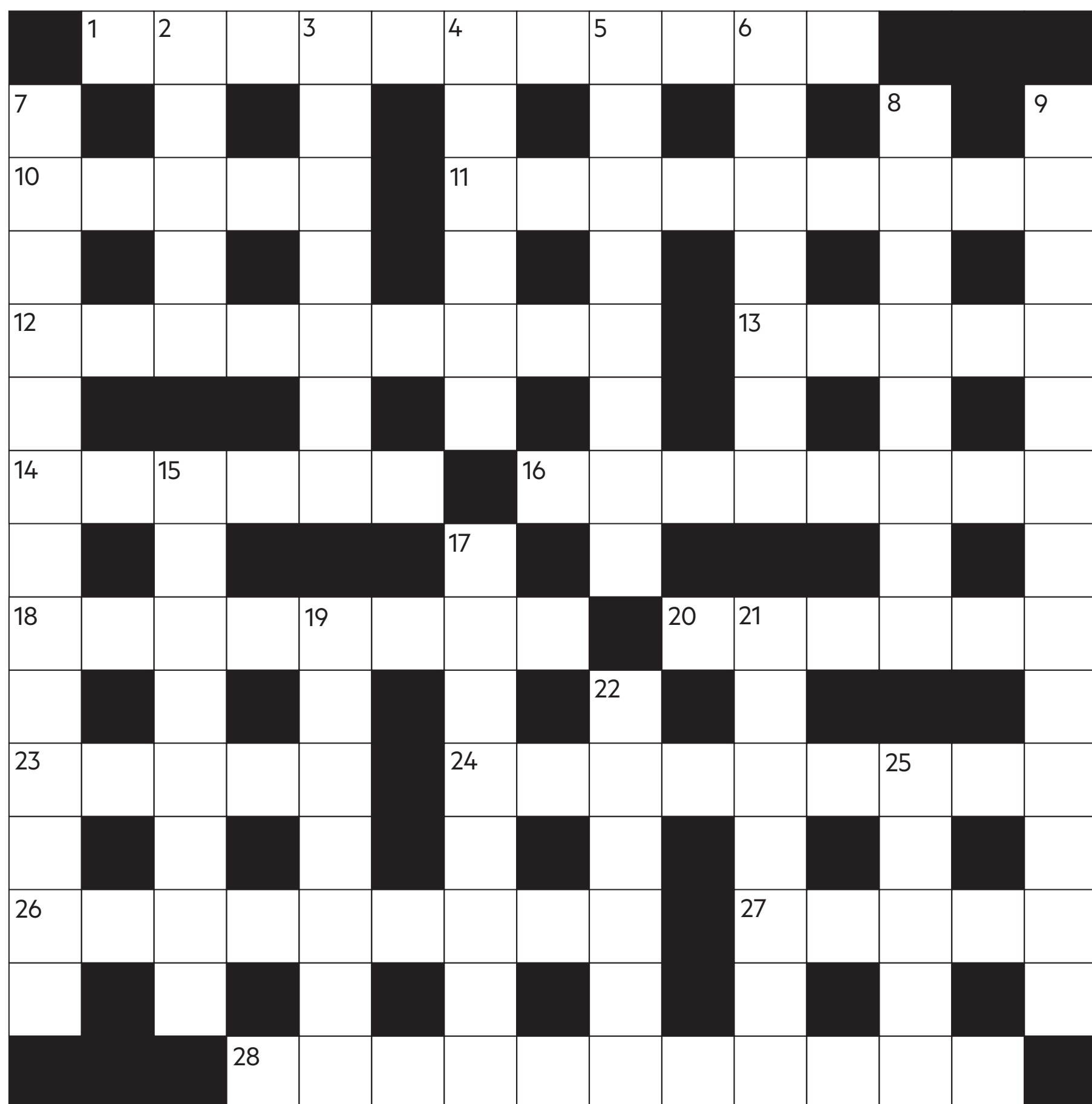


# FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 724

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

## ACROSS

- 1 Old firearm (11)
- 10 Half a semibreve (5)
- 11 Senior employee (9)
- 12 Pact, deal (9)
- 13 Botanical life form (5)
- 14 Oppose (6)
- 16 Frightening (8)
- 18 Orchestral work (8)
- 20 Bind, constrain (6)
- 23 Less (5)
- 24 Of one voice (9)
- 26 Baby's carer (9)
- 27 Remove faults from (5)
- 28 Immoderate, unbridled (11)

## DOWN

- 2 Passenger ship stirred up River Nile (5)
- 3 Figures from part of the Bible (7)
- 4 Hole in little piece of land, we hear (6)
- 5 Start biting back without the rest (8)
- 6 Wreck meal without a bit of cake (7)
- 7 Shame of drunk member with rant about fool (13)
- 8 Pasta ration's cooked with sides of gnocchi (8)
- 9 Understand subjects in tricky stage, say, when raised (3, 3, 7)
- 15 Religious institution upset miner, say (8)
- 17 Redesigned blue — not black — satin cushion (8)
- 19 Crazy banshee is one that's no longer popular (3-4)
- 21 Great performance by book worker's out of line (7)
- 22 Poor firm overcomes increase (4, 2)
- 25 Sphere of influence of region's leaders took effect (5)

## Solution 723

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