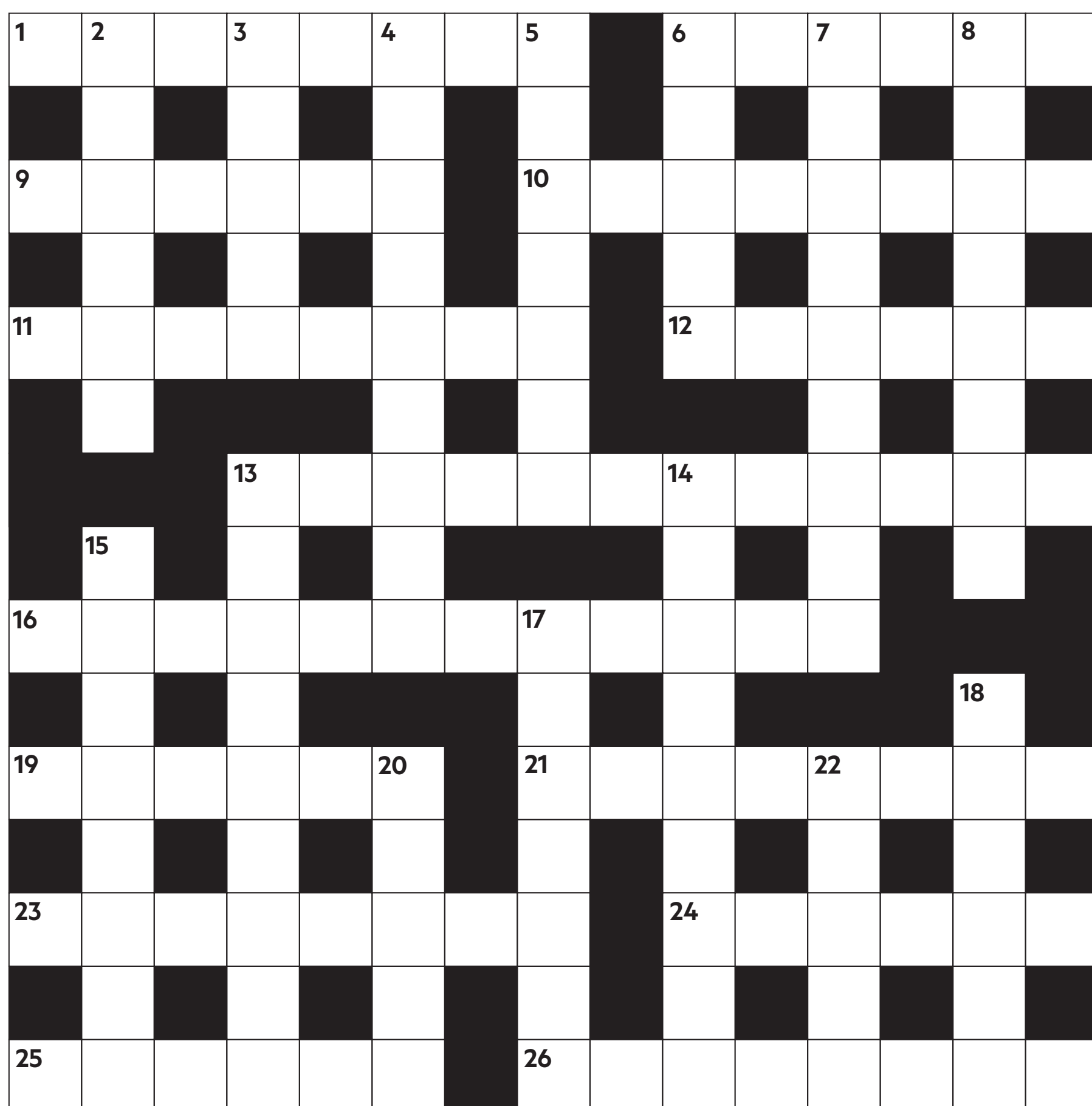


# FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 687

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

## ACROSS

- 1 Modern Abyssinia (8)
- 6 Entertain (6)
- 9 Metallic element, atomic number 27 (6)
- 10 Purple spring flower (8)
- 11 Desire for food (8)
- 12 Iron attractor (6)
- 13 Sensitively, observantly (12)
- 16 Alcohol meter (12)
- 19 Marshes, bogs (6)
- 21 Oil-processing plant (8)
- 23 Penitent, remorseful (8)
- 24 Spin, turn (6)
- 25 Adhesive, tacky (6)
- 26 Giving way (8)

## DOWN

- 2 Tore up terrible performers (6)
- 3 Cross India at speed (5)
- 4 Religious leader's area includes leaderless friar (9)
- 5 Get a salad plant without taste, ultimately (7)
- 6 Kingdom with genuine monarch's crown (5)
- 7 Reforming region involves government's close examination (5-4)
- 8 Really upset about abstaining in recent times (8)
- 13 Realistic art mixed with magic after performance starts (9)
- 14 Special work team's to request moving etc outside (4, 5)
- 15 Organised dawn tour that's extended (5-3)
- 17 It's a crime to clear out US city (7)
- 18 Tin boxes return for islander (6)
- 20 Hot current caught in spot (5)
- 22 Famous number by the heartless diva, to start with (5)

## Solution 686

