MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD
No. 15,675 Set by FALCON

ACROSS
9 Singer, trained at control (9)
10 Profligate pinching grand, the scoundrel (5)
11 A rugby player – very large, incidentally (7)
12 Body of aides always keeping one back (7)
13 Mean to return for a conversation (3)
14 Join forces with colonel and hold forth about Labour (11)
17 Drive in Beverly Hills – stick on Wilshire, ultimately heading for Olympic (5)
18 Expected to be paid enough (3)
19 Celestial body to arrive by end of August (5)
21 Medical Officer on barge, one doing a second job (11)
23 Like this parking concession (3)
25 Duck taken from arcade – charge wife denied (7)
27 Argue after small child brings one to squalid part of town (4,3)
28 Come in to register (5)
29 Loved racing on capital racetrack (9)

DOWN
1 Alice crumbling up last of layer cake (6)
2 I printed anyhow, being fearless (8)
3 Source of early training? Piano salesman’s reportedly unenthusiastic (4,6)
4 In addition, luxurious hotel omitted (4)
5 What we’re called in explosive contest? (10)
6 Intelligence needed to secure right legal document (4)
7 Old article about northern programme (6)
8 First to scale mountain, most dangerous (8)
15 Gay old eccentric eager to come up with a fiver in Bow? (4,6)
16 Award presented to fantastic English playwright (5,5)
17 Don’t forget about constituent (8)
20 Grow rapidly in Greek character’s hot chamber (8)
22 Old apartment put on sale, finally, in the recent past (2,4)
24 Explosive duke in command (6)
26 Gold artist used to create atmosphere (4)
27 Only one type of music on the radio (4)

SOLUTION 15,663

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 October 18, marked Prize Crossword 15,675 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday October 23.

The winner’s name will be published in Weekend FT on October 21.