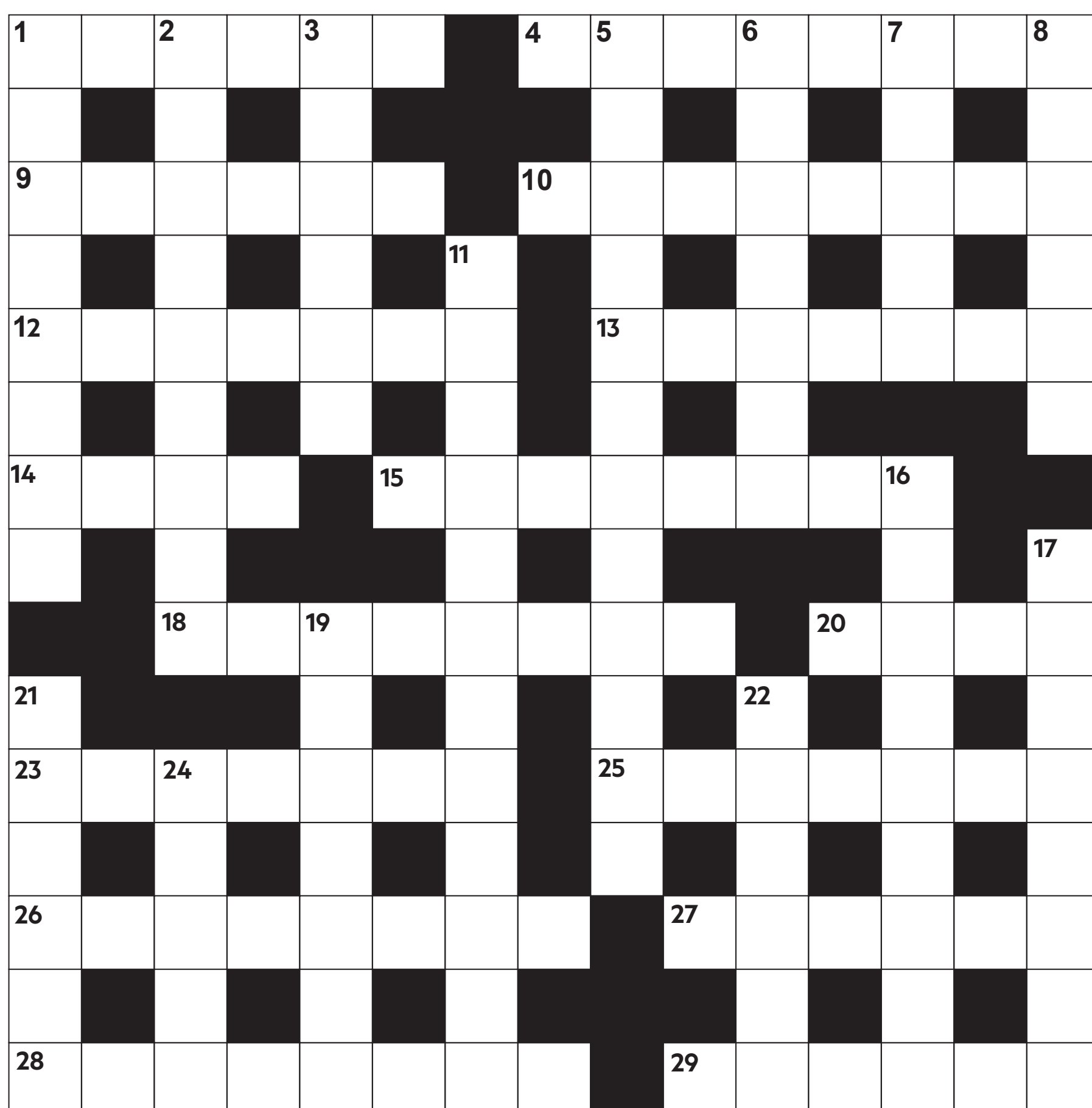


FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 688

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

ACROSS

- 1 Oppose, fight against (6)
- 4 Cutting implement (8)
- 9 Bordeaux's country (6)
- 10 Taskmaster, oppressor (8)
- 12 Normal (7)
- 13 Intellectual, brainy person (7)
- 14 Unyielding, steadfast (4)
- 15 Numerous, many (8)
- 18 Board member (8)
- 20 Incentive (4)
- 23 Root vegetable (7)
- 25 Improve (7)
- 26 Treacherous, false (8)
- 27 Length of time (6)
- 28 Sonorous, resounding (8)
- 29 Cure (6)

DOWN

- 1 Repeated phrase of music artist's very loud for the mob (4-4)
- 2 Astonished at what's planned at different times (9)
- 3 Island skiing starts in a very chilly way (6)
- 5 Sweet person composed fine concerto (12)
- 6 Hurriedly go past a bit of pavement that's temporary (7)
- 7 Likely line for the audience is spoken at the right time (2, 3)
- 8 Street journey's pace (6)
- 11 Flying officer's in the air, with a pro acting strangely outside (5, 7)
- 16 Dear old partner's thoughtful (9)
- 17 Go quickly around refurbished diner that's warm (8)
- 19 Ramshackle summary (3-4)
- 21 Agents put up hidden identification for web developer (6)
- 22 Gasp and shouts of excitement are heard (6)
- 24 Got up with the ultimate in chocolates as a romantic offering (5)

Solution 687

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