

Crossword 16,389 Set by Alberich

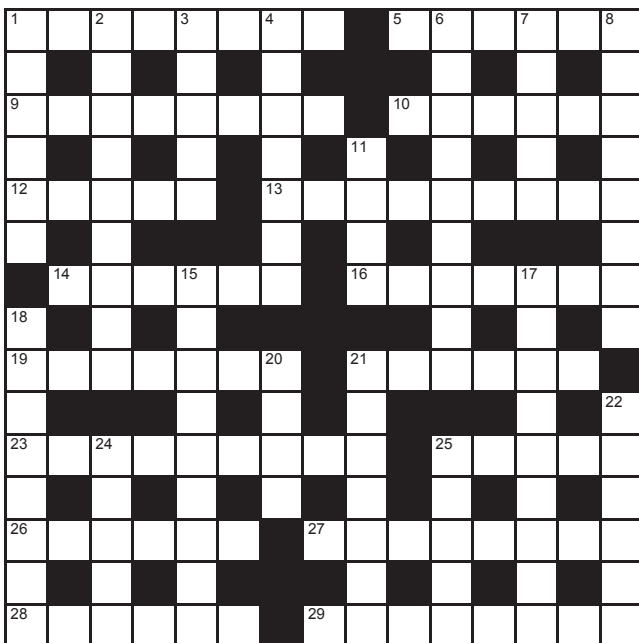
ACROSS

- 1** Clean document produced by Yankee after justifiable arrest (4,4)
5 One state or another short of gas (6)
9 Elected by desperate voters, one aims to make profit (8)
10 Backed husband to do wrong puff pastry (6)
12 Driver's assistant leaves container (5)
13 Hot year ruined a garden plant (9)
14 New book discounted, purchased for nothing (6)
16 Accidentally revealed undergarment after cancelled service (3,4)
19 Male stops individual performing (7)
21 Withdrawing criminal charge, fellow shows forgiveness (6)
23 Carpet from shed placed by one entrance (9)
25 Walk past front of sitting room (5)
26 British rascal – he might put his foot in it! (6)
27 I tear around twice to find spicy sauce (4-4)
28 Wanting No 1 among bloggers, beeline specially made for her? (6)

- 29** Very badly cut, see? (8)

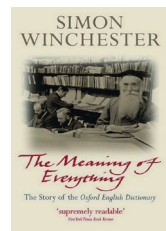
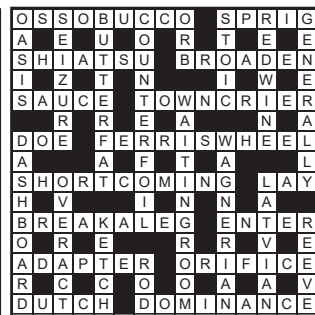
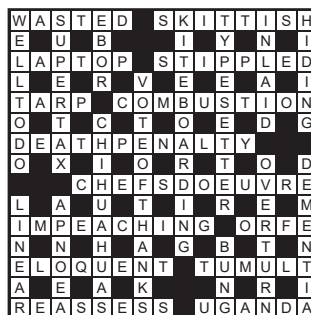
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- 1** Quail is a bird seen around lake (6)
2 United enters high division? That's enviable (9)
3 Copper on retiring is comfortable (5)
4 Job for one speaker's benefit (7)
6 Labour in a plant producing gypsum (9)
7 Chuck Norris at last meets swimmer (5)
8 Pile into school playgrounds, lacking guts and spirit (8)
11 One deified or loved, primarily? (4)
15 Thanks Greek with feeling? Not the first time (9)
17 Double oil leak? OK, that's awful (9)
18 Strong Catholic admits weakness? On the contrary (8)
20 Dash inside chapel, annoyed (4)
21 Sit after prince offers chair (7)
22 Cutting tax, it displays flippancy (6)
24 Style of music on Radio Capital (5)
25 Scoundrel wants second drink (5)



Solution 16,388

Solution 16,377



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