

The Stickler Weekly 104 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 BEAR MARKET	Gloomy period of trading set aside during speculative outlay (4,6)	EARMARK inside BET
6 SHOT	Onset of suffering eased by powerful injection (4)	(S)UFFERING + HOT
10 BROADEN	Open up thoroughfare going through Scottish mountain (7)	ROAD inside BEN
11 TENTAGE	The gutted agent ordered camping equipment? (7)	T(h)E + anagram of AGENT
12 SUNSCREEN	Rocky mass held by nuns distracted guard during the day (9)	SCREE inside anagram of NUNS
13 OTTER	Nasty person decapitated lodge builder (5)	R(OTTER)
14 TICKLE	Amuse perfectionist endlessly? (6)	S(TICKLE)R
16 SLITHER	Snake pierced her (7)	SLIT + HER
17 BEE	Buzzer's short, high-pitched sound (3)	(BEE)P
19 PROFILE	Describe one who has a lot of experience with tool (7)	PRO + FILE
20 PEPTIC	Energy problem that's spasmodic is related to digestion (6)	PEP + TIC
23 MAORI	Characters returning from Cairo amazed New Zealander (5)	caIRO AMazed reversed
24 DEPRECATE	Take exception to creep out of line in meeting (9)	Anagram of CREEP inside DATE
26 CHINESE	Asian stew oddly served after bony cut of pork (7)	(S)T(E)W after CHINE
27 AMALGAM	Blend a plant that's aquatic in minutes (7)	A + (ALGA inside MM)
28 SEEK	Try to find outspoken member of Hindu sect (4)	Sounds like SIKH
29 UNDERSTOOD	Store misrepresented in Free World finally saw the light? (10)	Anagram of STORE inside UNDO + WORL(D)

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 BABY-SITS	Looks after bishop facing it in hell (4-4)	B + (IT in ABYSS)
2 ACORN	A vegetable and fruit (5)	A + CORN
3 MEDICAL OFFICER	Orderly claimed one caught punching volunteer is a doctor (7,7)	Anagram of CLAIMED + [(I + C) inside OFFER]
4 RENTER	Tenant's right to go in (6)	R + ENTER
5 ENTANGLE	Catch fish after changing net (8)	ANGLE after anagram of NET
7 HEARTFELT	Material located under cultivated earth may be deep (9)	FELT after anagram of EARTH
8 THEORY	People in general tossed around central part of work's proposition (6)	THEY outside W(OR)K
9 ONE OF THESE DAYS	Working with retreating opponent, she stayed roughly in time (3,2,5,4)	ON + (FOE reversed) + anagram of SHE STAYED
15 CORROSIVE	Wearing visor back to front in centre (9)	VISOR reversed inside CORE
16 SEE	Interview ranked sportsperson missing out on final (3)	(SEE)D
17 BLUDGEON	Don't do anything in Australia on strike (8)	BLUDGE + ON
18 SCREAMED	A maiden locked in long passage cried out (8)	(A + M) inside SCREED
21 SMOCKS	Head of surgery makes fun of protective garments (6)	(S)URGERY + MOCKS
22 UPTAKE	Understanding unusual package tour where cargo is not included (6)	Anagram of PACKAGE TOUR minus CARGO
25 AGGRO	Silver association not holding up problems or difficulties (5)	AG + (GROUP minus UP)

