

August 2026 Slot 6 by Robespierre

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Across

- 1** Revealing top TV following slip (4,4)
- 5** Neck exposed low, cleavage opening. Button it all round! (6)
- 9** Encouraging signs: right back blocking winning goals (8)
- 10** Discontented separatist "Yes" vote overturning refusal to remain (4,2)
- 12** Chess player with predicament: former star that permits no escape (5,4)
- 13** Duo misbehaving among soldiers creates stink (5)
- 14** See 21
- 16** Professional needlers are indisposed to occupy high positions! (7)
- 19** Roast meat when thyme topping added (7)
- 21,14** Partial means-test cryptically causes delay (4,4)
- 24** Exclamation of exuberance about examiner's final question (5)
- 25** Risky romantic encounter in bed - tad anxious to have first liaison! (5,4)
- 27** Whispered remarks when accompanying date in ancient Rome (6)
- 28** Comic to retain odd prelude to important announcement (4,4)
- 29** Prepare pupils for examination with unusual detail (6)
- 30** Docks in Melbourne, for instance, offside? (4,4)

Down

- 1** Plugs obscure nonsense (6)
- 2** Cost to produce more eggs? (6)
- 3** Adjust left wing during take-off (5)
- 4** Plot surprise provides solid foundation (7)
- 6** Protestant spirits finally buoyant after taking in cricket match (9)
- 7** Olympics head coordinates satellite coverage of race start - it sends mixed signals (8)
- 8** Lady killer rushes into endless turmoil (8)
- 11,20** Stocks up in support for scientific vessel (4,4)
- 15** Sailor engaged in cannibalism. It finally provided relief! (9)
- 17** Loudmouth birthday celebrant may be exhorted to do this (8)
- 18** Domineering little devil, finally in the den, coming up (8)
- 20** See 11
- 21** Run-down neighbourhood to go downhill perhaps with bad word? (4,3)
- 22** Conditionally let out standard exclamation of applause (6)
- 23** Ray, having turned back, left mayhem (6)
- 26** Sucker for babies' feigned movement (5)