

## April 2026 Slot 3 by Jesso

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### Across

- 1** Barbara Coonan developed a country town (13)
- 9** Boy accepted after a long victory (5)
- 10** Reckon to telephone about copper and goddess of mischief (9)
- 13** Tear off without skill for dressing (7)
- 14** Peter out if float is ruined (4,3)
- 15** Thought I had each shortened (4)
- 16** A proverbial mess follows noise-maker! (4,6)
- 19** Swimmer takes isolated hill at right angle (10)
- 21** Instrument starts out blowing open entrance (4)
- 24** A mass of chilling material to finish off woman at the end of June (7)
- 26** Sweet, docile male is abnormal (7)
- 27** Man at Flanders battlefield returned books at the conjuror's command (3,6)
- 29** Dash around the middle of Devon. That's mischievous (5)
- 30** Fashionable man landed and let out a nursery rhyme character (7,6)

### Down

- 2** Opposing aspect in verbose exchange (7)
- 3** Nuclear front accepted James's assassins (6)
- 4** Gave ground to support media boss not working (6,3)
- 5** Tenure letter contains new rental agreement (5)
- 6** Black gold, hot in one key tropical plant (8)
- 7** Man to make leather up (3)
- 8** A pal bitching about Christian's opponent (7,5)
- 11** Tree to be on car wreck (5)
- 12** Exuberant letter, passionate about Scottish diploma (12)
- 17** Ways to get identical information for a culinary ingredient (6,3)
- 18** Report old city in command of the earth (8)
- 20** Little mount by the city (5)
- 22** Lie up about five under bed and throw into confusion (7)
- 23** Even if prince ran out for one (6)
- 25** Follow directions to prosecute (5)
- 28** All the rest travelling in streetcar (3)