

The Stickler Weekly 44 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 BOMBARDS	Retreating troop counters, absorbing division's initial attacks (8)	MOB reversed + [BARS outside (D)IVISION]
5 SPACED	Measure in standard deviation is positioned at intervals (6)	PACE inside SD
10 CURATES	Copper has a high opinion of clerical workers (7)	CU + RATES
11 ADORING	A party band is devoted (7)	A + DO + RING
13 NET PROFIT	Bag for suitable earnings (3,6)	NET + PRO + FIT
14 AURA	Distinctive air intake used by restaurant (4)	restAURAnt
15 KECAP MANIS	Quarter of milk used in pancake is mixed with sweet sauce (5,5)	(M)ILK inside (anagram of PANCAKE IS)
18 EMISSARIES	Agents close to shore fail to notice house (10)	SHOR(E) + MISS + ARIES
20 CUTE	Point chasing batsman's shot is appealing (4)	E(ast) after CUT
23 AIR PISTOL	Dispersed patrol is infiltrated by one shooter (3,6)	I inside anagram of PATROL IS
24 TACIT	Contract a citizen partially understood (5)	contracT A CITizen
25 OPINION	View small cog positioned behind ring (7)	PINION after O
26 PALAVER	Friend, a reverend, backed song and dance (7)	PAL + A + (REV reversed)
27 TISSUE	Paper tiger's first problem (6)	(T)IGER + ISSUE
28 CENSURED	Clubs solid in design may be condemned (8)	C + (SURE inside END)

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 BACKSTAGE	Taxi pulled over with busted gasket away from public view (9)	CAB reversed + anagram of GASKET
2 MARINER	Seaman and digger retaining a right (7)	MINER outside (A + R)
3 AUTHOR	Heart of Paul, God and Creator? (6)	P(AU)L + THOR
4 DISINTEGRATING	Reshaped die isn't scraping or breaking up (14)	(Anagram of DIE ISNT) + GRATING
6 PROGRAMS	Software experts harnessing Google's first computer component (8)	PROS outside [(G)OOGLE + RAM]
7 CHIFFON	Fine material finished up in outstanding feature (7)	(OFF reversed) inside CHIN
8 DIGIT	A number understand it (5)	DIG + IT
9 PARTIAL ECLIPSE	It applies clear, treated blackout without full effect (7,7)	Anagram of IT APPLIES CLEAR
16 SWELTERED	Unfinished well in desert badly suffered in the hot weather? (9)	(WEL)L inside anagram of DESERT
17 & 12-across ESPIRITU SANTO	Sort of superstition spreading across a Pacific island (8,5)	& 12-across Anagram of SUPERSTITION outside A
19 IN RUINS	A rising sun, emitting gas erratically, may be falling apart (2,5)	Anagram of A RISING SUN minus GAS
21 UNCOVER	Bunch with no limitations completed show? (7)	B(UNC)H + OVER
22 STALLS	One section of a theatre plays for time (6)	Double Definition
23 ALOFT	Start of fireworks filmed by many in the sky (5)	(F)IREWORKS inside A LOT

