

October 2026 Slot 2 by T-boy

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Across

- 1 Jester's cap put at an angle with small hair implement (9)
- 6 Can intrinsic dipso be rehabilitated as teetotal? (5)
- 9 Globally fashionable bird, Tonia, mistreated associate (15)
- 10 Recoiled from naked ocker involved in joke (6)
- 11 Unravelling loser returns half-shaved (8)
- 13 Parisian dream recurring eternally (4)
- 14 Smell bag of rotten meat (4,2,4)
- 17 Special talent in bridge perhaps (6,4)
- 19 Work without discharge? (4)
- 22 Kind thesaurus writer retired in small islet (8)
- 23 Tea containing mineral causes nervous disorder (6)
- 25 Frank is heterosexual and precocious (15)
- 26 Allied son died horribly (5)
- 27 Drone about hunt for customer (9)

Down

- 1 Salad legumes to go with Oxford don's select curd (9)
- 2 Skin snip treated lice (7)
- 3 Speculate after endless frost turned to water ice (6)
- 4 Cricket ground office, opening onto rose garden (4)
- 5 Overall litigation pursued old bird (6,4)
- 6 Passenger at heart lifts hat making farewells (4-4)
- 7 Baron Orsino's desire for country (7)
- 8 Beamed dose of radiation enveloping you once (5)
- 12 Norse captain primarily upset with travel ban (10)
- 15 Bad sentry, terrible witness (9)
- 16 Drag Nina around, giving entry! (8)
- 18 Flag divides socialist left (7)
- 20 Sharp burst after exercise maybe (7)
- 21 Child ragamuffin not in chapel (6)
- 22 Saints coming after heartless CEO for expenses (5)
- 24 Unbounded journey from a distance (4)