

July 2026 Slot 2 by T-boy

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Across

- 1** Circulatory vehicle returning empty with causal malfunction primarily rectified (14)
- 10** Extract of ripe Canadian hickory fruit (5)
- 11** Unhappy document about journalists (9)
- 12** Empty wagon loading alcohol compound for horse opera (7)
- 13** Bird with boyfriend heading off to large country house (7)
- 14** Turning lips back with constant smug smile (5)
- 16** Badly geld, cutting starved juvenile (9)
- 19** Doctor of letters caught in non-legal misrepresentation (3,6)
- 20** Satiny long johns incorporating polyamides (5)
- 22** I adopt expression of doubt after kind of stone turns to metal (7)
- 25** Cheat XX ! (3-4)
- 27** Complain and moon following a small amount of raw meat (9)
- 28** Extremely thankful about fresh fish (5)
- 29** Writer accepted into position for town council (5,9)

Down

- 2** Accountant meeting starting off to reveal acquisition (9)
- 3** Social twist (5)

- 4** Bygone food served up in Lower Saxony city (9)
- 5** Jelly snake with almost zero calories (5)
- 6** Alternative areas in Channel city port for delivery option (9)
- 7** Measure of distance has golfer spinning a yarn (5)
- 8** Journalist invested in Globe to provide return (7)
- 9** Generates special front line soldiers (6)
- 15** Studious person sent up one lofty egotist (4-2-3)
- 17** Onto thief carelessly supplying kind of lock implement (4-5)
- 18** Good worker keeping country house up for gadabout! (9)
- 19** Soldier goes into pub coherent (7)
- 21** Torment when born dead with life gutted (6)
- 23** Intoxicated Cyril becomes emotional (5)
- 24** Las Vegas of the East produces Son of Gold? (5)
- 26** External course with head going to finish (5)