

The Stickler Weekly 256 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 DANDRUFF	Back of head and collar showing signs of skin problem (8)	HEAD(D) + AND + RUFF
5 USES UP	Goes through items stored in house supposedly (4,2)	hoUSE SUPposedly
9 CATALAN	Group of people grabbing at a Spaniard (7)	CLAN outside (AT + A)
10 MANDATE	Staff meeting's official instruction (7)	MAN (verb) + DATE
11 PROPAGANDA	Specialist US prosecutor, going after atheist, organized spread of information (10)	PRO + (DA after PAGAN)
12 SEGA	Game producer is a long time in retirement (4)	AGES reversed
13 DETAINEES	People held in custody need a site rebuilt (9)	Anagram of NEED A SITE
15 MELEE	Five of nine elements brought back confused group (5)	ninE ELEMEnts reversed
16 DYING	Adding colour in speech is on the way out (5)	Sounds like DYEING
17 TOP-FLIGHT	Superior is to function in a dangerous situation (3-6)	TO + (F inside PLIGHT)
19 RODE	Most members of cowboy show did some travelling (4)	(RODE)O
20 ALTRUISTIC	Key country person embracing one humanitarian (10)	ALT + (RUSTIC outside I)
23 CHARITY	Helpful organization's complex not quite finished in a large town (7)	(HAR)D inside CITY
24 NOSTRIL	Numbers connected to trial not taking a breather (7)	NOS + (TRIAL minus A)
25 SKEWED	Stitched across front of kimono on an angle (6)	SEWED outside (K)IMONO
26 MIGRANTS	Head of mission is receiving government handout for people subject to relocation (8)	[(M)ISSION + IS] outside GRANT

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 DECAPOD	Dupe stepped around crab, say (7)	(DO + PACED) reversed
2 NITRO	Explosive from of iron maintaining temperature (5)	Anagram of IRON outside T
3 RELEASING	Redeployed General is letting go (9)	Anagram of GENERAL IS
4 FUNDAMENTALLY	Available money a unit's members count up primarily (13)	FUND + A + MEN + TALLY
6 SONG	Succession of notes on gramophone? (4)	noteS ON Gramophone
7 SHAKE A LEG	Start moving fish in sale before end of trading (5,1,3)	(HAKE inside SALE) + TRADING(G)
8 PRESAGE	Forecast resolution in section of newspaper (7)	RES inside PAGE
10 MODUS OPERANDI	Ponderous maid refined routine (5,8)	Anagram of PONDEROUS MAID
14 THIRD BASE	Bids are greatly varied in the diamond area (5,4)	Anagram of (BIDS AR)E inside THE
15 MULTI-USER	Drug carrier, transporting business executive up river, is available to many (5-4)	MULE outside (SUIT reversed) + R
16 DIRECTS	Alarming cuts not supported by university masterminds (7)	DIRE + (CUTS minus U)
18 TACKLES	Has a go at gutless clerk in accounts? (7)	C(ler)K inside TALES
21 TURIN	Circuit going around one Italian city (5)	TURN outside I
22 FINE	Fair penalty (4)	Double Definition

