## AFR Cryptic (Saturday 1/6/2024) Solution

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| ${ }^{12} \mathrm{~F}$ | 0 | R | C | E | M | E | A | T |  | ${ }^{13} \mathrm{~T}$ | A | L | 0 | N |
| A |  |  |  | N |  | R |  | H |  | E |  | E |  | G |
| ${ }^{14} \mathrm{R}$ | U | ${ }^{15}$ | E |  |  | ${ }^{16}$ | L | A | G | R | A | N | T |  |
| M |  | C |  | ${ }^{17} \mathrm{H}$ |  | R |  | M |  | S |  | G |  | ${ }^{18}$ |
|  | ${ }^{18}$ | A | T | A | B | A | S | E |  |  | ${ }^{20}$ | E | T | E |
| ${ }^{2} \mathrm{~W}$ |  | L |  | R |  | C |  | R |  | ${ }^{22} \mathrm{~S}$ |  |  |  | R |
| ${ }^{23} \mathrm{~A}$ | M | E | N | N D |  | ${ }^{24}$ | A | 1 | L | P | L | ${ }^{25} \mathrm{~A}$ | N | E |
| R |  | D |  | L |  | 1 |  | C |  | 1 |  | W |  | N |
| ${ }^{26}$ | $R$ | 0 | V | 1 | S | 0 |  | ${ }^{27} \mathrm{~A}$ | 1 | R | P | 0 | R | T |
| E |  | W |  | N |  | N |  | N |  | 1 |  | K |  | 1 |
| ${ }^{28}$ | 1 | N | N | N E | R |  | ${ }^{29} \mathrm{~A}$ | S | 1 | T | W | E | R | E |


| Across | Clue | Explanation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 WELL-KEPT | Clean, healthy pet, wrongly injected with potassium (4- <br> $4)$ | WELL + anagram of PET <br> outside K |
| 5 STOCKS | Handle small investments (6) | STOCK + S |
| 10 NONE TOO | Group of nine rings? Hardly! (4,3) | NONET + OO |
| 11 OPEN-AIR | Outdoor operation by leader of Egypt unsettled Iran (4- <br> $3)$ | OP + (E)gypt + anagram of <br> IRAN |
| 12 FORCEMEAT | The writer getting stuck into crate of cooked stuffing (9) | ME inside anagram of <br> CRATE OF |
| 13 TALON | The stock varied in total with it left out (5) | Anagram of IN TOTAL <br> minus IT |
| 14 RUSE | Right to take advantage of deception (4) | R + USE |
| 16 FLAGRANT | Outrageous member of the family moved into apartment <br> (8) | GRAN inside FLAT |
| 19 DATABASE | A tax form lodged in time for computer store (8) | (A + BAS) inside DATE |
| 20 FETE | Selection of buffet, especially, is fair (4) | bufFET Especially |
| 23 AMEND | Change people starring in commercial (5) | MEN insidde AD |
| 24 TAILPLANE | Temperature linked to trouble with moulded panel's <br> horizontal stabiliser (9) | T + AIL + anagram of <br> PANEL |
| 26 PROVISO | Excellent golfer against one, as stated, with qualification <br> $(7)$ | PRO + V + I + SO |
| 27 AIRPORT | It may be used by traveller or taken during a trip abroad <br> (7) | OR inside anagram of A <br> TRIP |
| 28 DINNER | Starter of duck served before private function (6) | (D)uck + INNER |
| 29 AS IT WERE | One wearing knitted sweater, so to speak (2,2,4) | I inside anagram of <br> SWEATER |


| Down | Clue | Explanation |
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| 1 WIND FARM | Twist arm behind the back of chief energy producer (4,4) | WIND + F + ARM |
| 2 LONER | Maverick individual right behind leader of Liberals (5) | (ONE + R) after <br> (L)iberals |
| 3 KITTEN | Gear to catch retreating young animal (6) | KIT + (NET reversed) |
| $\begin{aligned} & 4 \text { PROPER } \\ & \text { FRACTION } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Football player, for certain, distracted half, say (6,8) | PROP + anagram of FOR CERTAIN |
| 6 TWEETERS | Cute, compact, cut-down speakers (8) | TWEE + TERS(e) |
| 7 CHALLENGE | Church warden at last brought in to maintain protest (9) | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { CH + [warde(N) } \\ & \text { inside ALLEGE] } \end{aligned}$ |
| 8 SARONG | Signora re-dressed, discarding one loose skirt (6) | Anagram of SIGNORA minus I |
| 9 NORTH <br> AMERICANS | NRA: "Crime has not troubled people with the right to bear arms" $(5,9)$ | Anagram of NRA CRIME HAS NOT |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline 15 \text { SCALE } \\ & \text { DOWN } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Shrink, like fish have (5,4) | SCALED + OWN |
| 17 HARD LINE | One restrained by handler changed an unyielding attitude $(4,4)$ | I inside anagram of HANDLER |
| 18 PERENTIE | Monitor gym that is ending lease (8) | PE + (IE after RENT) |
| 21 WARPED | Deformed extremities of people kept in hospital section (6) | (P)eopl(E) inside WARD |
| 22 SPIRIT | Model charged with current reversed vital force (6) | SIT outside (RIP reversed) |
| 25 AWOKE | Contents of pan and wok, with last bit of spice, should be stirred? (5) | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \mathrm{p}(\mathrm{~A}) \mathrm{n}+\mathrm{WOK}+ \\ \mathrm{spic}(\mathrm{E}) \end{array}$ |
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