

The Stickler Weekly 109 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 LACROSSE	A pass from the wing played in middle of athletic sport (8)	(A + CROSS) inside ATH(LE)TIC
5 RIPPER	Current agent knocked back an excellent thing (6)	RIP + (REP reversed)
10 WHALE	High-roller who reduced alcohol (5)	(WH)O + ALE
11 APOSTOLIC	Papal stool roughly drawn in a picture (9)	Anagram of STOOL inside (A + PIC)
12 BUMPER-TO-BUMPER	Worthless forward arranged more pub crawling (6-2-6)	BUM + PERT + anagram of MORE PUB
14 DUNG	Manure turned over containing nitrogen (4)	DUG outside N
15 MEET WITH	The writer and comedian involved in the rotten experience (4,4)	ME + (WIT inside anagram of THE)
18 PAD	Pressure applied to commercial paper group (3)	P + AD
19 NURTURED	U-turn complicated by traffic light may be brought up (8)	Anagram of UTURN + RED
20 TEAM	Drink with married people who work together (4)	TEA + M
23 DEVILS ADVOCATE	One who likes to argue was withdrawn and sad about entering ballot (6,8)	LIVED reversed + SAD + (CA inside VOTE)
26 MARKED OUT	Duo's medley staged in shopping centre is described (6,3)	Anagram of DUO inside MARKET
27 BLIMP	BMW's first flexible air-bag (5)	(B)MW + LIMP
28 SPLASH	Prominently display special tie (6)	SP + LASH
29 GRADIENT	Rise and decline in government subsidy (8)	DIE inside GRANT

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 LAW-ABIDING	A tender handled by Los Angeles branch is compliant (3-7)	(A + BID) inside (LA + WING)
2 COAL-MINER	Digger reserved one claim located next to river? (4-5)	Anagram of ONE CLAIM + R
3 OPENER	Withdrawn elements of polystyrene polymer may be key (6)	polystRENE POLymer reversed
4 SHANTY	Six-footer located in retiring mariner's hut (6)	ANT inside SHY
6 INTIMATE	Confidential tip nearly admitted by prisoner (8)	(TI)P inside INMATE
7 PULSE	Vibration from bearing trapped in pipe (5)	S(outh) inside PULE
8 RACY	Blue vehicle overturned close to freeway (4)	CAR reversed + FREEWA(Y)
9 DOUBTED	Debut rescheduled after celebration is questioned (7)	Anagram of DEBUT after DO
13 CHAMBERPOT	Hot, orangy-yellow pee sat in bed pan (10)	(H + AMBER + P) inside COT
15 MAD	Funny American magazine produced in cut-down form (3)	(MAD)E
16 ITERATIVE	Repetitious item not completed by four in class (9)	(ITE)M + (IV inside RATE)
17 BUSINESS	Firm coaches accepting home schooling initially (8)	(BUSES outside IN) + (S)CHOOLING
18 PENSION	Writer is upset about allowance (7)	PEN + (IS reversed) + ON
21 EDITOR	Print controller went on backing up with input from IT (6)	RODE reversed outside IT
22 MORBID	Unhealthy ball, one nursed by doctor (6)	(ORD + I) inside MD
24 ENROL	Recruit, one holding up right and left (5)	(ONE reversed outside R) + L
25 XMAS	Crazy Mexicans giving up nice holiday (4)	Anagram of MEXICANS minus NICE

