

# The Stickler Weekly 126 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 SOLUTION	Tortured soul turned it on with key (8)	Anagram of SOUL + IT reversed + ON
5 THEISM	Belief in God is held by people generally (6)	IS inside THEM
9 DIVERSIFICATION	One following some down under lies about a marketing strategy (15)	I after DIVERS + (FICTION outside A)
11 BUDGERIGAR	Australian flyer is to shoot engineer wearing outfit? (10)	BUD + (RIG inside GEAR)
12 ONTO	Able to see right through window of front office? (4)	frONT Office
14 TREATY	Formal agreement to address hunger secured by judge (6)	EAT inside TRY
16 WARPLANE	Military aircraft's deviation acknowledged ahead of formal airspace (8)	WARP + LANE
18 PREPARED	Trained salesman included in cut (8)	REP inside PARED
19 ORGASM	Climax or excellent film's ending (6)	OR + GAS + FIL(M)
22 UREA	Drops of pure alkaline substance in waste matter? (4)	pPURE Alkaline
23 LOWER-CLASS	Inferior cow, say, caught by girl (5-5)	LOWER + C + LASS
26 MATERIALISATION	Couple is clothed by a tailor in organised appearance (15)	MATE + (IS inside anagram of A TAILOR IN)
27 TILTED	Worked on a roof, securing middle of battens set at an angle (6)	TILED outside BAT(T)TENS
28 THIEVERY	This virtually described each one, without exception, in robbery (8)	(THI)S + EVERY

<b>Down</b>	<b>Clue</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
1 SIDE BET	Small wager one newcomer put in place (4,3)	(I + DEB) inside SET
2 LIVED	Bad person, hung upside down, survived (5)	DEVIL reversed
3 TORRENTIAL	Coming down fast hill, hire car steered around one (10)	TOR + (RENTAL outside I)
4 ORIGIN	Head of operations outfit in base (6)	(O)PERATIONS + RIG + IN
6 HEAT	The broadcast covering a preliminary race (4)	Anagram of THE outside A
7 IRIAN JAYA	Land bird moved around - one associated with a province of Indonesia (5,4)	[(IRAN + JAY) outside I] + A
8 MANHOLE	An opening of hatch sealed by spy could be an access point (7)	[AN + (H)ATCH] inside MOLE
10 ISAIAH	Man of the bible is a spotless Messiah? (6)	IS + A + (MESSIAH minus MESS)
13 APPRECIATE	Relish soft boiled rice coated in a form of minced meat (10)	(P + anagram of RICE) inside (A + PATE)
15 ELEMENTAL	Primitive sort of eel soft in the head (9)	Anagram of EEL + MENTAL
17 PELOTA	Game lot tucked into vegetable (6)	LOT inside PEA
18 PLUMMET	Fruit gathered in Fall (7)	PLUM + MET
20 MASONRY	Jesus' mother holding Him in stone building? (7)	MARY outside SON
21 PERISH	Stuff carried by camper is hard to break down (6)	camPER IS Hard
24 AGILE	Athletic goalie missing ball badly (5)	Anagram of GOALIE minus O
25 BRIE	Bar that is out of a creamy cracker topping (4)	(BAR + IE) minus A

