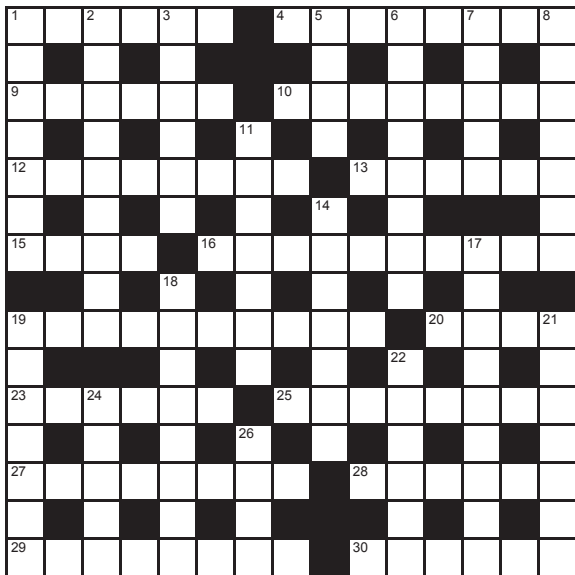


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 14,524 Set by DANTE



A prize of The Good Word Guide by Martin Manser and How to Sound Clever by Hubert van den Bergh will be awarded for the first correct solution opened. Solutions by Wednesday January 29, marked Monday Prize Crossword 14,524 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday February 3.

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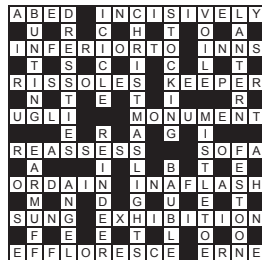
- 1 Don't go and clip them in wet weather (6)
- 4 Broken car phone in Escort (6)
- 9 Corrupt theologian in crooked deal (6)
- 10 Write numbers of chain letters? (8)
- 12 Stolen silverware used by restaurant cooks (3-5)
- 13 A bowed old soldier (6)
- 15 Observed and heard making a scene (4)
- 16 Lead, say, in hard rock (5,5)
- 19 Notable decrease in volume (10)
- 20 Shout and dance, say (4)
- 23 Order to start shooting in battle (6)
- 25 Determination that snail, say, is about to demonstrate (8)
- 27 Subdued, having arrived after it's finished (8)
- 28 It had row upon row of rowers (6)
- 29 Not looking forward to daughter going to university (8)
- 30 Name for stones when placed round an entrance (6)

DOWN

- 1 Stretches between bends (7)
- 2 The farthest one will be from a bank (9)
- 3 Reformed ladies showing the highest standards (6)
- 5 Rushed a hide-out (4)

- 6 Latin American country holds an alternative view (8)
- 7 Managed to get central heating at the farm (5)
- 8 It joins another for a breather (7)
- 11 Third mate to be furious about having taken the helm (7)
- 14 It's obvious I'd enter the contest (7)
- 17 Passing test, ran in, all excited (9)
- 18 Compelled to use pressure in extremity (8)
- 19 Area inside American bases (7)
- 21 Belittles schoolwork, we hear (7)
- 22 Taking flight and running fast (6)
- 24 Article about that particular place (5)
- 26 A sign that Verne's captain has turned up (4)

SOLUTION 14,512



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on February 1