Puzzle No. 3482

JOSHUA KOSMAN AND HENRI PICCIOTTO

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1 Key West finally seen in a small vessel (5)
2 Typical weather conditions and so forth, on the rise outside South American capital (7)
3 Kept on acquiring something an executive might have assailed (9)
4 A female tennis legend (4)
5 Establishing big breaks in tweet (10)
6 Refusal to gobble, feast, or swell (5)
7 A loud noise in support of Mac Knight (7)
8 Honeymooners, perhaps, beginning to seem inexperienced, left and went most of the way north (9)
13 Taken aback, jazz fan to spot and penetrate computer farm (4,6)
14 I ought to put in a new order about work lack (2,7)
15 Easily disgusted, Susan takes question on religious sect (9)
17 Freedom from snooping is costly around Virginia (7)
19 Newspaper features prisoners swallowing fruit with top cut off (7)
21 Pair of children, and one misbehaving ape (5)
23 Article invested in elevating certain blue Americans (5)
24 Leader of Tatooine to succeed Luke Skywalker, for instance (4)

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE NO. 3481

ACROSS

8 DOWNSIZING + ZING (10 rev.)
9 A + CAL[n] 10 ER + MINE 11 TUR (rev.)
12 NOVELIST (anag.) + ST
15 GIRDL + E 16 ME + SS
18 D + AUNT 19 2 def.s 21 amag.
27 SW[EE]N[EN] (rev.) 28 final letters
29 ON + EYE + [b]AROLD

DOWN

1 “force ‘em” 2 “in sight”
3 NIK (rev.) + E 4 [FLINT]
5 A + GREG/ATOR 6 NA MED/R[OP]
7 amag. 22 DE + PEN
17 amag. (kilt) 19 amag. 22 DE + PEN
24 hidden (kilt) 26 [b]ER[E][E][E][R][E][E][E][E][E] 27 TIS[RE][W]