

The Stickler Weekly 204 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 PSYCHO	Participants in autopsy chose headcase (6)	autoPSY CHOse
5 ABBA	Music group's common pattern of rhyme (4)	A-B-B-A
9 STEAL	Appropriate statement finally included in guarantee (5)	STATEMEN(T) inside SEAL
10 TEMPTRESS	One who works occasionally with hair is an attractive woman (9)	TEMP + TRESS
13 ELEMENT	Constituent starting to enrage men involved in court decision (7)	(E)NRAGE + (MEN inside LET)
14 HELLCAT	He will act strangely with a vixen (7)	HELL + anagram of ACT
15 NUTS	Fruit and crackers (4)	Double Definition
16 IN JEOPARDY	Newborn pride and joy, losing blood, ultimately may be at risk? (2,8)	Anagram of PRIDE AND JOY minus BLOO(D)
19 PLEBISCITE	Place to live in retirement is to call a public vote (10)	PL + (BE reversed) + IS + CITE
20 LAST	Stay around terminal (4)	Double Definition
23 BIG SHOT	Somebody butchered hogs in short time (3,4)	Anagram of HOGS inside BIT
25 NUCLEAR	Peacekeepers backed fine for possessing atomic weapons (7)	UN reversed + CLEAR
26 SATURNINE	Turn one insane and gloomy? (9)	(TURN + I) inside SANE
28 LUCID	Reasonable copper returned wearing top (5)	CU reversed inside LID
29 ONTO	Aware of old Russian space station, in pieces, disappearing from monitor (4)	MONITOR minus M I R
30 DESIST	Group taking part in crusades is told to stop (6)	crusaDES IS Told

Down	Clue	Explanation
2 SOLDER	Metal connector, one taken away from gunner, perhaps (6)	SOLDIER minus I
3 CATATONIC	A stimulant delivered to the backside of pet in an unresponsive state (9)	(A + TONIC) after CAT
4 OOMPH	Vitality as lacking in treatment of shampoo (5)	Anagram of SHAMPOO minus AS
5 ANTELOPE	Plain animals cut off in an area used by golfers (8)	LOP inside (AN TEE)
6 ADS	Magazine revenue source when divided up by head of department (3)	AS outside (D)EPARTMENT
7 ASTERN	A really firm behind (6)	A + STERN
8 SEVENTY-EIGHT	Record event very well detailed in display? (7-5)	[EVENT + (YE)S] inside SIGHT
11 ESCORT AGENCY	Carbon factored into production of energy cost a company supplier (6,6)	C inside anagram of ENERGY COST A
12 SATAY	Continue eating a spicy Malaysian dish (5)	STAY outside A
17 EXTENDERS	They draw out loving in preparation for sex (9)	TENDER inside anagram of SEX
18 HITHERTO	Time put into successful show by lead actor so far (8)	T inside (HIT + HERO)
19 PUBIS	Section of hipbone is replaced under local (5)	IS after PUB
21 TIRADE	One with a role in commerce lecture (6)	I inside TRADE
22 SCALES	Money made from trading outside clubs goes up (6)	SALES outside C
24 TRIAD	Malicious gossip brought up about a crime syndicate (5)	DIRT reversed outside A
27 ADO	A complete song and dance (3)	A + DO

