

August 2026 Slot 3 by Nanakat

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Across

- 1 Composition captivates Jolson at audition (6)
- 4 Sound of mouse briefly around in patient facility (6)
- 8 Steroid I scrapped left in trash of geriatric (7)
- 9 A reflection is diverting (7)
- 11 Following that may be threat-free (10)
- 12 Ogle around dance (4)
- 13 Show reluctance for strong drink newspaperman knocked back (5)
- 14 Church has a simple minister (8)
- 16 Surveyor to check out operating room (8)
- 18 Lodge witty comment by the Spanish (5)
- 20 Author drops off pictures of Saints for kids (4)
- 21 Bares bottom in front of ute? Dreamy! (10)
- 23 Dictator's worthless chooks (7)
- 24 Coastal fringe reportedly dry (7)
- 25 Restricted joint to fester (6)
- 26 Streep performing with badger! (6)

Down

- 1 Sylvia half-cut by relative acidity of spirit (5)
- 2 Never pick formula (7)
- 3 He's in Turkish ranges, a place to seek meaning (9)
- 5 Odd Spanish article brought up for Primate (5)
- 6 Without hesitation, 2-down introduces the Italian opening (7)
- 7 Pleasant to be present at birth once model leaves (9)
- 10 Share space in depot (9)
- 13 To alter tone, senior police verbal Hugh (9)
- 15 Absurdly, cities arm for truce (9)
- 17 Fifth in Greek list of creeps I long to see incarcerated (7)
- 19 Workers admitted to civil wrong creating anguish (7)
- 21 Looking up, note strange plasterwork (5)
- 22 Seat for premiere of 'Cats' and another hit musical (5)