AFR Cryptic (Easter, 2024) Solution

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| Across | Clue | Explanation |
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| 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) | (l)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 |

| Down | Clue | Explanation |
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| 1 NOUGAT | Sweet not containing large centre of sugar (6) | NOT outside s(UGA)r |
| 2 TABASCO | Bill company stocking, for instance, hot stuff (7) | (TAB + CO) outside AS |
| 3 CARDINAL VIRTUE | Lucid narrative loosely presented a chief moral quality (8,6) | Anagram of LUCID NARRATIVE |
| 4 APPREHENDS | Picks up recycled paper with hard edges (10) | Anagram of PAPER + H + ENDS |
| 5 LORD | Peer's share pinched by earl or duke (4) | earL OR Duke |
| 7 PLAY OUT | Continue to sulk about position (4,3) | POUT outside LAY |
| 8 CREATORS | A rector's converted innovative people (8) | Anagram of A RECTORS |
| 9 CONCRETE CANCER | Head of construction reviewed a concern about Greek island's structural problem? (8,6) | (C)onstruction + (anagram of A CONCERN outside CRETE) |
| 14 DO BUSINESS | Deal with distribution of bond issues (2,8) | Anagram of BOND ISSUES |
| 17 ASSASSIN | Fool twice elected - bravo! (8) | ASS + ASS + IN |
| 20 ARCHIVE | A church, swamped by river, mostly saved historic documents (7) | A + [CH inside (RIVE)r] |
| 22 STOMACH | School providing refuge for cat and a bear (7) | SCH outside (TOM +A) |
| 23 BELT UP | Stop talking and get ready to drive (4,2) | Double Definition |
| 26 FARE | Cost of transport is reasonable by the sound of it (4) | Sounds like FAIR |
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