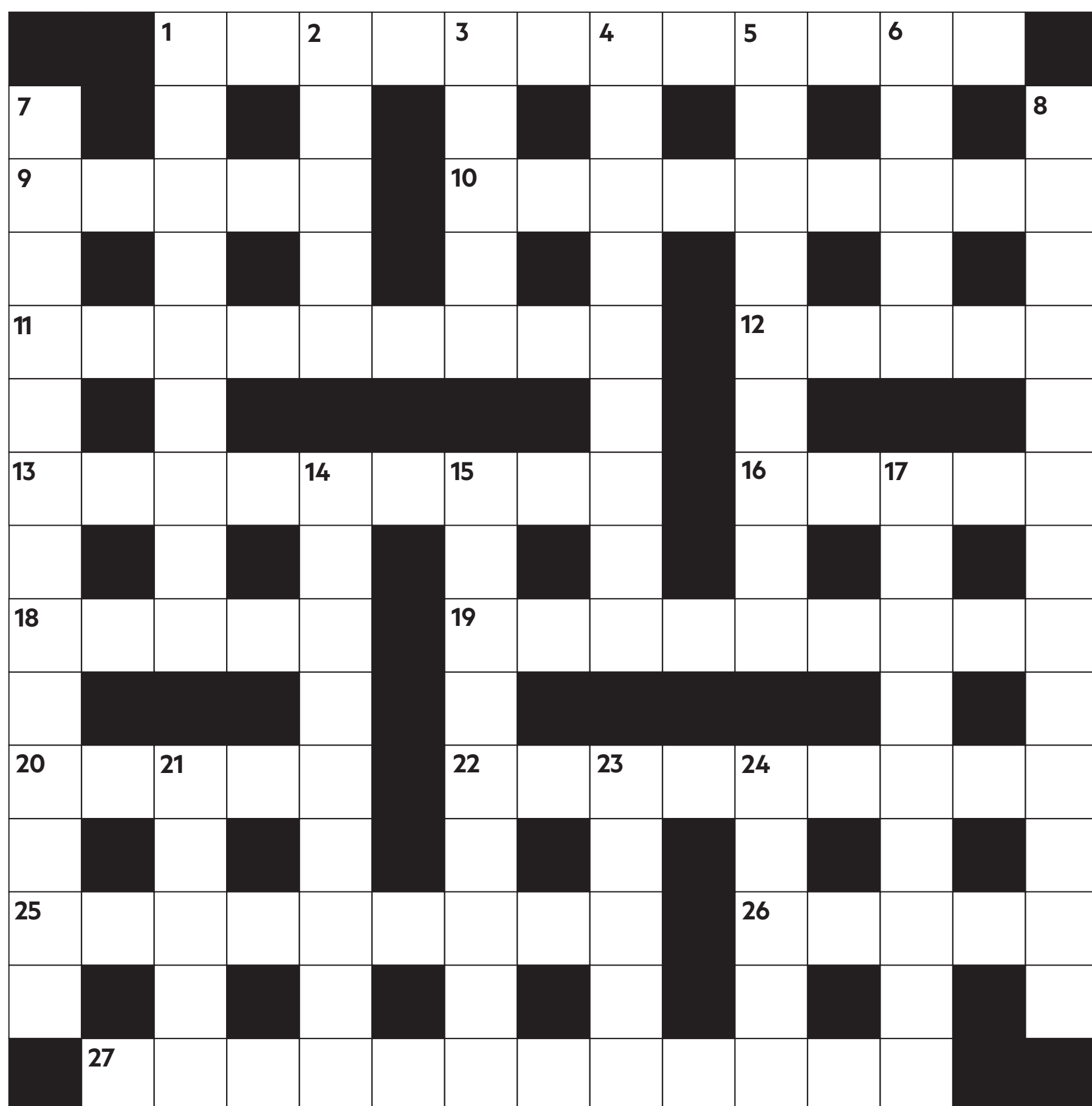


FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 682

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

ACROSS

- 1 Envelope's mail sticker (7, 5)
- 9 Before time (5)
- 10 Like a lizard, eg (9)
- 11 Explosive substance (9)
- 12 Symbol, design (5)
- 13 Flat (9)
- 16 Cutter, chopper (5)
- 18 Gas unit (5)
- 19 Altruistic (9)
- 20 Passageway (5)
- 22 White stone (9)
- 25 Shun, snub (9)
- 26 Balearic holiday island (5)
- 27 Self-rule (12)

DOWN

- 1 Background cut agent out (9)
- 2 For example, in this way get permission (3-2)
- 3 Biting dry carrot top inside (5)
- 4 Great river rushes endlessly with peat stirred up (9)
- 5 Victorious ex-US president embraces one dramatic prince, in short (9)
- 6 The majority accept current that's wet (5)
- 7 Officer sent gear around to pack up other ranks (8-5)
- 8 Final drink for old Dane rampaging around castle – brave soldier (3, 3, 3, 4)
- 14 Clement the heartless politician dined after little hesitation (9)
- 15 English coin of old I have that's instructional (9)
- 17 Middle measurement was around island and rocky inlet (9)
- 21 Fabric's nasty stain (5)
- 23 Each ambassador gets publicity in advance (5)
- 24 Stranger tall story one absorbed (5)

Solution 681

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