

Cryptic clues are shown in italics.

February 2026 Slot 1 by Leprechaun

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Across

- 1 *A pecan mixture for starter* (6)
- 4 Skirmishes (8)
- 10 State agenda for royal payments (5,4)
- 11 *Leader of journey drops behind fringe* (5)
- 12 *No end to mystery of wise men* (4)
- 13 Ideology (10)
- 15 Surround with trees (7)
- 16 more than one (6)
- 19 *Examiner in street accident* (6)
- 21 Amicable (7)
- 23 Seismic event (10)
- 25 *Random spot check* (4)
- 27 Nocturnal location (2,3)
- 28 Go past (9)
- 29 Timidity (8)
- 30 East European soup (6)
- 5 *Feline panic exit?* (7)
- 6 *Tucker packs , maybe* (10)
- 7 *Pause rent increase* (3,2)
- 8 *Scatters bouquets* (6)
- 9 *Sonny's wife embedded network address in code* (6)
- 14 *Relay node faulty - causes alert* (8,2)
- 17 Large bird (9)
- 18 *Message of French church encapsulating argument* (8)
- 20 *Noisy leaders of rioters aggravate uncontrolled chaos on university surrounds* (7)
- 21 Leg ornament (6)
- 22 *The Spanish compiler overcome by smell of gas* (6)
- 24 *Cartel buries returned cash* (5)
- 26 European capital (4)

Down

- 1 Vegetable (8)
- 2 Easy to follow? (9)
- 3 *European election broadcast* (4)