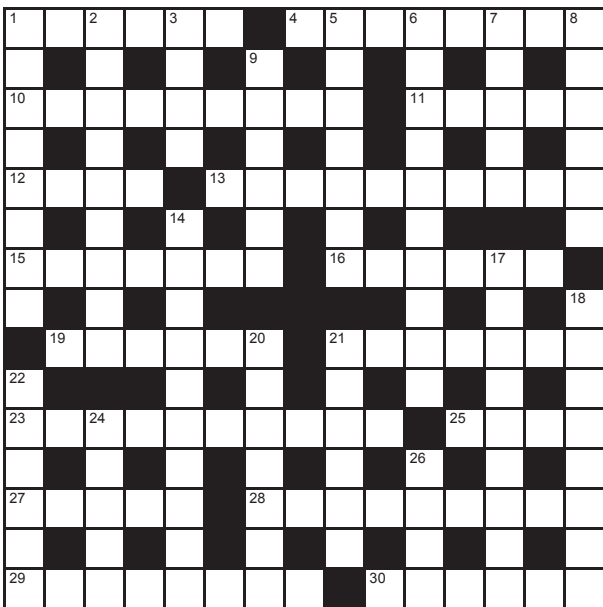


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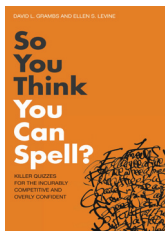
ACROSS

- 1 | rule documentation should be turned over for the Indian festival (6)
- 4 Act as a friend, securing job at last for idler (5,3)
- 10 US state fully aware of chill in the air when backing red (5,4)
- 11 Warm and wet, like a cup? (5)
- 12 Come across, coming across – or come down? (4)
- 13 Recluse playing God with lottery (10)
- 15 Punch-line for bird (7)
- 16 Is it routed via a diversion? (6)
- 19 Young animal, unknown quantity in the spotlight, almost born (3,3)
- 21 Thing of beauty, touching perhaps, in suit (4,3)
- 23 Power in antelope a shade less classy, intangible (10)
- 25 Excitement getting cooler (4)
- 27 Mocking, like an island? (5)
- 28 What muffles the noise? Listening device about right for the city (9)
- 29 Civic dignitary says more that's convoluted (8)
- 30 Parody sees bottom dipped in drink (4-2)



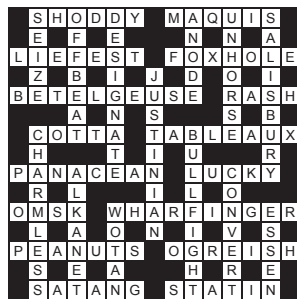
DOWN

- 1 Stand in river tackling exercise, upright (8)
- 2 Brave accomplishment with one struggling to grab net (9)
- 3 Source of rubber virtually dead (4)
- 5 Desperate need to control what's lost when angry, furious (7)
- 6 Reassuring approach to defend stronghold (10)
- 7 Vehicle like a bacterium? (5)
- 8 Total havoc, as tree goes over the edge (6)
- 9 Go to the bank manager to take up the argument (6)
- 14 Labourer, producer of good eggs? (10)
- 17 Unrelated is different, just the same! (9)
- 18 Space traveller puts in a performance with it (8)
- 20 Foolish, homeless – and lacking support as a woman? (7)
- 21 Royal broadcast providing boost (6)
- 22 Stupid maths problem – something to take away? (3,3)
- 24 Cold, like Hyde, say? (5)
- 26 Surface of furniture planed – then polished (4)



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