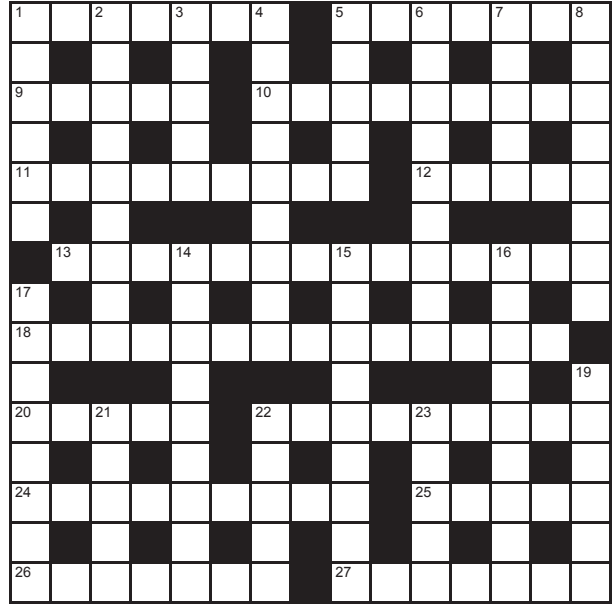


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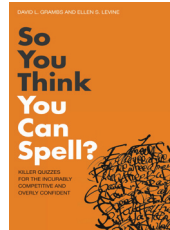
## ACROSS

- 1 Exercise obtained by group getting forward, cyclists in bunch (7)
- 5 Heavenly body with sex appeal concealed in sweater (not male) (7)
- 9 Flat as seen from front and back (5)
- 10 Element, the ultimate for rheumatism, found in garden plant (9)
- 11 Gosh, cleric may be someone to show you the error of your ways! (9)
- 12 Specialised language leader's put out – it's just gas (5)
- 13 Decide to write for oneself and die (4,2,3,5)
- 18 An old politician, tamed with alertness withering? (5,9)
- 20 Explorer died, someone very thin (5)
- 22 A freer wit, nonconformist spirit (9)
- 24 Cricketer getting minimal runs in a defeat gets the bird (9)
- 25 Rubbish left out – at the end of this? (5)
- 26 One on the attack, supporting English philosopher (7)
- 27 Country girl going to regional corners (7)



## DOWN

- 1 China has a church that's a magnificent building (6)
- 2 Animated river murmured audibly – a city's symbol (5,4)
- 3 Fine material agricultural pioneer dropped on middle of field (5)
- 4 Spooner's malice not what's wanted in club (9)
- 5 One of those out to make a decision? (5)
- 6 Bones thrown in slag heap, any number buried (9)
- 7 Article without much substance, leader in *Guardian*? (5)
- 8 Muse at home after drink, having dined (8)
- 14 Like bird that's got worm outside her home without messing about (9)
- 15 Figure of speech from the man with funny stories (9)
- 16 Pearl may be under complete control (2,1,6)
- 17 Bashful star (3,5)
- 19 There's nothing right with Kent location – it's hell on earth (6)
- 21 Warning signal – lake to be avoided by walker (5)
- 22 Look inside for fox (5)
- 23 A god devoid of emotion having lost a love (5)

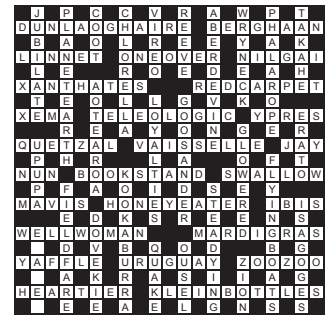


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