## AFR Cryptic (Saturday 3/2/2024) Solution

| ${ }^{1}$ | 0 | ${ }^{2} \mathrm{C}$ | 1 | ${ }^{3} \mathrm{~A}$ |  | ${ }^{4} \mathrm{~L}$ | E | ${ }^{5} \mathrm{P}$ | E | ${ }^{6} \mathrm{R}$ |  | ${ }^{7}$ S | U | B |
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| ${ }^{9} \mathrm{~A}$ | G | E | N | T |  | ${ }^{1} \mathrm{M}$ | A | N | 1 | C | U | R | E | D |
| T |  | T |  | U |  | B |  | G |  | E |  | 1 |  | G |
| ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ | 1 | 0 | S | P | H | E | R | E |  | ${ }^{12} \mathrm{H}$ | 0 | U | S | E |
| E |  | N |  |  |  | R |  | N |  | 0 |  | S |  | T |
| ${ }^{13}$ | 1 | N | E | ${ }^{14} 0$ | U | T |  | ${ }^{15}$ | A | R | T |  |  |  |
| T |  | E |  | M |  |  |  |  |  | S |  | ${ }^{16} \mathrm{M}$ |  | ${ }^{17} \mathrm{P}$ |
|  |  |  | ${ }^{18}$ | I | M | ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~A}$ |  | ${ }^{20} \mathrm{~S}$ | P | E | C | 1 | A | L |
| ${ }^{21} E$ |  | ${ }^{22}$ T |  | S |  | P |  | E |  |  |  | S |  | A |
| ${ }^{23} \mathrm{~S}$ | H | 0 | T | S |  | ${ }^{24}$ | A | R | A | ${ }^{25}$ | 1 | T | 1 | C |
| T |  | R |  | 1 |  | L |  | P |  | P |  | R |  | A |
| ${ }^{26}$ | Y | P | N | 0 | T | 1 | S | E |  | ${ }^{27} \mathrm{~A}$ | V | E | R | T |
| E |  | 1 |  | N |  | E |  | N |  | I |  | S |  | E |
| ${ }^{28}$ | E | D |  | ${ }^{29} \mathrm{~S}$ | C | R | U | T | 1 | N | 1 | S | E | D |


| Across | Clue | Explanation |
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| 1 SOCIAL <br> LEPER | Outcast has kept away from representation of local <br> Pharisees? (6,5) | Anagram of LOCAL <br> PHARISEES minus HAS |
| 7 SUB | Replacement coach given backing (3) | BUS reversed |
| 9 AGENT | A fellow worker in the selling business (5) | A + GENT |
| 10 MANICURED | Dog owned by spoilt maiden is well groomed (9) | CUR inside anagram of <br> MAIDEN |
| 11 BIOSPHERE | Enclosed ecosystem's new-fangled probe is filled <br> with helium (9) | Anagram of PROBE IS <br> outside HE |
| 12 HOUSE | Residence is hot, mostly, before service (5) | (HO)t + USE |
| 13 LINE-OUT | Rugby union play routinely deployed without <br> flankers? (4-3) | Anagram of (r)OUTINEL(y) |
| 15 TART | Like lemon pie (4) | Double Definition |
| 18 LIMA | Affiliates of Muslim Action Centre in Peru (4) | musLIM Action |
| 20 SPECIAL | Peculiar drinks containing ice sent back (7) | (ICE inside LAPS) reversed |
| 23 SHOTS | Photographs recently taken in the middle of <br> Brussels (5) | HOT inside bruSSels |
| 24 PARASITIC | Bloodsucking father, one embraced by demented <br> racist (9) | PA + (I inside anagram of <br> RACIST) |
| 26 HYPNOTISE | Entrance is not switched around in publicity stunt <br> (9) | (NOT + IS) inside HYPE |
| 27 AVERT | Turn away troubled relative not admitting lie (5) | Anagram of RELATIVE <br> minus LIE |
| 28 RED | Area of suture definitely inflamed (3) | sutuRE Definitely |
| 29 <br> SCRUTINISED | Inspected ship originally sailed with cargo of <br> metal (11) | (S)hip + (CRUISED outside <br> TIN) |


| Down | Clue | Explanation |
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| 1 SEAT BELT | It securely holds sitter's wobbly table in position (4,4) | Anagram of TABLE <br> inside SET |
| 2 CRETONNE | Crew reduced weight and heavy material (8) | CRE(w) + TONNE |
| 3 ACT UP | Federation of workers quietly carry on (3,2) | ACTU + P |
| 4 LAMBERT | Part of normal amber traffic light unit (7) | normaL AMBER <br> Traffic |
| 5 PUNGENT | Spicy joke by lady's man (7) | PUN + GENT |
| 6 RACEHORSE | People organised shoer for track competitor (9) | RACE + anagram of <br> SHOER |
| 7 SIRIUS | I squeezed between gentleman and American star (6) | I inside (SIR + US) |
| 8 BUDGET | Develop secure financial statement (6) | BUD + GET |
| 14 OMISSIONS | Gaps overseas filled by military operation (9) | OS outside MISSION |
| 16 MISTRESS | Lady of the house married one with anxiety (8) | M + I + STRESS |
| 17 PLACATED | Drunken cadet, after party, returned and calmed down (8) | Anagram of CADET <br> after (ALP reversed) |
| 19 APPLIER | One who uses a power tool with end-piece detached (7) | A + P + PLIER(s) |

