers monsoon time (5)
- 7 Fruit pie excited penpal swallowed (9)
- 8 Really perform with university friend (8)
- 13 Tourist refers to attention for the audience (9)
- 14 Illumination for lad getting lost in summit (9)
- 15 Well-structured company he's to hire (8)
- 17 Mistake for artist with corporation following little hesitation (7)
- 18 Rise in sales — rap singer's not entirely meagre (6)
- 20 Flavouring I have with with tips of celery hearts (5)
- 22 Film's second opinion is endless (5)

## Solution 598

