

The Stickler Weekly 131 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 UPBRAID	1 Find fault with police action behind vandalised pub (7)	1 RAID after anagram of PUB
5 ASPECTS	5 Faces snake fronting weird sect (7)	5 ASP + anagram of SECT
9 REACH	9 Contact division with no opening (5)	9 B(REACH)
10 SUPERNOVA	10 Star that shines brightly for a number living in Pacific capital (9)	10 (PER + NO) inside SUVA
11 ASSEMBLY	11 Foreign embassy providing refuge for large crowd (8)	11 Anagram of EMBASSY outside L
12 WITH IT	12 Stylish comedian linked with success (4,2)	12 WIT + HIT
14 PRODUCTION LINE	14 Building system's master channel, one El Nino affected (10,4)	14 PRO + DUCT + I + anagram of EL NINO
17 BREEDING-GROUND	17 Replaced egg under bird on nest (8-6)	17 Anagram of EGG UNDER BIRD ON
21 VELVET	21 Material is not attributed to The King in review (6)	21 (ELVIS minus IS) inside VET
23 CONSERVE	23 Protect prisoner shot in court (8)	23 CON + SERVE
25 ASCENDANT	25 A martial arts expert breaking nose is powerful (9)	25 A + (DAN inside SCENT
26 REMIT	26 Clock wound back and forward (5)	26 TIMER reversed
27 LEARNED	27 Academic managed housing to make money (7)	27 LED outside EARN
28 CREASED	28 Put a line in, like in doctrine (7)	28 AS inside CREED

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 UNREAL	1 Incredible run spoilt by deal starting late (6)	1 Anagram of RUN + D(EAL)
2 BRASSERIE	2 Fresh berries offered outside a small restaurant (9)	2 Anagram of BERRIES outside (A + S)
3 ASHAMED	3 A fraud sitting in front of editor is blushing (7)	3 A + SHAM + ED
4 DISPLACING	4 Darwin's first ISP network is moving (10)	4 (D)ARWIN + ISP + LACING
5 AMPS	5 Lights not needing large electrical units (4)	5 LAMPS minus L
6 PORTION	6 Concoction primed with right measure (7)	6 R inside POTION
7 CLOTH	7 Thicken hot material (5)	7 CLOT + H
8 SMART SET	8 Beautiful people try sheep rearing (5,3)	8 (TEST + RAMS) reversed
13 DIAGNOSTIC	13 Adjustment made to costing after financial support turned up is indicative (10)	13 Anagram of COSTING after (AID reversed)
15 IGNORAMUS	15 One sort of organ problem kept back person lacking knowledge (9)	15 I + anagram of ORGAN + (SUM reversed)
16 ABOVE ALL	16 Almost finished in a dance first and last (5,3)	16 (OVE)R in (A + BALL)
18 DIES NON	18 One's involved in outcry when courts are closed (4,3)	18 Anagram of ONES inside DIN
19 OBSERVE	19 Man freed by a mob's never prepared to celebrate (7)	19 Anagram of A MOBS NEVER minus MAN
20 TESTED	20 One kilobyte downloaded from corrupted diskette should be analysed (6)	20 Anagram of DISKETTE minus IK
22 LYCRA	22 Items fashioned in finely crafted stretchy material (5)	22 fineLY CRAfted
24 MAID	24 Domestic worker is composed during conversation (4)	24 Sounds like MADE