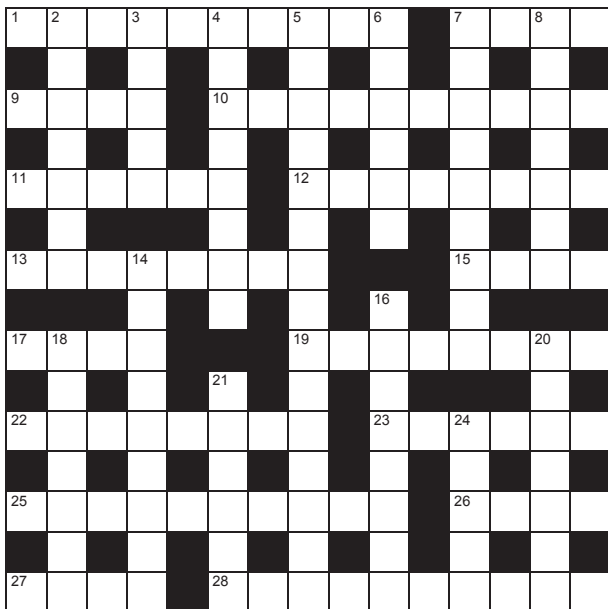


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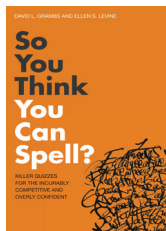
ACROSS

- 1 Try to capture last of men, clearing the country (10)
- 7 Party where warrior goes topless (4)
- 9 Shot pig trimmed (4)
- 10 Grower putting bananas before beer (6,4)
- 11 Intimate relationship initially breaking the Devil (6)
- 12 A stream passing through old communist city in Texas (8)
- 13 Country state with slight following in South Africa (3,5)
- 15 Open a drink (4)
- 17 God in time of difficulty not given credit (4)
- 19 One assumes processing is ready, having article to collect (1,4,3)
- 22 Chinese fruit (8)
- 23 A bulge on top (2,4)
- 25 Man takes luggage as a precaution (4,2,4)
- 26 One stops for Irish city (4)
- 27 Could hospital have been clean? (4)
- 28 Important drink imported by Scottish island for dance (5,5)



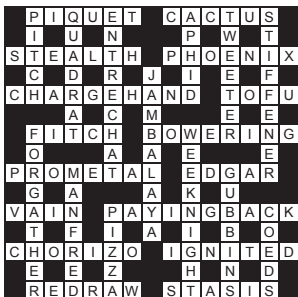
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- 2 Supporter married to club (7)
- 3 Good intense feeling – one has a hand in it (5)
- 4 I'd slipped into grave, perhaps – by this? (8)
- 5 Roving cameraman with kilt on almost stealing kiss! (11,4)
- 6 Out loud, call girl a smoker (6)
- 7 Copy plate with rice for cooking (9)
- 8 Nothing in a private chamber that's brought up is simple (7)
- 14 Desperate act, this heartless lad at fault (4-5)
- 16 Husband hoarding silver on track for brutality (8)
- 18 Casual massaging around soft bone (7)
- 20 In general, a goal that's incomplete must inspire learner (2,5)
- 21 Some bananas, perhaps, about right for meal (6)
- 24 Mad king in Texas city (5)

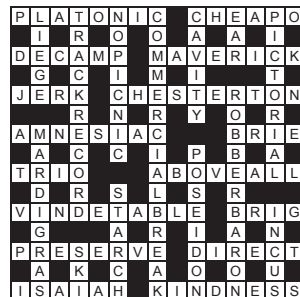


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