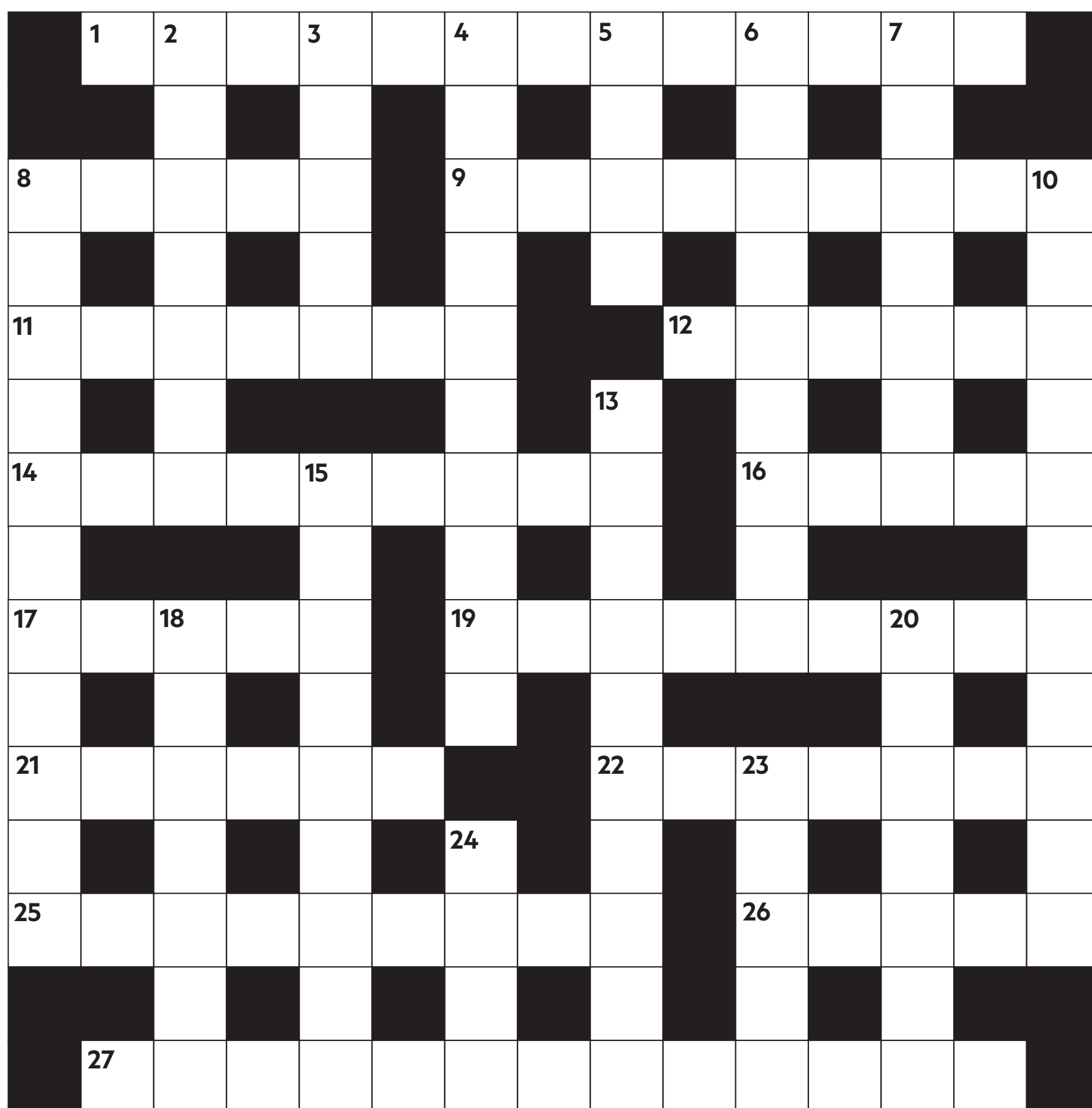


FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 722

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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic. Two of the Down clues have no definition element, but their answers spell out a message.

ACROSS

- 1 Skin doctor (13)
- 8 Russian country house (5)
- 9 Lover of good food and drink (3, 6)
- 11 Smooth wall covering (7)
- 12 Fame (6)
- 14 Bring together (9)
- 16 Cannelloni, eg (5)
- 17 Cross, annoyed (5)
- 19 Swimming pool attendant (9)
- 21 Recently (2, 4)
- 22 Back, support (7)
- 25 Did nothing, languished (9)
- 26 Unsuccessful person (5)
- 27 Not moving (2, 1, 10)

DOWN

- 2 Entrance enclosed by hospital worker, perhaps (7)
- 3 Intended married 24, bizarrely (5)
- 4 Adjust right balance with the empty religious building (10)
- 5 Tall pine (4)
- 6 One experimented upon gauge with pin I broke (6, 3)
- 7 Main relatives (7)
- 8 Dishonest political party with legal oversight, initially, over America (11)
- 10 County town's outskirts with a deanery gets rebuilt (4, 3, 4)
- 13 Ended offer craftily and committed crime again (10)
- 15 Without one, it's cooked with ginger, taking energy (9)
- 18 Taste a bit of lettuce that's cooked, anyway (2, 5)
- 20 Spray top of asphalt with looser mixture (7)
- 23 Ran up with first of the fine earthenware (5)
- 24 Famous peak climbing in Canterbury (4)

Solution 721

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