

ACROSS

- 3** Bridge call (3)
7 Spanish rice dish (6)
8 Arouse affection (6)
9 Eligible, fitting (8)
10 First name shared by actors Bean and Penn (4)
11 Three-legged support (6)
12 Archimedes' exclamation (6)
15 Deep red precious stone (6)
18 Send abroad for good (6)
20 Persian monarch (4)
22 Vanessa ____, veteran actress (8)
23 Inserts a cutting on to another plant (6)
24 Take out a policy (6)
25 Commonest word in English (3)

DOWN

- 1** South American leopard (6)
2 State of agitation (4,4)
3 Deliberately hurtful (remark) (6)
4 Expunge (6)
5 Fateful March date for Julius Caesar (4)
6 Rose variety (6)
11 Blanket's warmth rating (3)
13 Expose yourself to peril (3,1,4)
14 Remains after burning (3)
16 Detests (6)
17 Push roughly and forcibly (6)
18 Good guy's opponent (6)
19 Breaks off (6)
21 Sulking fit (4)

