# BARE BONES

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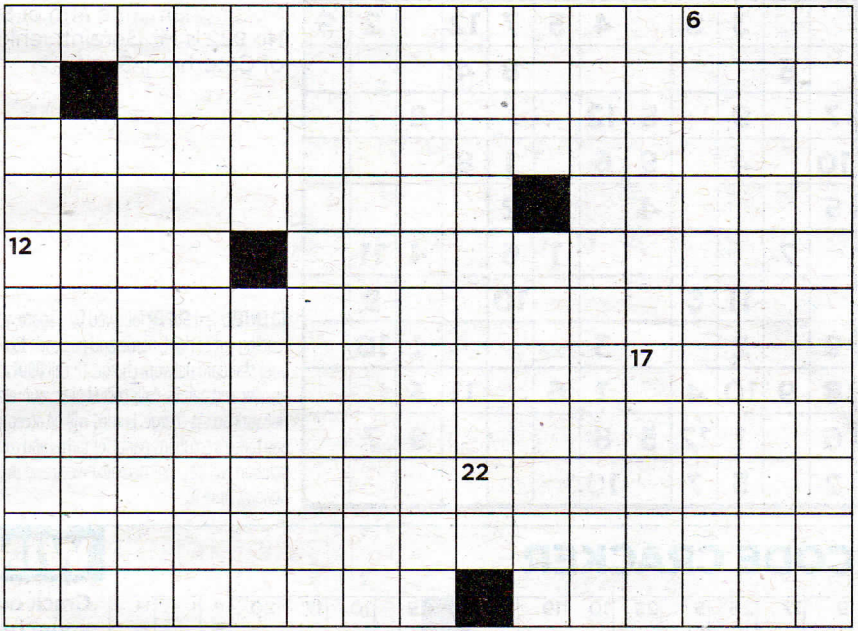
**Our Bare Bones Crossword is unique because you have to complete the grid – numbers and squares – as well. We have inserted four black squares and four clue numbers to get you going. The crossword has a four-way symmetry: both top and bottom and left and right match, so you can fill in 12 more squares straight away.**




There is a prize of a Collins English Dictionary and Thesaurus set, and a Bradford's Crossword Solver's Dictionary. Send your solution to: Bare Bones Puzzle No 989, The Mail on Sunday, PO Box 3451, Norwich NR7 7NR. Entries must arrive by Friday, April 2 (photocopies not accepted). The winner's name will be published on April 18 from the first correct entry drawn.

Winner of Bare Bones No 986: Allyson Tohme, of Calne, Wiltshire.

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**Across**

1 Proper to put notes next to coin
4 Rip-off boy in gaol
10 Protestant bishop, suitable at first
11 I will join head – it makes you sick
12 Great, rambling around conveyance
13 An entrance made of stone
14 Wild cat loses right to remain
15 Excellent penalty
16 Uninspired victory paid off
17 Spoilt child initially bred rodent
21 Extreme colour acquires name
22 European fellow conceals tax raise
23 Reviewing a risk, husband becomes debonair
24 Pamper island group

**Down**

1 Remove broken bidet
2 Rank blow for a villain (Two words)
3 Nothing about a form of digital protection
5 Wander, no way to turn
6 Cute, imagines nightly blessing (Two words)
7 Not applicable – pen is unpleasant
8 Put animal before politicians – grooms do (Two words)
9 Like a beer to be very small (Two words, hyphenated)
15 Fellow always in frenzy
18 The first to hire a river
19 Resting places in the county
20 The Romans' champion