

FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 713

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

ACROSS

- 1 Pungent bulb (6)
- 5 Steady, unchanging (8)
- 9 Non-aristocrat (8)
- 10 Road’s curved surface (6)
- 11 Quartet (8)
- 12 Gain back (6)
- 13 Mercy (8)
- 15 Group, herd (4)
- 17 Celebrity status (4)
- 19 Guard (8)
- 21 Inadequate, sparse (6)
- 22 Response (8)
- 23 Web builder (6)
- 24 Scented (8)
- 25 Defeatist, gloomy (8)
- 26 Small pool of water (6)

DOWN

- 2 A sport US soldier joins with a formal defence (8)
- 3 Fruit strain’s funny lines (8)
- 4 Old jargon one’s got with English language (9)
- 5 Procession get-up, in essence (7)
- 6 Elegant gallery with artful surroundings (7)
- 7 Wild boars aim for excellent food (8)
- 8 American road to go and fish (8)
- 14 Wild toucan takes a line with soft fruit (9)
- 15 In cooking vessel, roughly smear cheese (8)
- 16 Jumping over open area (8)
- 17 Plain apartment’s light (8)
- 18 Record me with lesson about India (8)
- 19 Head of security with little hesitation confined dangerous creature (7)
- 20 Place for spectators with regular elements of their sporting event (7)

Solution 712

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