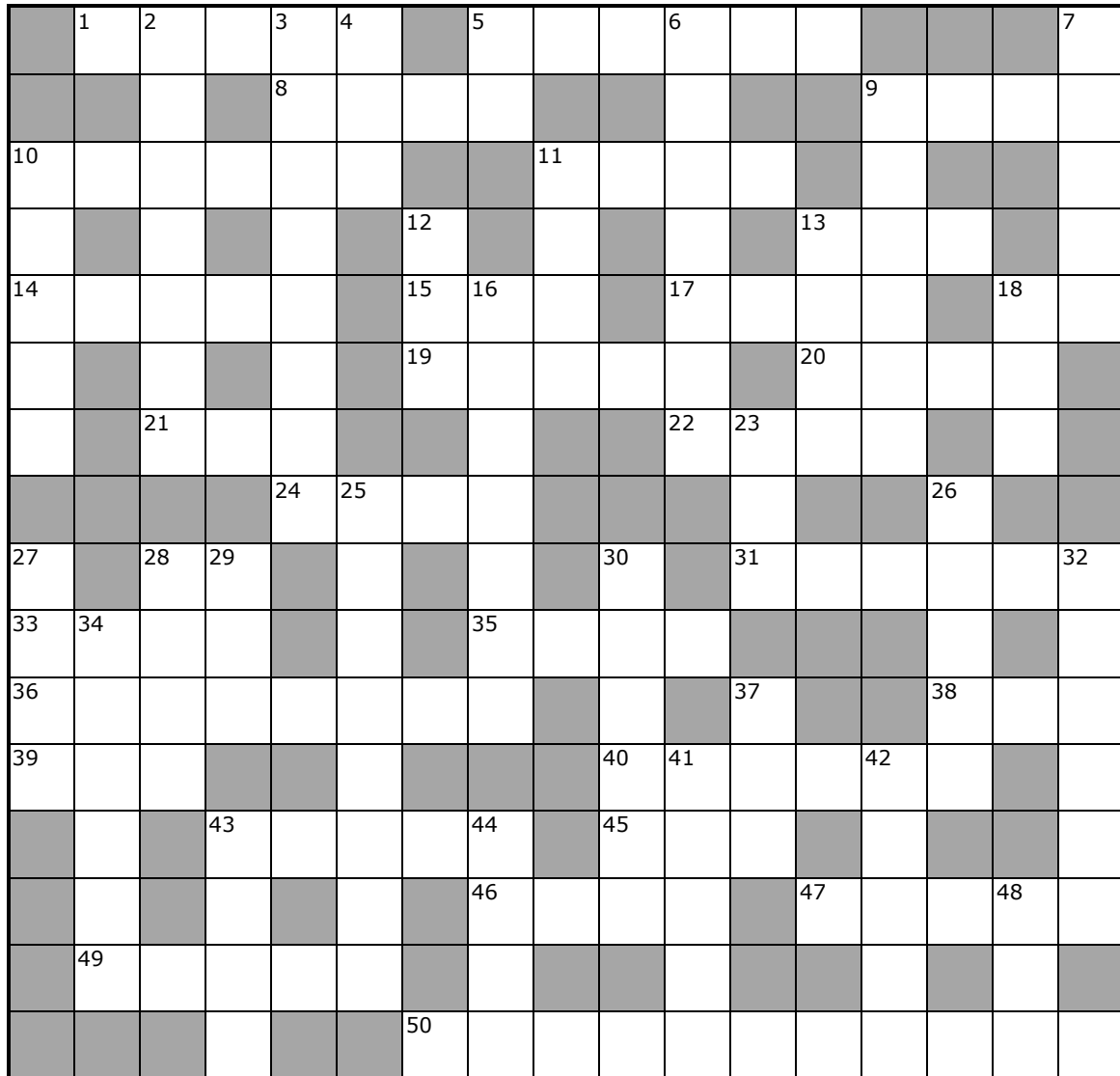




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Financial Fraud

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ACROSS:

1. Casino tokens used in lieu of currency [5]
5. a.k.a. rebate; a direct reduction of the amount of tax payable on taxable income... in some cases to zero [6]
8. Practical joke, prank, piece of deception [4]
9. A gambling card game in which players bet on the order in which the cards will appear [4]
10. Member of a Catholic order entitled to the post-nominal S.J. [6]
11. Take from the top [4]
13. Gender [3]

14. Pilfer or steal items of small value [5]
15. Belief system [3]
17. The victim of a deception [4]
18. Frequently occurring irrational ratio [2]
19. Confidence trickster's accomplice who poses as a genuine customer to encourage the participation of others [5]
20. A persistent pain [4]
21. Move quickly; manage; ooze; continue to operate; be a candidate [3]
22. Otherwise [4]
24. One who is the victim of a deception [4]
28. To bring to pass; to carry out [2]
31. Popular trick-taking card game in which each player is dealt five cards [6]
33. Operatic song [4]
35. Price, required outlay or expenditure [4]
36. Money given in return for help with a secret and dishonest business deal [8]
38. Legal decision or determination; statute [3]
39. Simian [3]
40. An illegal enterprise carried on for profit [6]
43. Carefully planned and executed complicated confidence game [5]
45. Crepuscule; gloaming; twilight [3]
46. Halo [4]
47. (Verb) To engage in petty swindling; (noun) a petty swindle [5]
49. Criminal deception for financial gain [5]
50. Pope Leo X's history-changing financial scam [11]

DOWN:

2. A fraudster or swindler [7]
3. The act of requesting confidential information over the Internet under false pretences [8]
4. Drunkard [3]
5. Bovine animal [2]
6. Deceptively deprive someone of money or possessions [7]
7. Charles _____, an Italian swindler operating in North America in the early 1900s whose name gave rise to a type of fraudulent investment scheme such as that perpetrated by Bernie Madoff [5]
9. To get a large amount of money from someone by overcharging them. (Hint: ovine connotations) [6]
10. Very short period of time, very short waiting period [5]
11. Prefix denoting "half" [4]
12. Male third-person possessive adjective [3]

13. Fashionable resorts [4]
16. Shakespearean loan shark [7]
18. Church seating [3]
23. Untruth [3]
25. Not changing; uniform; homogeneous [8]
26. Act dishonestly, unfairly or contrary to agreed rules [5]
27. Maori dance associated with confrontation and sport [4]
28. Cubical aids to gambling [4]
29. Tree species once intensively used as timber for naval purposes [3]
30. Unethical or immoral money-lender [5]
32. Obtain by force or threats [6]
34. Fraud or swindle, especially relating to gross overpricing [6]
37. A person who excels at something [3]
41. To be of use; to serve [5]
42. "*The Smartest Guys In the Room*" Giant US energy and financial corporation which covered up billions of dollars in losses and debt before declaring bankruptcy in 2001 [5]
43. Swindle [4]
44. Increased resources or advantage; profit [4]
48. Enemy [3]

SOLUTION

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