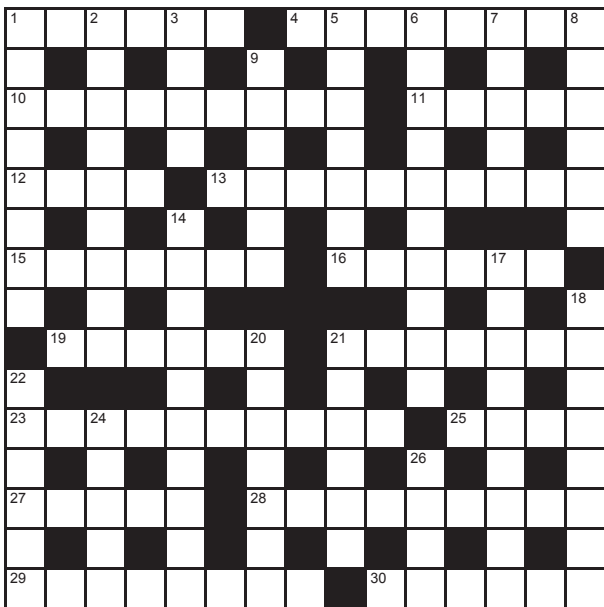


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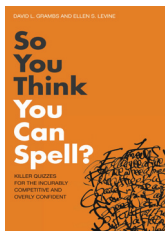
ACROSS

- 1 Teenagers are often so mad on soccer, at first (6)
- 4 Don't know? Not the right side for document (8)
- 10 Where to find Varadero – rocky peak? Getting warmer! (9)
- 11 Supporter caught something overhead? (5)
- 12 Opening of gala prefaces general delight (4)
- 13 Adapted for gripping line, sphere useless (10)
- 15 Old article, quite tatty (7)
- 16 Meeting prisoner, I'm amazed! (6)
- 19 Empty vessel – filled with another? (6)
- 21 Gaelic spirit has been drunk (7)
- 23 Where a sovereign's head is just right! (2,3,5)
- 25 Idiot – great lump? (4)
- 27 Flower framing sexy picture (5)
- 28 Server finding purpose in trade (9)
- 29 Fixed terms in line for old singer (8)
- 30 Left wearing a grey, woolly sock (6)



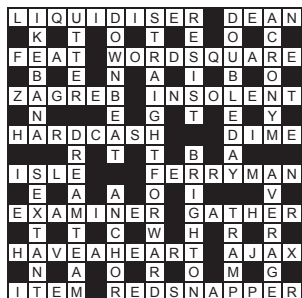
DOWN

- 1 Mean to catch tailless vermin – or fish (8)
- 2 Unstable reactor has emptied, four sections to it (9)
- 3 Touch up some brass (4)
- 5 Old flier breezes in (7)
- 6 Back snake to get a further burst of energy (6,4)
- 7 Asian shortly getting up? (5)
- 8 Artist's wheel (6)
- 9 Go without foreign travels, avoiding Lithuanian capital (6)
- 14 2 of 4, perhaps, taking Conservative course in speech (6,4)
- 17 Getting old, I had only switched off (2,7)
- 18 Copper bottom on weapon in stick, foot sawn off (8)
- 20 Conflict taking time and money (7)
- 21 Misty, barely foggy (6)
- 22 Clean up more than once, as a cannon (3-3)
- 24 God has a point – as does this? (5)
- 26 One's hairy shoulder (4)

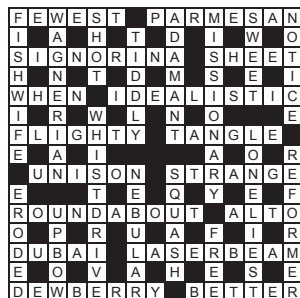


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