

## May 2026 Slot 3 by NanaKat

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### Across

- 8** Killer of exotic dancer dropped sweet wrapper (6)
- 9** Silver blonde and naked latino in fruity embrace (8)
- 10** Tentatively tries compositions (6)
- 11** Alter preparation in court, leading to resounding defeat (8)
- 12** Salt in back outbuilding is discoloured (9)
- 13** Agree that constituents shake hands (5)
- 15** Jeckle's other half, right? What a mischief maker! (7)
- 17** Chop belonging to him inside is narcotic (7)
- 20** Makes more attractive for dictator's unions (5)
- 22** Part of arm is peculiar off-white (5,4)
- 25** Unexpected winner from Bachelorettes pushed over (8)
- 26** Artist concerned with film genre (6)
- 27** Children's writer, with start of each reading session, engaging nippers (8)
- 28** Utters abusive language at broken glass around sedan's rear end (6)

### Down

- 1** Control tower's coverage of winds and speed (8)
- 2** Sarin variant containing phosphorus results in ligament damage (6)
- 3** Menu offering from Flag Hotel cook (5,4)
- 4** Des, rising, grabbed Patsy and produced many offspring (7)
- 5** Small amount of discernment (5)
- 6** Reportedly lease vessel for chief priest (8)
- 7** Mainland getting common currency: leaders of Poland ecstatic! (6)
- 14** Washerwoman makes the French disrobe! (9)
- 16** Australian fashionista Jenny entertained garment finisher with fish curry (8)
- 18** Saint disheartened by villainous Venetian with capital (8)
- 19** In short, managed fruit (7)
- 21** Threaten naughty child with death! (6)
- 23** Stuck-up elitist connected artificial intelligence to create Japanese art (6)
- 24** Beauty pageant award took time to stow away (5)