

NTSPP - 201 by Artix Chromatograph

Answers to all of the Across clues contain thematic items. These are ignored in the wordplay of their clues and are not to be entered in the grid but instead solvers must apply them appropriately (this only applies to printed versions, not to interactive ones!). Down clues are normal.

Across

- 1 Athlete fixing engine part with spanner (9,4)
- 6 Hearts master set piece (5,5)
- 9 Traffic system heading off detour somehow (3,5)
- 10 Making contract? He's not the one most likely to (9,6)
- 11 Gives big fish generous farewell package (6,9)
- 12 Abandoning the French. Hitler's redeployed one of his storm troopers (5,5)
- 13 Do these Internet grannies start out as Radio Four users, possibly? (6,7)
- 15 In hindsight, ruin jazz classic (4,6)

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- 18 Pop group relieved after comeback (4,6)
- 20 Fire engine's strange-looking in unfinished plaster paint (5,7)
- 23 Head Office to exploit official address (5,5)
- 24 Old hit song to pay for soldier (6,9)
- 26 Elusive character giving solicitor main part after knight's left (7,9)
- 27 A proper geezer means to destroy canopy (5,6)
- 28 Glare of publicity easily digested (9)

- 29 The plane's crashed after the pilot saw these? (4,9)
- 6 Confusingly miscoined "hourglass-shaped" (9)
- 7 Roughly 86% growing grape product (6)
- 8 Director's abandoning tube station nevertheless (as it were) (6)
- 14 After *Telegraph* puzzle, somewhat obscene men try strike action (9)
- 16 Distinguished Italian doctor decapitated Scottish child (8)
- 17 Resistant to heat like top quality tar (8)
- 19 Pavarotti's heavy foot on top of stake (7)
- 20 French salt tax's current measure in storm (7)
- 21 Printers' union man on US railway (6)
- 22 Gnetum hybrid producing spice (6)
- 25 Swimming in a patch of rough water behind boat (5)

Down

- 1 Removing chunks or just one piece covering ear (8)
- 2 Those making grimaces around urn? (8)
- 3 They used to make up films about golfer (5)
- 4 Pub in Norfolk town kicks out lawyer (7)
- 5 Men rue hot treatment, catch cold (7)