

AFR Cryptic (Easter, 2024) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 NOTICEABLE	Obvious illicit drug taken by VIP (10)	ICE inside NOTABLE
6 SPEC	Small muscle's detailed description (4)	S + PEC
10 UMBER	Deep brown wood, trimmed at one end (5)	(1)UMBER
11 PERCOLATE	Make coffee late after agent returned with company (9)	LATE after (REP reversed + CO)
12 ABSEILER	Able seaman with another heard one climbing down? (8)	AB + sounds like SAILOR
13 ACCOST	Act reduced expenditure to work as a solicitor (6)	AC(t) + COST
15 LOCATE	Track down members of bloc at embassy (6)	bLOC AT Embassy
16 ONE-STAR	Comfortable accommodation secured by rower is poorly rated (3-4)	NEST inside OAR
18 NAB	Get hold of bank (3)	Double Definition
19 STARVED	Extremely hungry principal opposing representative of education (7)	STAR + V + ED
21 UNEASE	Doubt members of commune - a sect (6)	commUNE A SEct
24 ACCORD	A conductor primarily joined up to lead concert (6)	A + (C)onductor + CORD
25 PINAFORE	Sort of apron if extended at the front? (8)	Anagram of APRON IF + (E)xtended
27 STIPULATE	Lay down fresh tulips at back of gravestone (9)	Anagram of TULIPS + AT + graveston(E)
28 COAST	Sail cover snagged on pole (5)	COAT outside S
29 NEED	Listened to work's requirement (4)	Sounds like KNEAD
30 CENSORSHIP	Leading member of college distributed porn - is she withholding material? (10)	(C)ollege + anagram of PORN IS SHE

