Crossword 14,523 Set by Mudd

ACROSS 1 Try to capture last of men, clearing the country (10) 7 Party where warrior goes topless 10 **9** Shot pig trimmed (4) **10** Grower putting bananas before 12 beer (6,4) 11 Intimate relationship initially breaking the Devil (6) 13 12 A stream passing through old communist city in Texas (8) 13 Country state with slight following 18 in South Africa (3,5) **15** Open a drink (4) 17 God in time of difficulty not given 22 23 24 credit (4) **19** One assumes processing is ready, having article to collect (1,4,3) 25 26 22 Chinese fruit (8) **23** A bulge on top (2,4) 25 Man takes luggage as a precaution 27 (4,2,4)26 One stops for Irish city (4) Copies of *How to Sound Clever* by Hubert van 27 Could hospital have been clean? So den Bergh and So You Think You Can Spell by You David L. Grambs and Ellen S. Levine, published **Think** 28 Important drink imported by Scottish island for dance (5.5) You

Can Spell

DOWN

2 Supporter married to club (7)

hand in it (5)

3 Good intense feeling - one has a

4 I'd slipped into grave, perhaps -

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| by this? (8) | Solution 14,522 | Solution 14,511 |
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| 5 Roving cameraman with kilt on almost stealing kiss! (11,4) | PIQUET CACTUS | PLATONIC CHEAPO |
| 6 Out loud, call girl a smoker (6) | STEALTH PHOENIX | D E C A M P M A V E R I C K |
| 7 Copy plate with rice for cooking (9) | C D R J I E F C H A R G E H A N D T O F U | G C I M I T JERK CHESTERTON |
| 8 Nothing in a private chamber that's brought up is simple (7) | A C M E E E FITCH BOWERING | R N R Y O R A M N E S I A C B R I E |
| 14 Desperate act, this heartless lad at | O A A E E E P R O M E T A L E D G A R | A C C I P B A T R I O A B O V E A L L |
| fault (4-5) 16 Husband hoarding silver on track | G A A K U V A I N P A Y I N G B A C K | D R S L S R V I N D E T A B L E B R I G |
| for brutality (8) | T F I A I B O C H O R I Z O I G N I T E D | G A R I A N PRESERVE DIRECT |
| 18 Casual massaging around soft bone (7) | E E Z H N D R E D R A W S T A S I S | A K C A O O U I S A I A H K I N D N E S S |
| 20 In general, a goal that's incomplete must inspire learner (2,5) | Name | |

| for brutality (0) | C H O R Z O G N T E D P R E S E R V E D R E | С |
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| 18 Casual massaging around soft | E E Z H N D A K C A O O | U |
| bone (7) | REDRAW STASIS ISAIAH KINDNE | S |
| 20 In general, a goal that's incomplete must inspire learner (2,5) | Name | |
| 21 Some bananas, perhaps, about | Address | |
| right for meal (6) | | |
| 24 Mad king in Texas city (5) | | ••• |
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