

FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 728

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

ACROSS

- 1 Small plum (6)
- 4 Impetus (8)
- 9 Encroachment (6)
- 10 Follower, disciple (8)
- 12 Spare time (7)
- 13 Leave, forsake (7)
- 14 Thing, object (4)
- 15 Unmarried man (8)
- 18 One who lives on (8)
- 20 Dull pain (4)
- 23 Gave up, conceded (5, 2)
- 25 Specimen (7)
- 26 Completely sealed (8)
- 27 Preacher’s raised platform (6)
- 28 Piste (3, 5)
- 29 Carrier (6)

DOWN

- 1 Boring item started to work after routine practice (5, 3)
- 2 Vicious, horrible crimes engulfing the French (9)
- 3 Obscure musical works — 20 for the audience (6)
- 5 Mad fool dashed in past it (3-9)
- 6 Look intensely at the old label rumpled on the outside (7)
- 7 Study under top of the step (5)
- 8 Starts to meet up with very small rebellion (6)
- 11 Corrupt historian took in the Spanish head of political liaison (12)
- 16 Start recipe with one mushroom — one on each baking sheet (9)
- 17 Runaway vehicle finally steered crazily (8)
- 19 It reveals the awkward truth about a touch of poison in herb (3, 4)
- 21 Drops leftovers (6)
- 22 USA let out acknowledgement (6)
- 24 Amazing drive for one who scored (5)

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