

The Stickler Weekly 77 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 RAPACITY	Criminal charge linked to a large town's greed (8)	RAP + A + CITY
5 SPACES	Special, highly skilled people, cleared areas (6)	SP + ACES
9 CARDAMOM	Comedian followed by a mother in the States - it's spicy stuff (8)	CARD + A + MOM
10 BRANDS	Health food dish oddly stains (6)	BRAN + (D)I(S)H
12 IDEAL	Fanciful claim by a drug pusher, perhaps? (5)	I DEAL
13 HEADSTONE	Representation of one's death? (9)	Anagram of ONES DEATH
14 MISUNDERSTAND	Make little of dress aunt strangely included in will (13)	Anagram of DRESS AUNT inside MIND
16 SELF-CONFIDENT	Certain types of clients offend when tipsy (4-9)	Anagram of CLIENTS OFFEND
20 LOITERING	Offspring of wild lion and tiger may be hanging around (9)	Anagram of LION TIGER
21 INTRO	Bless Briton changing music at the start? (5)	Anagram of B(RITON)
23 INSANE	Mad boffin's an eccentric to a certain extent (6)	boffINS AN Eccentric
24 DOMICILE	I'm taking retirement in manageable home (8)	IM reversed inside DOCILE
25 TUREEN	Eye fillet of beef served in round dish? (6)	B(EE)F inside TURN
26 RELEASES	Issues are not connected to a landlord's official documentation (8)	(ARE minus A) + LEASES

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 RACHIS	One involved in crash fractured spinal column (6)	I inside anagram of CRASH
2 PER SE	Essentially a very deep shade of blue (3,2)	Double Definition
3 CHABLIS	White wine, two types of cheese, and chopped basil (7)	(CH)EESES + anagram of BASIL
4 TOOTH AND NAIL	Fiercely blast worker first to notice trouble (5,3,4)	TOOT + HAND + (N)OTICE + AIL
6 PARESIS	Diminished activity of function is evident after appearance of cuts (7)	IS after PARES
7 CONSONANT	Talk of lawyers, perhaps, checking on son in agreement (9)	CANT outside (ON + SON)
8 SUSPENDS	Interrupts broadcasts about American Pie's opening piece (8)	SENDS outside [US + (P)IE]
11 WATERING HOLE	Had a meal with band in full bar (8,4)	(ATE + RING) inside WHOLE
14 MULTI-USER	Drug carrier, transporting business executive up river, is available to many (5-4)	MULE outside (SUIT reversed) + R
15 PSALMIST	Old religious writer misinterpreted missal in part (8)	Anagram of MISSAL inside PT
17 CLEANSE	Purify one greater than medium in weird seance (7)	L inside anagram of SEANCE
18 EDIFICE	Body fellow removed from editor's office building (7)	EDITORS OFFICE minus (TORSO + F)
19 LOVERS	Fans, large in preference to small (6)	L + OVER + S
22 TAILS	Gambler's choice evening dress (5)	Double Definition

