

# The Stickler Weekly 226 Solution

	<sup>1</sup> P	<sup>2</sup> R	O	<sup>3</sup> P	U	<sup>4</sup> P		<sup>5</sup> V	A	<sup>6</sup> C	A	<sup>7</sup> T	E	
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<sup>8</sup> M	U	L	T	I	P	L	I	C	A	T	I	O	N	
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<sup>10</sup> T	R	E	M	O	R		<sup>11</sup> C	O	L	L	A	P	S	E
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<sup>13</sup> O	W	E	S		<sup>14</sup> M	E	D	I	A	S	<sup>15</sup> C	R	U	M
D		R		<sup>16</sup> A		T		O		T		O		S
<sup>17</sup> I	N	S	I	G	H	T	F	U	L		<sup>18</sup> H	U	N	T
C				R		L		S		<sup>19</sup> P		N		R
<sup>20</sup> A	N	<sup>21</sup> S	W	E	R	E	D		<sup>22</sup> W	A	D	D	L	E
L		E		E		M		<sup>23</sup> P		R		E		S
	<sup>24</sup> C	R	U	I	S	E	M	I	S	S	I	L	E	S
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	<sup>25</sup> H	E	I	G	H	T		<sup>26</sup> A	N	N	O	Y	S	

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 PROP UP	Brace for a small boxer perhaps (4,2)	PRO + PUP
5 VACATE	Leave a pet locked in empty vehicle? (6)	(A + CAT) inside V(ehicl)E
8 MULTIPLICATION	Leader of massive political unit reviewed expansion? (14)	(M)ASSIVE + anagram of POLITICAL UNIT
10 TREMOR	Edges of timber fractured more with vibration (6)	(T)IMBE(R) + anagram of MORE
11 COLLAPSE	Scalpel manoeuvred around opening of oesophagus breaking down (8)	Anagram of SCALPEL outside (O)ESOPHAGUS
13 OWES	Offspring of widow, essentially, is in debt? (4)	widOW ESsentially
14 MEDIA SCRUM	The press gathered around doctor, drinking, for instance, alcohol (5,5)	MEDIC outside AS + RUM
17 INSIGHTFUL	Discerning one fellow implicated in hustling abroad (10)	I + F inside anagram of HUSTLING
18 HUNT	Search contents of van pulling away from hangout? (4)	HAUNT minus v(A)n
20 ANSWERED	Acknowledged bridge partners were used in publicity (8)	(N and S + WERE) inside AD
22 WADDLE	Dawdle ungainly? (6)	Anagram of DAWDLE
24 CRUISE MISSILES	Squads heard lies fabricated after failure with weapons (6,8)	Sounds like CREWS + (anagram of LIES after MISS)
25 HEIGHT	He might, after misgivings initially, summit (6)	HE + M(IGHT)
26 ANNOYS	An unfavourable response by judges ultimately causes irritation (6)	AN + NO + B(Y) + JUDGE(S)

<b>Down</b>	<b>Clue</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
2 RELIEVERS	They back up wrong information stored in reconfigured server (9)	LIE inside anagram of SERVER
3 POISON	Toxin in marijuana mostly is concerning (6)	(PO)T + IS + ON
4 PALE	Part of fence washed out (4)	Double Definition
5 VICTORIOUS	Savage securing hill is triumphant (10)	VICIOUS outside TOR
6 CATALYST	Company, engaging one departing Italy, is manipulating agent (8)	CAST outside (ITALY minus I)
7 TROOP	Head of operations in shipping town upset military unit (5)	(O)PERATIONS inside (PORT reversed)
8 METHODICAL	Drug overdose, one caught by a large orderly (10)	METH + OD + I + C + A + L
9 SEAMSTRESS	Marine must oddly lock sewer (10)	SEA + (M)U(S)T + TRESS
12 SETTLEMENT	One leaving title with people in established colony (10)	[(TITLE minus I) + MEN] inside SET
15 ROUNDELAY	Manage to put off including love song (9)	(RUN + DELAY) outside O
16 AGREEING	A conservationist accepting one thousand dollars for reaching a settlement (8)	(A + GREEN) outside I + G
19 PARSON	Minister's unlawful firing after termination of bishop (6)	ARSON after BISHO(P)
21 SERVE	Work for American camper during visit (5)	RV inside SEE
23 PICA	Four linked characters of typical type (4)	tyPICAL

