

AFR Cryptic (Easter Jigsaw, 2024) Solution

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For ease of producing this solution I have numbered the crossword and clues conventionally.

Across	Clue	Explanation
7 EXPLOIT	Take advantage of scheme mostly used in evacuation (7)	(PLO)t inside EXIT
8 GRANDEE	Angered drunken Spanish nobleman of the highest rank (7)	Anagram of ANGERED
10 ARMING	Doing damage down at the front supplying weapons (6)	(h)ARMING
11 ANACONDA	Outdoor adventure store operating in different parts of Canada (8)	ON inside anagram of CANADA
12 STUN	Taser caused sharp pain mostly (4)	(STUN)g
13 RABBIT EARS	Religious leader pulls apart broadcast receiver (6,4)	RABBI + TEARS
14 BETTING SHOP	Gambling centre is to take place adjacent to rough nightspot (7,4)	BE + anagram of NIGHTSPOT
19 TROCHANTER	Irregular crater not apparent around hard part of femur (10)	Anagram of CRATER NOT outside H
22 SALT	Section of analysis altered common preservative (4)	sanalysisS ALTered
23 ESTRANGE	Established area is split up (8)	EST + RANGE
24 BRAISE	Sprig of basil to enhance stew? (6)	(B)asil + RAISE
25 REAMERS	They bore me in lifts (7)	ME inside REARS
26 PSALTER	Note added to letter to change devotional book (7)	PS + ALTER

