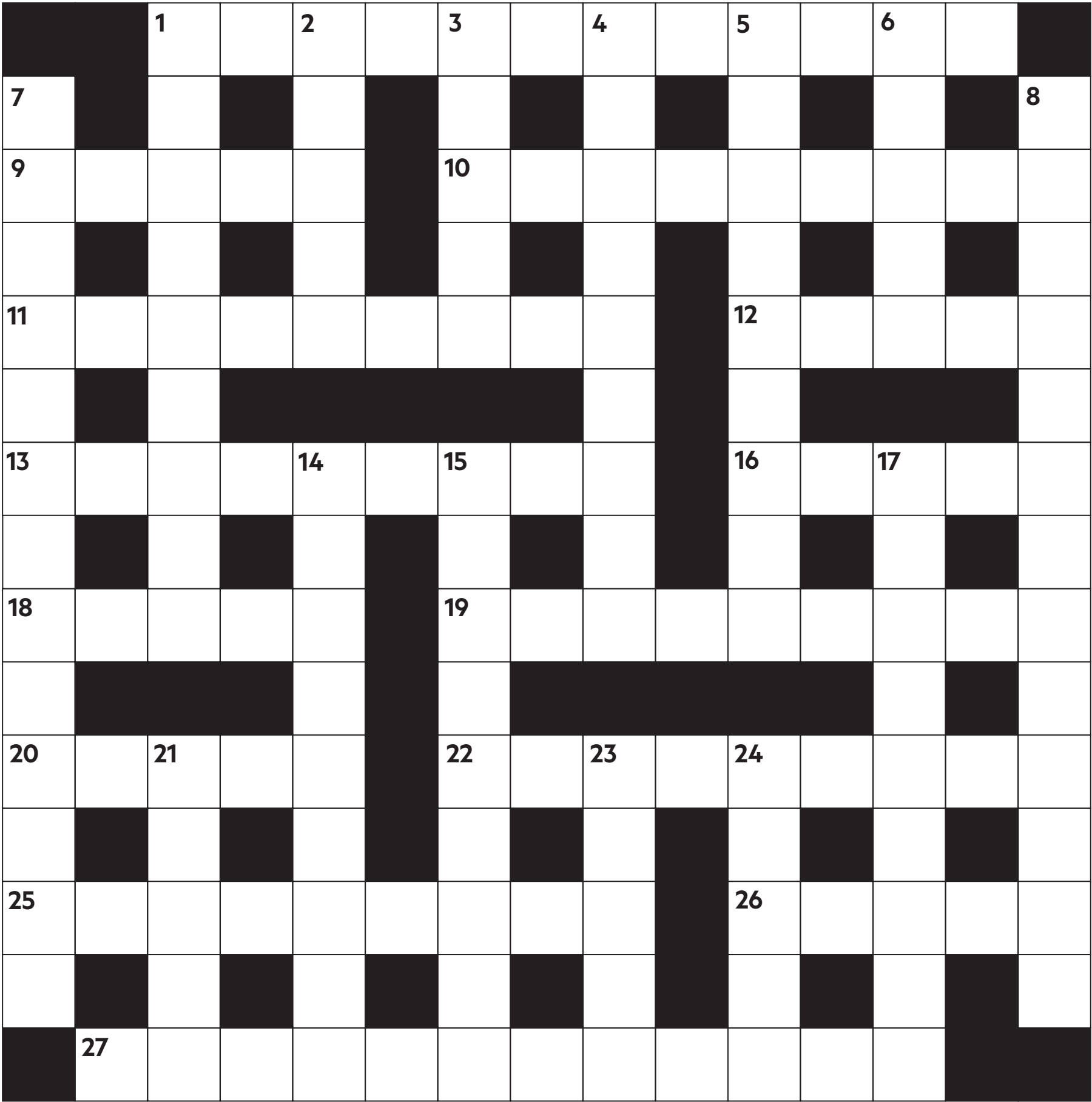


FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 690

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

ACROSS

- 1 Ancient Greek comic playwright (12)
- 9 Horrify (5)
- 10 Bloc, alliance (9)
- 11 Disincentive, discouragement (9)
- 12 Thick milk (5)
- 13 US state north of Illinois (9)
- 16 Unsuitable, ill-equipped (5)
- 18 Fortune-telling cards (5)
- 19 Exactly the same (9)
- 20 Large bird of prey (5)
- 22 Upsetting, disconcerting (9)
- 25 Avoiding alcohol, drugs etc (9)
- 26 Arithmetical symbol (5)
- 27 Unnecessary (3-9)

DOWN

- 1 Snack with pâtés and ripe bananas (9)
- 2 Lazybones lied about career’s last part (5)
- 3 Gallery contains the ultimate in gorgeous refinement (5)
- 4 Pound and cent that is exchanged for shame (9)
- 5 Racing out around battle (9)
- 6 Bypass climbs in tree-lined avenue (5)
- 7 Mysterious lady’s to possess extraordinary wealth to give orders (3, 4, 3, 3)
- 8 Medical expert got steroidal management initially amended (13)
- 14 Growing number taken in by crazy theories (2, 3, 4)
- 15 Angrily left his old ship that’s without direction (9)
- 17 Mythical falcon — it flies around island (9)
- 21 Try grabbing American sweet, ultimately, with enthusiasm (5)
- 23 Frequently edited one newspaper inside (5)
- 24 Movie club — ambitious, in part (5)

Solution 689

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