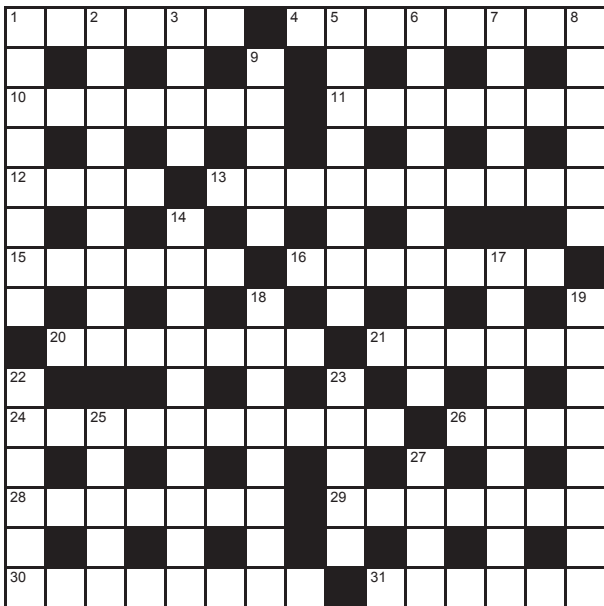


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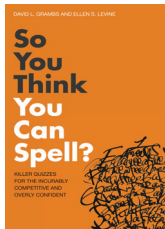
ACROSS

- 1 Money thief (6)
- 4 Bedfordshire town without capital, lacking security (8)
- 10 Having recoiled, insect then discards something worthless (7)
- 11 Whip niggled horse (7)
- 12 Fool, that is to say, loveless (4)
- 13 South American city's game on tape (10)
- 15 Tennis stroke, lovely shot (6)
- 16 Footwear behind bag switched for clergyman's garment (7)
- 20 Struggle to speak, finding the way to talk (7)
- 21 You've been caught with cape in Batman's home – almost? (6)
- 24 Ludicrous suggestion for travel (10)
- 26 At about eleven – might one be ordered? (4)
- 28 Figure on beach nearly getting cut (7)
- 29 Superman in bed producing smoke (7)
- 30 The snooker ball on empty table is tied up (8)



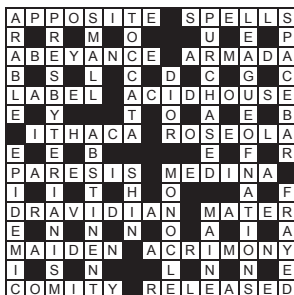
DOWN

- 1 Pessimistic musical, info on it needing a lift (8)
- 2 Vehicle able to circle, only half turning? (9)
- 3 Lacking leadership, king needs it to go (4)
- 5 Bird near something sticky eating jam, for a start (8)
- 6 On set, live broadcast, I gathered – here? (10)
- 7 Unable to see bandage, left to inject (5)
- 8 For example, an award for raising drink (3-3)
- 9 Part of Birmingham a gem? Not entirely (5)
- 14 The enemy brought into focus, not giving an inch then? (10)
- 17 Male given a ring, ecstatic (4-1-4)
- 18 Some words one's passed (8)
- 19 Vessel is cutting pace (8)
- 22 Cabinet where fool hides empty safe (6)
- 23 Raise drink, imbibing one (5)
- 25 Influence strike (5)
- 27 Lover – one getting knotted, you say? (4)

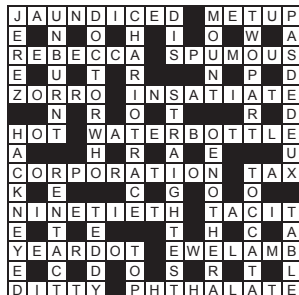


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