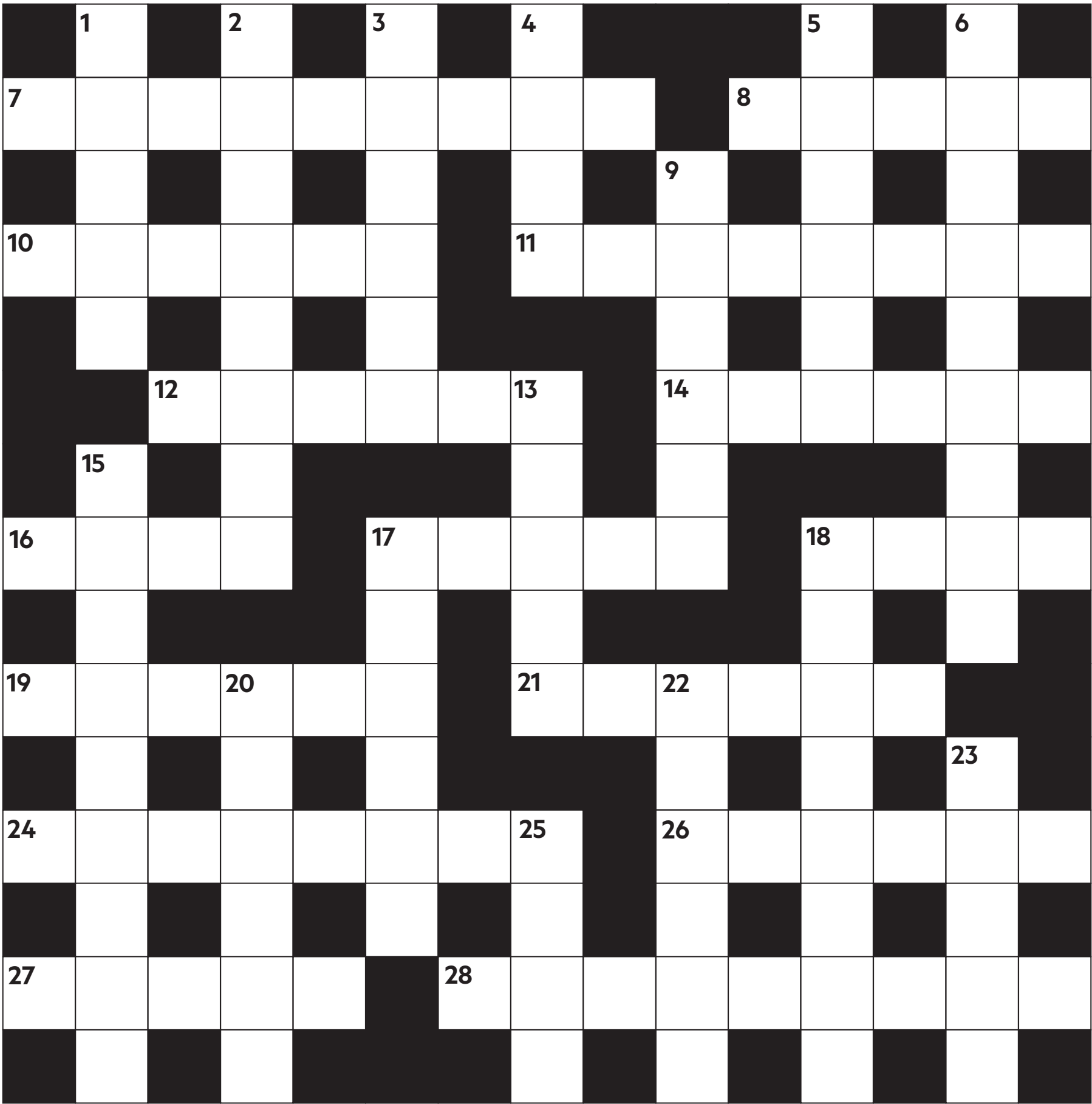


FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 662

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

ACROSS

- 7 Pecking order (9)
- 8 Trivial, unimportant (5)
- 10 Inculcate, infuse (6)
- 11 Amazing, astonishing (8)
- 12 Early spring flower (6)
- 14 Tell (6)
- 16 Toy on a string (2-2)
- 17 Unseeing (5)
- 18 Note (4)
- 19 Bear witness (6)
- 21 Thrill, stimulate (6)
- 24 Devastating, dreadful (8)
- 26 Writing desk (6)
- 27 At the expected time (2, 3)
- 28 Lack of movement (9)

DOWN

- 1 Instrument for surgery that’s put up including current one (5)
- 2 Nelson’s not starting to grasp alternative musical piece (8)
- 3 Caper with raw carrot tops cooked with foil (6)
- 4 Shut out in this way (4)
- 5 Clue one’s hidden in slang, perhaps (6)
- 6 In prison I’d got mine worked out (5, 4)
- 9 Get free after having set off (6)
- 13 Criticise flier (5)
- 15 Trace portion that’s edited in newspaper (9)
- 17 Fastener’s only joined to bottom of pin (6)
- 18 Driving old Ford model into place for boats (8)
- 20 Quite a vision of famous tower for the audience (6)
- 22 A bolt’s manoeuvred under carbon element (6)
- 23 Each year’s employment break (5)
- 25 Place computers and so on in middle of museum (4)

Solution 661

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