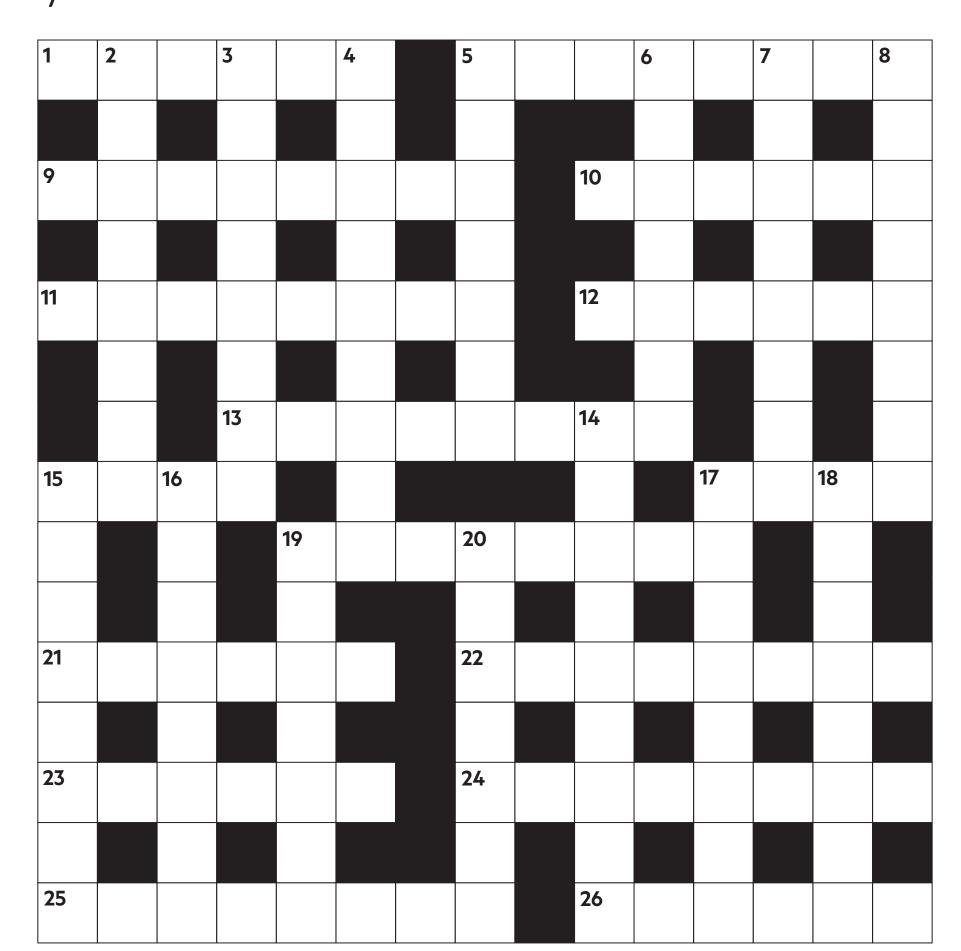
FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 657

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

ACROSS

- Traditional calculating frame
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- **5.** Southern Spanish resort (8)
- 9. Shrewdly (8)
- 10. Natural fertiliser (6)
- **11.** Flatfish (8)
- **12.** Not present (6)
- 13. Empowering (8)
- **15.** Church service (4)
- **17.** Used to be (4)
- 19. More powerful (8)
- **21.** Potassium compound (6)
- **22.** Skill, talent (8)
- 23. Strolled (6)
- **24.**Tied result (4, 4)
- **25.** Voting time (8)
- 26. Accounts book (6)

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DOWN

- **2.** Herb one gets around large church (8)
- **3.** Falsely accuse hidden American groups of voters (8)
- **4.** Firm chopped dates for time without food (9)
- **5.** Might get type of examination of a town's boss (7)
- **6.** Act as a nationalist leader and win seat (7)
- **7.** Los Angeles with little hesitation endlessly devoured award winner (8)
- **8.** Wild rapture over movie's final opening (8)
- **14.** Evening flight land mostly badly (9)
- **15.** Lose confused claims surrounding parking fine, ultimately (8)
- **16.** Fitting formal outfit with black fur, but not the top bit (8)
- **17.** We had included gag that's pathetic (8)
- 18. Faulty gear stick at first encompassing a driver's anger (4, 4)
- **19.** Dodgy tight-knit group surrounds us quietly (7)
- 20. Working with one Mafia boss at length (2, 3, 2)