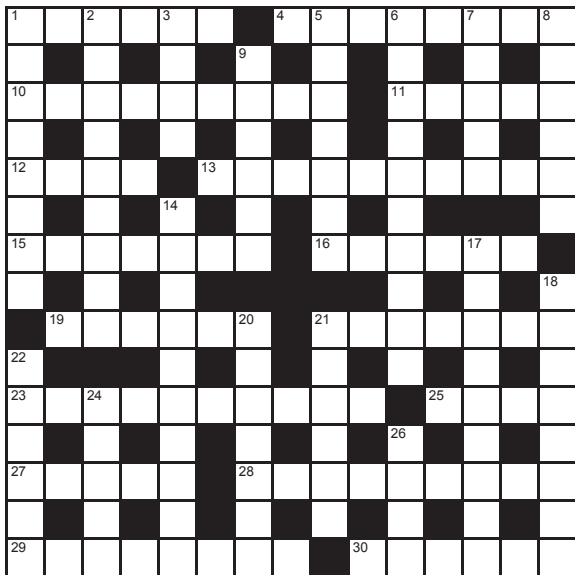


PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 13,886 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 January 4 marked Monday Prize Crossword 13,886 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday January 9.

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ACROSS

- 1 Plant a bomb that explodes overhead (6)
- 4 Encounter reserve in one's social network (8)
- 10 Leading Roman involved in recount (9)
- 11 Victor, out west, is a pretty good shot (5)
- 12 A slap on the wrist (4)
- 13 Rise secures unemployment benefit for a youngster (10)
- 15 Harsh wind from south and east (7)
- 16 Run lightly on to the scene – and stumble (4,2)
- 19 It may provide a crash course for the fair driver (6)
- 21 When the fight is in the balance? (5-2)
- 23 Former astronaut going beyond the limits? (10)
- 25 Berliner's odd bits of cheese (4)
- 27 Foreign dish provided in ladle, as usual, to start with (5)
- 28 Score twice with one dart? (6,3)
- 29 Manufacturing enterprise showing diligence (8)
- 30 Lower form emend a composition (6)

DOWN

- 1 Soccer player gets the bird for cheeky retorts (8)
- 2 Clear love declaration (9)
- 3 Where lies our responsibility (4)

- 5 Moulding discovered in a tunnel's renovation (7)
- 6 The demon drink? (4,6)
- 7 Cat required? There are quite a few in the pound (5)
- 8 Shrewish girl set about painter in unarmed combat (6)
- 9 Toy instrument (6)
- 14 New ribs enough for those Adam lacked (10)
- 17 A theatregoer's guide (9)
- 18 Support in setting up dinner (8)
- 20 He produces his pass when he's being charged (7)
- 21 Don't continue if scared (4,2)
- 22 Park in Indian city – or Greek one (6)
- 24 Canned – as sardines are (5)
- 26 A shade over-extravagant (4)

SOLUTION 13,874



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on January 7