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ACROSS

- **1** Magnificent items referring to type of melon (7)
- 5 Skilled worker in braggart is a narcissist (7)
- 9 Move round across a step (5)
- 10 Party where nice toper gets sozzled (9)
- **11** A walkover for Oscar nominees? (3,6)
- **12** Eight nos. cut, lest odds cut (5)
- **13** One swimmer from Dover? (4) **15** Apathetic when register lost? (8)
- 18 Disgusted by seed in cherry (8)19 Exercise on theological teachings is
- ready (4)

 22 Flowing locks are down idle teenager's
- **22** Flowing locks are down idle teenager's back, initially (5)
- 24 Vital thing in contract handed over (9)
- 26 Dying of cold? (9)
- 27 Masquerade chaps discussed? (5)28 Substitute hit tennis ball again? (7)
- **29** Brown kissing bloke that's just touching (7)

DOWN

- 1 Blackpool, say, put in order again? (6)
- 2 Noble ignored, as vulgar (9)
- **3** Grub with last of pepper in very hot stuff (5)
- **4** Athenian building a farm store up having gathered in harvest (9)
- **5** Meeting place in coast's 1 down? (5)
- **6** Very high price to model in standard measure (3,6)
- **7** Cracking author (5)
- **8** Scratching head, one tiny bewildered figure (6)
- **14** Ultimately all square ie, producing this? (9)
- **16** Vicious, say, figure punched by left getting shiner (9)
- 17 Watch over vipers, use snakes (9)
- **20** State of shock seeing leader of union in terrible strop (6)
- **21** Plug over hole is coming (6)
- 23 Board game is 7 down (5)
- 24 Spin right amid plummet (5)25 One certainly won't have animals
- for example transported in commercial vehicle (5)