

FT News Puzzle - February

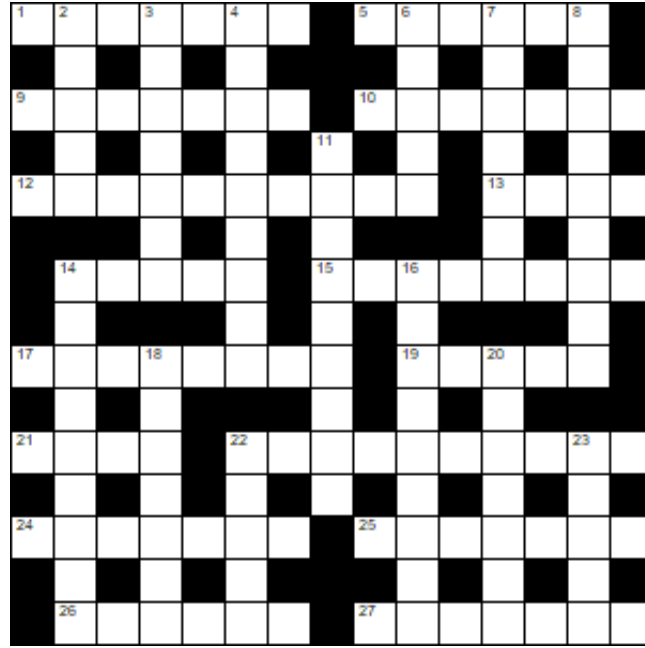
A monthly cryptic crossword relating to the month's topical events

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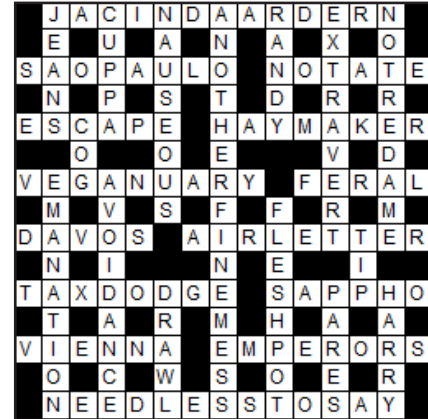
- 1** Francis initially presides over new row (7)
- 5** Overhaul unlimited curbs on whistleblower (6)
- 9** Xi's tech from research facility sent west by fool (7)
- 10** Use foil attached to outside of dirigible as protection (7)
- 12** Tax on sin is spoiling event (3,7)
- 13** Style exhibited by section of freelancers (4)
- 14** Knight recalled greeting sage in Sanskrit (5)
- 15** One who supports ex-PM adopting photo app (8)
- 17** By sides of Solent, encourage swimmer (8)
- 19** Take issue in France mainly with children (5)
- 21** Index of lowest gas price ultimately (4)
- 22** She's discovered on US boat lost in this area (10)
- 24** Work half a month with everybody in recession (7)
- 25** A relic becoming animated after Mass? (7)
- 26** Homeless maybe who prefer a weakened pound (6)
- 27** Some deny donation to the Left is harmless (7)

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- 2** Arab hiding in revolutionary Medina mostly (5)
- 3** Gifts uplifted saint accepting a period of denial (7)
- 4** French working with dodgy intel in war zone (5,4)
- 6** Managers taking old partners around clubs (5)
- 7** Inept advice from energy companies (7)
- 8** Composer with No.1s from ace records and cool hits (9)
- 11** Hoi polloi caught smashing up men's room (9)
- 14** Turns peeled pots into supplies (9)
- 16** What 9 needs to lift is now coming down (9)
- 18** Eggs and grass to raise animal (3,4)
- 20** Spotted anniversary present from Berlin? (7)
- 22** Robust year for Trump's challenger (5)



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