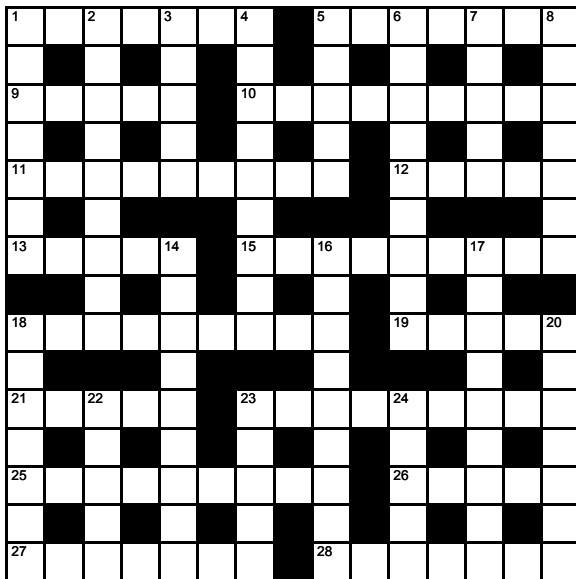


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 13,423 Set by CRUX



A prize of the Bloomsbury Concise English Dictionary, published by A&C Black, and the Good Word Guide by Martin Manser will be awarded for the first correct solution opened. Solutions by Wednesday July 7, marked Monday Prize Crossword 13,423 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday July 12.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

ACROSS

- 1 Endless fruit, gold and diamonds bring cheer (7)
- 5, 9 Cheers below deck? (4,3,5)
- 10 Popular book, available for use (2,7)
- 11 Never once managed to meet again (9)
- 12 Order to vote against the party (5)
- 13 Small bulb of a forage plant, cut down (5)
- 15 "Nosy" virus to be modified (9)
- 18 Annoying pet finally interrupts Mum after exercise (9)
- 19 Transfer agreement involving Chelsea primarily (5)
- 21 Stretch of water seems rather short (5)
- 23 Shark and dog go after meat, mostly (9)
- 25 There's nothing to equal romantic marriage (4,5)
- 26 Increase cost initially to member (5)
- 27 Roseola treated with chemical spray (7)
- 28 Hornless animal that's cut back on fat (7)

DOWN

- 1 A strange charm I heard in Ethiopia (7)
- 2 Explain how to vote to an audience (3,6)
- 3 Arsenic layer, pale in colour (5)
- 4 Stress in the evening rush hour (5,4)

- 5 Fighting ends in grave – a soldier's lament (5)
- 6 Heading 270°, we tied up around central Boston (9)
- 7,17 Intricate organ, perhaps the abode of monsters once (5,9)
- 8 Eeyore's messy pigstye, you might say (7)
- 14 Medically speaking, it determines only superficial beauty (9)
- 16 Show disapproval or maybe barge into teacher's office (9)
- 17 See 7
- 18 Girls positioned on each knee (7)
- 20 One long retired told tales about Lincoln (3-4)
- 22 Old scout car (5)
- 23 Floral segment upturned in umbellate plants (5)
- 24 Letters are said to make you better (5)

SOLUTION 13,411

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The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on July 10