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**BEWARE** - 16 clues own various 5-down mammals ignored by the wordplay. All other clues are normal.

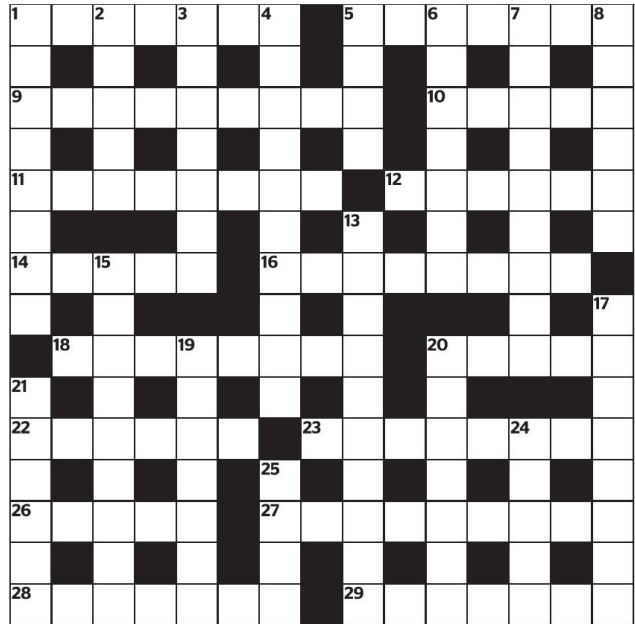
**ACROSS**

- 1 Midterm sticker (7)
- 5 The man alleged heart failed from gas (7)
- 9 Overlooked in favour of golden tips (9)
- 10 Deck out pages, including border (5)
- 11 Our PM casually snorkels Indian archipelago (8)
- 12 Unsettled account discounts \$100 bill owner? (6)
- 14 Perfect mouth (5)
- 16 A late setback curbed craving of classic high-flyer (8)
- 18 Central Latin American depot (8)
- 20 Zealous crusade encapsulated by 'alfalfa twaddle' (5)
- 22 Prompt cardinal (6)
- 23 Mini-designer overriding Ford's ultimate navigation aid (8)
- 26 Tolkien's hero proud at heart (5)
- 27 Self-employed? That's oddly far-fetched (9)
- 28 Attack secular books I love to retain (3,4)
- 29 Enlarged lens adjusted (7)

**DOWN**

- 1 Disgraceful, trendy zip (8)
- 2 Hazard symbol - I repainted over some of it (5)
- 3 Crazier observer's lost weekend (7)
- 4 Going back over haven? Not quite (10)
- 5 An extinct newspaper covering endangered language (4)
- 6 Local peeled starchy food (7)
- 7 1415 battle quaintly opposed to judiciary (9)
- 8 Swell execution of sex (6)
- 13 See, our apps dispel dense fogs (3-7)
- 15 Warmly shops in theory, conceding nothing (9)
- 17 Venerated group performing (8)
- 19 Sat & Sun done? Then heavy rains? (7)
- 20 Loud assistant discovered Beethoven's only opera (7)
- 21 Coquette removed cap, cartwheeling for the clan? (6)
- 24 On the face of things, astronaut named Neil understood lunar void (5)
- 25 Bushy look to Angolan capital from clip (4)

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