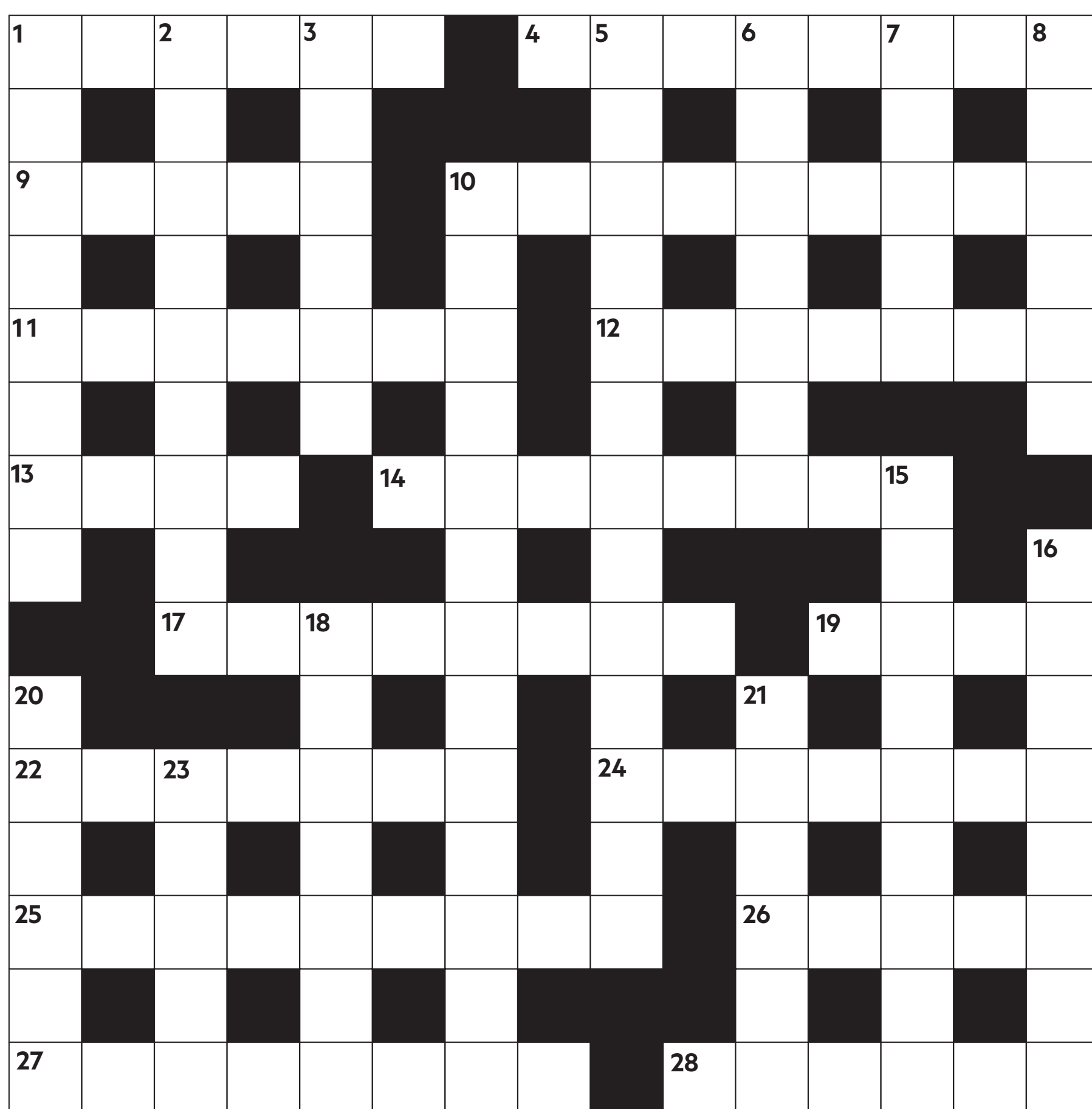


FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 424

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

ACROSS

- 1 Politeness, civility (6)
- 4 False (8)
- 9 Goa's country (5)
- 10 Lively ballroom dance (4, 5)
- 11 Armed civilians (7)
- 12 Acrobat's swing (7)
- 13 Metal fastener (4)
- 14 Eastern (8)
- 17 Tripartite (5-3)
- 19 Bullets etc, in short (4)
- 22 Soberly (7)
- 24 Fine white cotton (7)
- 25 Basic (9)
- 26 Powerful light emitter (5)
- 27 Wall hanging (8)
- 28 Fall guy (6)

DOWN

- 1 Small animal has portion around an hour after midday (8)
- 2 Award winner still made changes (9)
- 3 Hot kiln for artist in tray (6)
- 5 Game destroyed castle, perhaps (4, 3, 6)
- 6 Brilliant huntress not quite taken in by traitor (7)
- 7 Not starting very serious game (5)
- 8 Country garden ultimately buried under wild weeds (6)
- 10 Cocktail parties with rye I stirred with first two bits of orange (7, 6)
- 15 Wine for meat course that's cooked without energy (9)
- 16 Famous flier with company sergeant, perhaps, turned red (8)
- 18 Don again is right (7)
- 20 A small detail on top of that feature (6)
- 21 Charm a fish with only one left (6)
- 23 Consumed as the cuppa is regularly (3, 2)

Solution 423

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