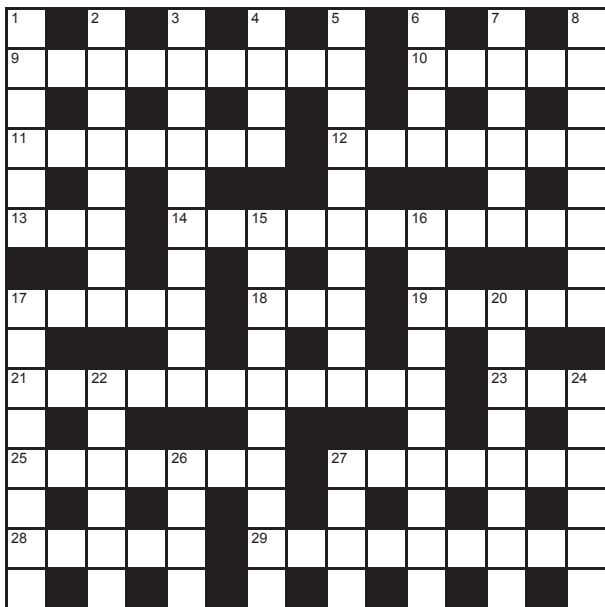


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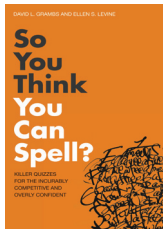
ACROSS

- 9 Eurostar possibly second to power in old flier (9)
- 10 Long-haul destination from quiet airport, incomplete (5)
- 11 Food like a tomato flipping soup! (7)
- 12 Cross not entirely inaccurate, identity backfiring for meanie (7)
- 13 Croupier's assistant has to cash in his chips? (3)
- 14 Fix nuts with correct screws (11)
- 17 Fast circuit becoming slow (5)
- 18 Two next? That describes it! (3)
- 19 One going on foot, showing great commitment (5)
- 21 Knock flat itinerant grabbing Ms West from behind (11)
- 23 Solid few games of tennis (3)
- 25 Sign capturing lush, hot country (7)
- 27 Brief break livin' as an artist (7)
- 28 Spike, sp-spike! (5)
- 29 Unusually cold extremes in Hanoi, Vietnam etc (9)



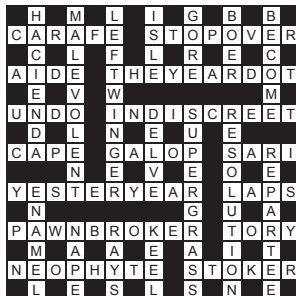
DOWN

- 1 Second step down initially set some distance apart (6)
- 2 Musical instrument finds poetry in fruit (8)
- 3 Magazine, perhaps, in toilet (6,4)
- 4 Just gorgeous (4)
- 5 Conspire deviously with pair of rookies in place of convicts (6,4)
- 6 Egg gets to gush endlessly (4)
- 7 Boxing contest to fix between Britain and America, getting set up (6)
- 8 Group engaged in spelling test in English city (8)
- 15 One fixed on bars? (10)
- 16 Building rocket, blow to bits (5,5)
- 17 Lethargic as a disorganised shopper? (8)
- 20 Possible source of infection viral? Site not very treatable (8)
- 22 Celebration, finding last of maggots in apple (6)
- 24 Bow of Tikal, old South American vessel (3,3)
- 26 Sweet? Easy girl! (4)
- 27 Bury in skin (4)

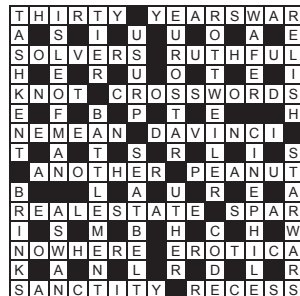


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