

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 29/7/2017) Solution

¹ D	E	² V	I	³ A	N	⁴ C	E		⁵ T	⁶ O	N	⁷ G	A	⁸ N
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¹⁷ C	O	U	R	T	M	A	R	T	I	A	L			
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²³ T	U	I	T	I	O	N		²⁴ A	V	A	R	I	C	E
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²⁵ D	A	M	P	E	N		²⁶ A	D	H	E	R	E	N	T

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 DEVIANCE	Perversion and evil largely seen in social event (8)	(EVI)L inside DANCE
5 TONGAN	BBQ tool mostly used by an islander (6)	(TONG)S + AN
9 BARGAIN	Steal bank profit (7)	BAR + GAIN
10 SAILING	Ship's starting poorly at sea (7)	(S)HIP + AILING
11 GAUGE	Converted members of synagogue without input from nosy judge (5)	Anagram of SYNAGOGUE minus NOSY
12 ESCALATOR	A real cost worked out for moving staircase (9)	Anagram of A REAL COST
13 WESTERN SAMOA	Mutated sea monster captured in WA island group (7,5)	Anagram of SEA MONSTER inside WA
17 COURT-MARTIAL	Military tribunal arrested law enforcer during hearing (5-7)	Sounds like CAUGHT MARSHAL
20 ENDEARING	Finish each piece of jewellery arousing affection (9)	END + EA + RING
22 ELOPE	Excited people, slipping quietly away, run off together (5)	Anagram of PEOPLE minus P
23 TUITION	ESP lacking in training (7)	INTUITION minus IN
24 AVARICE	A weakness limiting a king's great desire for wealth (7)	(A + VICE) outside [A + R(ex)]
25 DAMPEN	A politician, noted in study, is dull (6)	(A + MP) inside DEN
26 ADHERENT	Right claimed by the dean disturbed supporter (8)	R inside anagram of THE DEAN

