

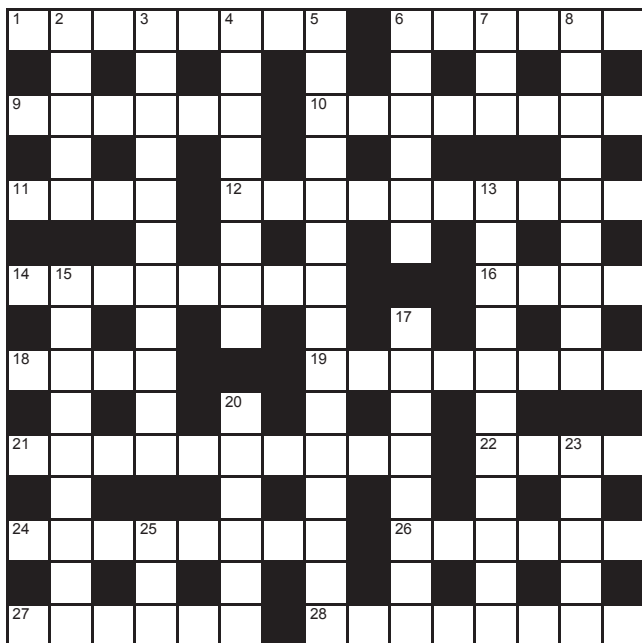
Crossword 16,146 Set by Goliath

ACROSS

- 1** Bribe given to a mean 23 (8)
6 Boxes finally become infrequent (6)
9 No case for paper cup in this outline (6)
10 Goliath is overwhelmed by a friend's belligerence (8)
11 See 16
12 Eurovision Song Contest starts and I am truly sorry for one trying to wriggle out (10)
14 Time and energy primarily needed for treatment of this condition (8)
16, 11 Snogs boy hard? Yes! Way out of bounds? Yes! (2-2,4)
18 In a daze, buy some cattle (4)
19 Blessed having it end badly after a rejection (8)
21 Most of search party touring America led by Englishman – Colonel Blimp? (7,3)
22 See 25
24 Escapee said to get entangled with poor alibi and fail to appear in court (4,4)
26 Manufacture foundation? (4-2)
27 Mean poisoner's no artist (6)
28 Left in knots for a decade (8)

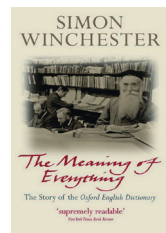
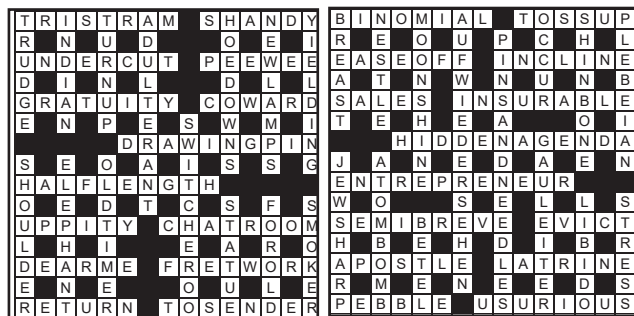
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- 2, 23** Europe push around a section of parliament (5,5)
3 Dress mature politician, accepting initially useful tip (7,4)
4 Acclaimed pacifist, possibly Labour, lost heart getting endlessly beaten (8)
5 Opening in the morning: a visit inside comedian's widget (15)
6 Angel being quiet about cutback (6)
7 A marine weapon (3)
8 Reported crime stunned worshippers here (9)
13 Where to put sheets and blankets in place, finally organised (5,6)
15 Announced where to plug iPhone charger in orbit? (3,6)
17 Tory battle starter (8)
20 The FT backing Lineker being sentimental (6)
23 See 2
25, 22 Cheap with an extraordinary style (7)



Solution 16,145

Solution 16,135



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