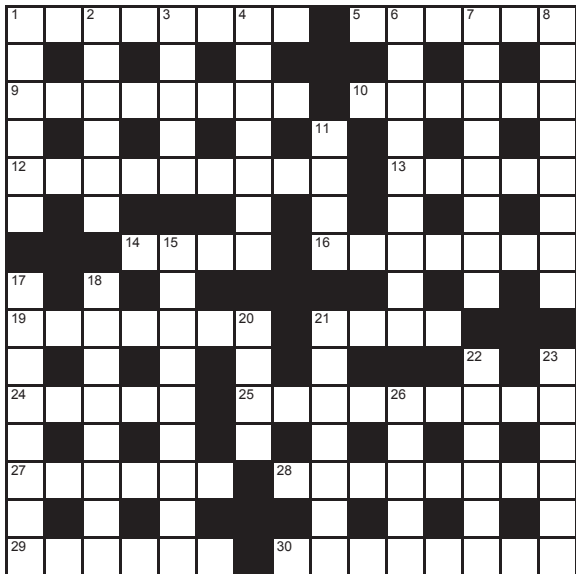


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 14,572 Set by MUDD



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 March 26, marked Monday Prize Crossword 14,572 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday March 31.

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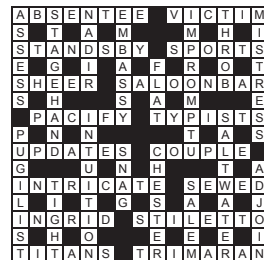
- 1 Bottom pinched by swimmer, dowdy (8)
- 5 Good to punch boss, as moronic (6)
- 9 Playing sitar, go for creativity (8)
- 10 Athlete back on prozac at first, for preparatory examination (6)
- 12 One roaring round town primarily to see campanile (4,5)
- 13 Setter finally invested in lousy agent (5)
- 14 Little fellow scratching head – because of this? (4)
- 16 Upstart with average beauty detailed (7)
- 19 Spaces here in Noah's aquarium? (3,4)
- 21 Artist unknown in part of India (4)
- 24 Duck introduction to debt collector (5)
- 25 Romantic lad going out with client (9)
- 27 Second musical yarn (6)
- 28 Hot April, October briefly changeable (8)
- 29 Something painful afoot about orchestra leader with a trumpet (6)
- 30 S for Savalas? (8)

DOWN

- 1 More than ample babe regularly appearing in strip (6)
- 2 Story yet to be read is thus beyond description? (6)
- 3 Suppose letters must include the ninth of them? (5)

- 4 Oath required to spread article that's unfinished (7)
- 6 The right people portray reforms in extremes of tyranny (4,5)
- 7 Top stop? (8)
- 8 Rehearsal – game over for Spooner? (5,3)
- 11 Mouth bit pulled up (4)
- 15 Actor reading a script, ultimately perplexed (9)
- 17 Scholar of no importance (8)
- 18 Break loveless dullard, heart-broken? (8)
- 20 A thrill to put the boot in? (4)
- 21 Catholic officer (7)
- 22 Head of Christian Church involved in story? I've heard it all before! (6)
- 23 Temperature in neither liquid nor gas, cool (6)
- 26 Greatly enjoy winning motor race by some distance? (3,2)

SOLUTION 14,560



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on March 29