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NOTE: Fourteen clues have 11-across, ignored by the wordplay. All other clues are normal.

ACROSS

- 1 Issue supreme kick in the guts (5)
- 2 Tracks shot of *Psycho* (9)
- 3 Perusing Wilde's jug? (7)
- 4 Long for short article by motorway entry (7) *a-----*
- 5 14-down's latest vehicle? Drag machine's anointed, carbon-free (1,3,2,3,6)
- 6 This makes you go to dwell over a tax return (8)
- 7 Saturday's puzzler stalls (6) *STA052*
- 8 Coin "inner self" (6)
- 9 Stow in the library, bolted before swimmer drops in? (8)
- 10 Sharpie maybe to style an insert (9,6) *perm an ent mark er*
- 11 Flemish painter, Victor, has broken heart (3,4)
- 12 Very frenzied outside temple type (7)
- 13 Playwright's vehicles (9)
- 14 Rolls, salad and sandwiches he served brilliantly (5)

DOWN

- 1 Cover train-wreck (9) *STRA052*
- 2 Push America out by military force (7) *F*
- 3 Nice pilot developed menswear option (4-2,3)
- 4 Escapee hustling regulars, badly wounding a number (8)
- 5 Addressed Greek forum after silver theft (6) *ORHARLO*
- 6 Reason for waiter to be rankled about alpinist's helper? (5)
- 7 Strain is reflected in X operating (7)
- 8 Brigade from Belgium to cross-ends up in battle (5)
- 9 Cheers star, stoned and wasted (3,6)
- 10 Vet helps a poodle's tail to go round (9)
- 11 Gippsland goof promoted hobbies (8)
- 12 In-constant? (7)
- 13 German ballad compared (7)
- 14 Green determined to invest old coin (6)