

FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 473

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

ACROSS

- 1 State of inactivity (6)
- 5 Facetious (8)
- 9 Dedication, commitment (8)
- 10 Counsel, give guidance (6)
- 11 Tie, eg (8)
- 12 Extra at cricket (2, 4)
- 13 Stalemate (8)
- 15 In the past (4)
- 17 Mexican currency (4)
- 19 Confederation (8)
- 20 Mob (6)
- 21 Jewellery accessories (8)
- 22 Concurred (6)
- 23 Bear (8)
- 24 Marine mammal (3, 5)
- 25 Work too hard on (6)

Solution 472

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DOWN

- 2 At that point, get my popular instrument (8)
- 3 Enclosure for a desk, perhaps, around bed that's put up (8)
- 4 Craftily blame ills on nasty character (9)
- 5 One who's paid to deal with those who are late (7, 8)
- 6 Trudge along and cut field (7)
- 7 French friend's message is friendly (8)
- 8 Famous siege of Malta he broke with head of operations (3, 5)
- 14 Voice concerns, initially, working with art lot, perhaps (9)
- 15 High road proves bumpy when hidden (8)
- 16 Capital is able to bear changes without bit of return (8)
- 17 Line of exercise to delve about with energy (8)
- 18 Unimportant editor's cut (8)
- 19 Disease with mental troubles engulfing one (7)