

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 28/3/2026) Solution

	¹ S	² T	³ A	³ N	⁴ D	⁴ I	⁵ N	⁵ G	⁶ O	⁶ R	⁷ D	⁷ E	⁸ R	⁸ S
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¹² S	T	I	P	E	N	D			¹³ C	O	P	S	I	T
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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 STANDING ORDERS	Involved strangers in odd parliamentary rules (8,6)	Anagram of STRANGERS IN ODD
10 OWNER	One who has unlimited supply of sedatives? (5)	d)OWNER(s)
11 MOONSHINE	Hair and bone found in one's rubbish (9)	MO + (SHIN inside ONE)
12 STIPEND	Mines backed to terminate regular clerical payment (7)	PITS reversed + END
13 COPS IT	Greek character, resting in bed, gets into trouble (4,2)	PSI inside COT
15 WOLF	Playboy issue withdrawn (4)	FLOW reversed
16 RAISE CAIN	Returning fighter pilots, following turbulent air home, create trouble (5,4)	(ACES reversed after anagram of AIR) + IN
19 GAS HEATER	Consumer going after split system that provides air-conditioning (3,6)	EATER after GASH
20 TOPS	Wonderful location for retirement (4)	SPOT reversed
23 INTACT	Unimpaired in judgement (6)	IN + TACT
25 PEERAGE	Lords and ladies visit ladies, say, with style (7)	PEE + RAGE
27 ARMADILLO	Equip a party transporting sick species that's protected (9)	ARM + A +(DO outside ILL)
28 CLICK	Get on with race's third lap (5)	ra(C)e + LICK
29 SPRING-CLEANING	Special group caught liking a refreshing seasonal activity (6-8)	SP + RING + C + LEANING

