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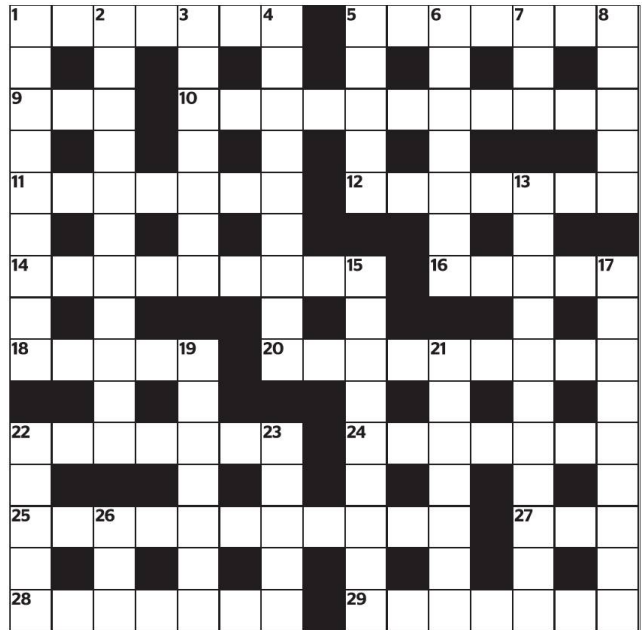
ACROSS

- 1 Monster from Olympus possibly, one succumbing to greeting (7)
- 5, 2-down Alien and I need health system adjusted for murder onstage (3,4,2,3,6)
- 9 Modern art gallery contracted needlework (3)
- 10 Backing track officials from 20-across (3,8)
- 11 Emu parade to scoop the pool? (5,2)
- 12 8-down to touch base with outspoken monks? (7)
- 14 Competing against one mate from 20-across (9)
- 16 Laments extinct bird nests being emptied (5)
- 18 Far-off cocktails essentially increased fivefold (5)
- 20 Fuddy-duddy beginning? (6,3)
- 22 Cinema's caramel a bit cosmetic (7)
- 24 Vintage weapon a vintage constructor kept in stock? (7)
- 25 13-down making stiff drink for chap, almost 60 (6,5)
- 27 Country writer Sontag, off-limits (1,1,1)
- 28 Chef school modest about letter? (7)
- 29 Sack expert recalled outfit's final write-off (3,4)

DOWN

- 1 Edited schematic Q&A format (9)
- 2 See 5-across
- 3 Ring swiped from fond-sounding master in Turkey? (7)
- 4 Remove nothing in the greatest southern temple (9)
- 5 Closer student in pew, possibly (5)
- 6 Mobile radar in constructor's soaring mast fixture (7)
- 7 Thou abandoned Titanic in colour (3)
- 8 He's tight in space station, orbiting edges of space (5)
- 13 Could enamel damage gene material? (1,1,1,8)
- 15 Teen hangout may twice turn blotchy during reno (5,4)
- 17 Loyal Oz novelist joins fleet (9)
- 19 Azure insignia includes black 7-down, though not 14-across (3-4)
- 21 Informal slacker kicking one wheel protecting chopper (7)
- 22 Melbourne banks on quack wine (5)
- 23 Tender account over here! (5)
- 26 Articulate solvers familiar with this game? (3)

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