## AFR Cryptic (Saturday 9/3/2024) Solution

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


| Across | Clue | Explanation |
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| 1 DISSIPATE | Waste is linked to sample in time (9) | (IS + SIP) inside DATE |
| 6 FACTS | Communicator stated known information (5) | Sounds like FAX |
| 9 CALLS UP | Contacts all substitutes originally involved in <br> tournament (5,2) | [ALL + (S)ubstitutes] <br> inside CUP |
| 10 GRANTEE | Social worker, consumed by greed, docked <br> person given money (7) | ANT inside GREE(d) |
| 11 LYCRA | Dressmaker's finishing obvious in restitching of <br> lacy material (5) | Dressmake(R) inside <br> anagram of LACY |
| 12 IMPORTANT | Key man limiting data connection in IT (9) | (MAN outside PORT) <br> inside IT |
| 14 DUD | Worthless fellow to a great extent (3) | (DUD)e |
| 15 CITY SLICKER | Slice of lemon spotted in sticky rice agitated <br> sophisticated urbanite (4,7) | (L)emon inside anagram of <br> STICKY RICE |
| 17 POLISHED OFF | Language education of fellow is completed (8,3) | POLISH + ED + OF + F |
| 19 MAD | Bananas produced in short supply (3) | (MAD)e |
| 20 CONSORTIA | Syndicates being supported by group in CIA (9) | (ON + SORT) inside CIA |
| 22 RENAL | Doctor finally recalled passage connected to the <br> kidneys (5) | docto(R) + LANE reversed |
| 24 ICECAPS | One heading to certain latitude passed around <br> polar masses (7) | I + (C)ertain + (SPACE <br> reversed) |
| 26 IMAGING | I am getting old radiographer's work (7) | IM + AGING |
| 27 NESTS | Birds build these traps filled with seeds primarily <br> (5) | NETS outside (S)eeds |
| 28 GATHERERS | They pick up fuel around there, right? (9) | GAS outside (THERE + R) |


| Down | Clue | Explanation |
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| 1 DECAL | Tied up a transfer (5) | LACED reversed |
| 2 SPLICED | United kept cool after Sheffield played loosely initially (7) | ICED after (S)heffiled + (P)Layed + (L) oosely |
| 3 INSTANCES | Illustrations in certain positions (9) | IN + STANCES |
| 4 <br> APPOINTMENT | A very soft medicated cream is choice (11) | a + PP + OINTMENT |
| 5 EGG | Laid item, for example, on top of gear (3) | EG + (G)ear |
| 6 FLAIR | Natural ability learner displayed in show (5) | L inside FAIR |
| 7 CUT BACK | Reduce amount of boron used in copper nail (3,4) | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { B inside (CU + } \\ & \text { TACK) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| 8 SWELTERED | Unfinished well in desert badly suffered in the hot weather? (9) | WEL(1) inside anagram of DESERT |
| $\begin{aligned} & 13 \\ & \text { PASTORALIST } \end{aligned}$ | Accomplished tailors worked with wool supplier, possibly (11) | PAST + anagram of TAILORS |
| 14 DEPICTION | Language written on cover of extended play's drawing (9) | DICTION outside EP |
| 16 INFURIATE | Wearing a warm coat, I looked after stomach bug (9) | IN + FUR + I + ATE |
| 18 LENDERS | Banks, for example - they mix things up after the start (7) | (b)LENDERS |
| 19 MAN-SIZE | Very big pole is put back inside labyrinth (3-4) | $[\mathrm{N}+(\text { IS reversed })]$ <br> inside MAZE |
| 21 OPALS | Friend invested in overseas basketball team (5) | PAL inside OS |
| 23 LOGOS | Symbols of industry work in leading part of LA? (5) | GO inside LOS |
| 25 SAG | Decline long, detailed story with no ending (3) | SAG(a) |
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