

October 2026 Slot 3 by Ninian

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Across

- 1 Poetically transposed? (7)
- 5 Right over silly point (6)
- 10 Proud one in front (4)
- 11 Emma is hurt, suffering a painful condition (10)
- 12 Mickey taking father around a first time (6)
- 13 More ferocious hoarder holding military intelligence (8)
- 14 Conga dance? Do 25 horizontally! (5,4)
- 16 Keep in spinning test (4)
- 17 Backward sweep! (4)
- 18 Throw light on cryptic clue - I see! (9)
- 22 Bury X in retirement home of X and others (8)
- 23 Timeless potions brewed for pervert (6)
- 24 Couldn't care less for a married basket case covering venial error (10)
- 25 Pedigree of iron deficient leopard, say (4)
- 26 My code encrypted for 12 say (6)
- 27 Worker in lead or soft wood? (7)

Down

- 2 Once more takes in object of sun worship when travelling up river (7)
- 3 An age when one's last may be first (3)
- 4 Queen insure a laptop - fantastic! (7)
- 6 Wash twice and turn up for ornamental ball (3-3)
- 7 Suggested partner died below Peruvian capital (9)
- 8 Young knight, rise (7)
- 9 Feels sorry about New Orleans public figures (13)
- 15 Bone broth of emu and Zulu tapir (9)
- 17 Driving, Mandy is out on 99 (7)
- 19 Male exhibits roughly twisted plait (7)
- 20 Easily best short essay on big cat (7)
- 21 Leg before wicket on a road when going forward (6)
- 25 Clip innocent fly (3)