

The Stickler Weekly 149 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 MESSAGED	Army food supplier over the hill sent signals (8)	MESS + AGED
5 NACHOS	Mexican food with reduced salt and water? (6)	(NaC)l + (HOS)E
10 DETRACT	Take away pivotal piece of academic booklet (7)	ACA(DE)MIC + TRACT
11 AUREATE	Brilliant opening not sustained by great poet (7)	L(AUREATE)
12 CONCIERGE	Hotel employee tossed rice pudding's last bit into ice cream container (9)	[Anagram of RICE + PUDDIN(G)] inside CONE
13 IGLOO	Man exiled from Mongolia renovated White House (5)	Anagram of MONGOLIA minus MAN
14 TASK	Student's last to request assignment (4)	STUDEN(T) + ASK
16 RETCHING	Nausea, and more, hospital contained by phone (8)	(ETC + H) inside RING
19 GARRISON	Guy, held back by irons, tangled with military unit (8)	RAG reversed + anagram of IRONS
20 CRIB	Steal cold cut of meat (4)	C + RIB
23 OMEGA	Line-up used in home game, the last of a series (5)	hOME GAmE
24 NOTEPAPER	Writer's material love shown in adaptation of Peter Pan (9)	O inside anagram of PETER PAN
26 SPANIEL	Dog that is left on right side of bridge (7)	(IE + L) after SPAN
27 GLOBULE	Luminous appearance almost ruined blue bead (7)	(GLO)W + anagram of BLUE
28 RATHER	A little grass stunted herb (6)	RAT + (HER)B
29 TREE FERN	Underwater development restricted by sea-bird's growth in a tropical area (4,4)	REEF inside TERN

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 MEDICATE	Drug order mostly ingested by partner (8)	(EDIC)T inside MATE
2 SET ON	Attack what a composer writes up (3,2)	NOTES reversed
3 ACARID	Cutting pierced by a mite (6)	ACRID outside A
4 ENTERPRISINGLY	Write down three types of print one by one with imagination (14)	ENTER + (PRI)NT + SINGLY
6 AIRTIGHT	A conclusion to agreement used in one claim is sealed (8)	A + AGREEMEN(T) inside (I + RIGHT)
7 HEADLINER	Judge, going outside, led in represented star? (9)	HEAR outside anagram of LED IN
8 STEP ON	Subdue child holding pet up (4,2)	SON outside (PET reversed)
9 MAN-EATING TIGER	Big cat that likes being inside? (3-6,5)	Cryptic Definition
15 SPARE PART	Replacement spring positioned by salesman with skill (5,4)	SPA + REP + ART
17 URBANITE	Metropolitan bar represented in league? (8)	Anagram of BAR inside UNITE
18 ABERDEEN	Wild deer spotted in a mountain town in Scotland (8)	Anagram of DEER inside (A + BEN)
21 WOWER	Spoilsport was disheartened in heartbreak, right? (6)	W(A)S inside (WOE + R)
22 OPPOSE	Surgical work on model's face (6)	OP + POSE
25 PAUSE	Grabs, by the sound of it, a short break (5)	Sounds like PAWS

