

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 8/3/2025) Solution

¹ B	A	² R	O	³ N	E	⁴ S	S	⁵ F	⁶ L	A	⁷ U	N	⁸ T		
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¹⁰ H	A	B	I	T	A	T		¹¹ R	I	V	I	E	R	A	
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¹⁶ F		¹⁷ P		I		T		M		A		E		E	
¹⁸ R	U	L	E	T	H	E	R	O	O	S	T				
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²¹ S	E	A	U	²² R	C	H	I	N		²³ D	R	A	W	L	
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N		N		C		E		I		C		S		S	
²⁶ G	O	T	C	H	A		²⁷ O	N	T	H	E	S	L	Y	

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 BARONESS	One's spotted in bars with lady (8)	ONES inside BARS
5 FLAUNT	Display unit reduced by half in living space (6)	UN(it) inside FLAT
10 HABITAT	Native environment is somewhat active in Panama possibly (7)	(A BIT) inside HAT
11 RIVIERA	Waterway spanning island, a part of Europe (7)	RIVER outside I + A
12 LASER	Exploited arsenal not fitted with an intense light generator (5)	Anagram of ARSENAL minus AN
13 LODESTONE	Surgery on oldest individual is an attractive thing (9)	Anagram of OLDEST + ONE
14 OFFICE BLOCKS	Summertime treats available behind substandard accommodation for workers? (6,6)	ICE BLOCKS after OFF
18 RULE THE ROOST	Let male mob member in decline be in charge (4,3,5)	(LET + HE+ ROO) inside RUST
21 SEA URCHIN	Lookin' around university for an example of an echinoderm (3,6)	SEARCHIN(g) outside U
23 DRAWL	Speak slowly with minor about life primarily (5)	WARD reversed + L
24 ITALIAN	One translated a Latin language (7)	I + anagram of A LATIN
25 ACTRESS	A broken clock, one with a particular role? (7)	A + C + TRESS (C-LOCK)
26 GOTCHA	I understand symbol of acceleration shown next to fluctuating tachometer (6)	G + anagram of TACHO
27 ON THE SLY	"Honestly" taken completely a different way? (2,3,3)	Anagram of HONESTLY

