

The Stickler Weekly 165

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ACROSS

- 1 Fence, one blue with white trim (8)
- 5 Exposed fitting of gun's a feature (6)
- 9 45 minutes in rib restaurant? (3-5)
- 10 Put aside some seconds to reduce (6)
- 12 Disconcerted realist, giving up, is quick to react (5)
- 13 One who consumes most of unmixed drink (9)
- 14 Home is private about planned prayer (12)
- 17 One on trial confused about strong desire, for example (12)
- 22 One nurse worried about an epileptic's final safeguard (9)
- 23 Time is disregarded in development of hospice (5)
- 24 Attendant, one wearing hose (6)
- 25 Flood handled by the river bird (8)
- 26 Control divided up by head of government and a queen (6)
- 27 Did surgery rank in distribution of dope? (8)

DOWN

- 1 Journey taken by an individual with roots in Afghanistan (6)
- 2 Really likes eating a bakery's offerings (6)
- 3 Reduce amount of squash or tennis (7)
- 4 Relocation of gaspipe and drain should be leaving no trace (12)
- 6 Small indentations on overturned, broken chest (7)
- 7 ✕ and ✓ mostly used to complete a word puzzle? (8)
- 8 Permanent dune shifted round (8)
- 11 Inflictor of pain in court cut in to assert authority forcibly (5,3,4)
- 15 He kept away from vicar while involved with domestic dispute (5,3)
- 16 Weatherproof material remains covered in pitch (8)
- 18 Strong desire admitted by child's doctor (7)
- 19 Open moulded vent with weak hand (3,4)
- 20 Who cares to broadcast derby, say? (2,4)
- 21 Small fragment sealing a joint (6)