

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 7/10/2023) Solution

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| Across | Clue | Explanation |
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| 1 ROCK-BOTTOM | Low music, time and time again used in big sound (4-6) | ROCK + (TT inside BOOM) |
| 6 FANG | Drive fast propeller connected to back of rig (4) | FAN + ri(G) |
| 9 SHAWL | Wash ruined large woman's wrap (5) | Anagram of WASH + L |
| 10 AMENDMENT | Change commercial about men - men heading to town (9) | (AD outside MEN) + MEN + (T)own |
| 12 MINISERIES | They are pessimistic about popular TV program (10) | MISERIES outside IN |
| 13 TOP | Trump's misguided post lacking substance primarily (3) | Anagram of POST minus (S)ubstance |
| 15 POETRY | Morbid short-story writer to judge metrical composition (6) | POE + TRY |
| 16 RECOURSE | Access is concerning company with new user (8) | RE + CO + anagram of USER |
| 18 ERUPTION | Rash virgin retired and turned it on (8) | PURE reversed + IT reversed + ON |
| 20 ENSURE | Certify nurse reappointed after end of course (6) | Anagram of NURSE after cours(E) |
| 23 DID | Arranged degree with credentials (3) | D + ID |
| 24 BAKING SODA | Academic leaders bother about raising agent (6,4) | BA + KINGS + (ADO reversed) |
| 26 CORRECTOR | Reformist centre not completed by minister (9) | (COR)e + RECTOR |
| 27 ON AIR | Deborah pulled out of stylish broadcasting (2,3) | DEBONAIR minus DEB |
| 28 SHOT | Items of rubbish others threw out (4) | rubbiSH OTthers |
| 29 PROSPECTUS | Share plan with working group wearing specialist glasses (10) | TU inside (PRO + SPECS) |

