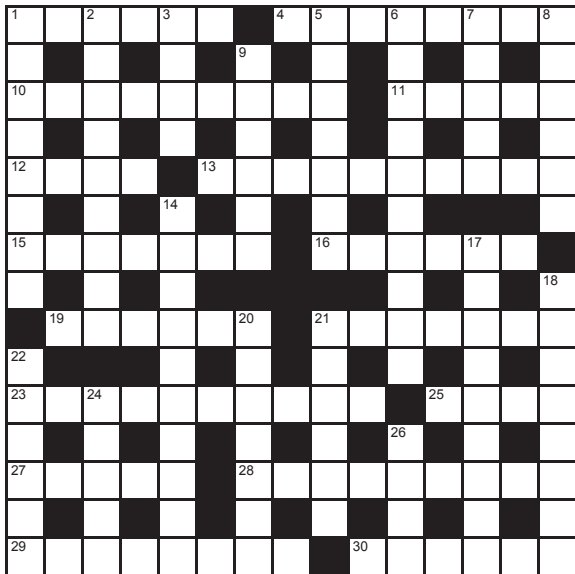


# MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 14,264 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 March 27 marked Monday Prize Crossword 14,264 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday April 1.

## ACROSS

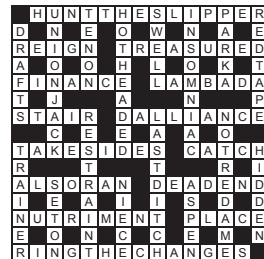
- 1 Made a resounding comeback (6)
- 4 Crib clue for "melting pot" (8)
- 10 Common teaching command at six-thirty? (5-4)
- 11 Major eastern state of USA (5)
- 12 Identify the victim (4)
- 13 Aviator happy to ignite the jets (5,5)
- 15 Criticise summary (3-4)
- 16 Polish, perhaps, or not by the sound of it (6)
- 19 Fault or default (6)
- 21 You have to do so (7)
- 23 Capital beef-dish? (10)
- 25 Earl created king (4)
- 27 Lincoln protected America from corrupt practice (5)
- 28 Not on time when business is slack (3-6)
- 29 Cast Pete in play and watch (8)
- 30 A bang on the head? (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Insect with wings of short span (8)
- 2 Straying in herd can result in obstruction (9)
- 3 Relax – take a sea voyage (4)
- 5 Terminate telephone or other engagement (4,3)
- 6 The beauty appears without wrinkles (10)

- 7 Fetch head of business to telephone (5)
- 8 Raises a secret amendment (6)
- 9 Sort of picture that's a topic for debate? (6)
- 14 Much improved, so enjoying greater popularity (4,4,2)
- 17 A good man with endless service as a writer (9)
- 18 Split up and set off with compass (8)
- 20 Not a static water-tower (7)
- 21 Demonstrations by printers and photographers? (6)
- 22 Some fine tuning for new task we accepted (6)
- 24 See the purpose of a parasite (5)
- 26 Lord, look at him! (4)

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The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on March 30