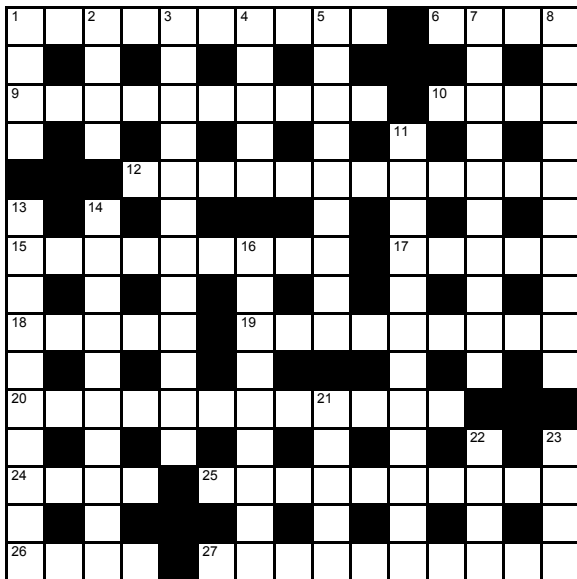


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 13,405 Set by MUDD



A prize of the Bloomsbury Concise English Dictionary, published by A&C Black, and the Good Word Guide by Martin Manser will be awarded for the first correct solution opened. Solutions by Wednesday June 16, marked Monday Prize Crossword 13,405 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday June 21.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

ACROSS

- 1 Cruel boss to bring bad luck (4,6)
- 6 Pest turned over, getting smack (4)
- 9 Complete wreck if invited to opening of exhibition (10)
- 10 Port consumed in Baden Baden (4)
- 12 Expendable men, as circus performer to be fired? (6,6)
- 15 Irish rebel seizes redneck, eastern US bird (9)
- 17 Do well to remove far wall from old room (5)
- 18 Cut the lot, then knock over cherry tree (5)
- 19 Knight, given leadership, wearing fat hat! (3,6)
- 20 In club, prepare bun with tea for something to eat (6,6)
- 24 Sucker's footwear (4)
- 25 Mum, say, friend in the city after daughter (10)
- 26 Might steak be difficult to find? (4)
- 27 This period set out to show status on paper (10)

DOWN

- 1 Cover up skin (4)
- 2 Schism involving religious teachings and us (4)
- 3 Difficult business carrying an oil container with us (12)
- 4 Each number should be taken down (5)

- 5 Figure understood to be holding tournament (9)
- 7 Confidentially, one helps a fish to escape (4-2-4)
- 8 Lack of detail in Elgar, yet moving (10)
- 11 Ballad never melted Naomi's heart, tragically (4,2,6)
- 13 Row one copies on to page – which one might discard? (5,5)
- 14 Old ship, *Victory*, beginning to draw crowd over foreign waters (10)
- 16 Destroy directors, then control panel (9)
- 21 Colour absorbing a stain (5)
- 22 Brass, please keep the noise down! (4)
- 23 Look for 25 (4)

SOLUTION 13,393

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The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on June 19