

# The Stickler Weekly 43 ©David Stickley

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## ACROSS

- 1 Vegetable available with any mixed drink (10)
- 6 Knock off screw-top with no hands (4)
- 10 Returning group from base, so pernicious, lies (7)
- 11 Sentimentality, right, that's nice (4,3)
- 12 Man connected with order arranged airfare marginally reduced (5)
- 13 Pockets of vacant land are not normally enclosed by sticks (9)
- 14 Explosive as well as men at the front, moved into defensive position (8)
- 15 Climb, for instance, face of cliff with wind up (6)
- 18 Californian town is mostly new, no? (6)
- 19 Sort probed by city's head historian (8)
- 22 Testing performances organised in a studio (9)
- 24 Group engaged in weapons trading brought back missiles (5)
- 25 Fashion lace on edges of plain material (7)
- 26 Woven fibre used to smother concerning blaze (7)
- 27 Major recalled deserters (4)
- 28 Wise old Greeks balanced on board a long time (5,5)

## DOWN

- 1 Thrifty vehicle recycled fuel (7)
- 2 A soft pencil, a coloured implement (9)
- 3 Partial ID retired criminal revealed briefly in report (14)
- 4 Unimportant person brought around second part of missile (4-4)
- 5 Approach river person hoping to catch fish (6)
- 7 Unsure about hospital's source of irritation (5)
- 8 Reckless speeders, losing time, ultimately could be in a hurry (7)
- 9 Journalists mistreated Dr Spooner residing in capital (14)
- 16 Stop or do a vocal performance with backing (9)
- 17 Likely service charge entered by lab is reviewed? (8)
- 18 Fine coffee maker's back to dispense sugar (7)
- 20 Country's announced those likely to race (7)
- 21 Container's temperature doubled in trunk (6)
- 23 Take money away from newcomer joining IT (5)