

# AFR Cryptic (Saturday 20/4/2024) Solution

	<sup>1</sup> S	<sup>2</sup> T	<sup>3</sup> U	<sup>3</sup> P	<sup>4</sup> I	<sup>4</sup> D		<sup>5</sup> P	<sup>6</sup> E	<sup>6</sup> P	<sup>6</sup> P	<sup>7</sup> E	<sup>7</sup> R	<sup>8</sup> S
		A		A		A		A		E		E		P
	<sup>9</sup> C	L	I	M	A	T	E	C	O	N	T	R	O	L
<sup>10</sup> D		K		P		E		I		A		I		O
<sup>11</sup> U	N	I	T	E	D		<sup>12</sup> A	F	F	L	U	E	N	T
P		N		R		<sup>13</sup> B		I		I				C
<sup>14</sup> E	D	G	E		<sup>15</sup> B	L	A	C	K	S	M	<sup>16</sup> I	T	H
		T		<sup>17</sup> S		U		R		E		L		
<sup>18</sup> P	R	O	S	T	H	E	S	I	S		<sup>19</sup> C	L	U	<sup>20</sup> B
E				A		P		M		<sup>21</sup> F		I		R
<sup>22</sup> R	E	<sup>23</sup> G	U	L	A	R	S		<sup>24</sup> B	A	R	B	I	E
U		R		L		I		<sup>25</sup> B		S		E		D
<sup>26</sup> S	T	A	T	I	O	N	M	A	S	T	E	R	S	
E		V		N		T		C		E		A		
<sup>27</sup> D	R	E	D	G	E	S		<sup>28</sup> H	A	N	D	L	E	

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 STUPID	Dull boss probed by private investigator (6)	PI inside STUD
5 PEPPERS	Famous sergeant, close to targets, attacks with missiles (7)	PEPPER + target(S)
9 CLIMATE CONTROL	Air-conditioning ruined art collection containing original piece from Monet (7,7)	Anagram of ART COLLECTION outside (M)onet
11 UNITED	Intruder, giving up rights, toyed with one (6)	Anagram of INTRUDER minus (R+R)
12 AFFLUENT	Social worker smoking fine pipe is well-off? (8)	ANT outside (F + FLUE)
14 EDGE	Fringe leader not committed to club (4)	(w)EDGE
15 BLACKSMITH	Forger is missing millions invested in a little hotel (10)	(LACKS + M) inside (BIT + H)
18 PROSTHESIS	Artificial part in expert's proposal (10)	PROS + THESIS
19 CLUB	One in pack featuring leaf primarily? (4)	CUB outside (L)leaf
22 REGULARS	Shooter retreated while holding hostage right ordinary customers (8)	LUGER reversed + (AS outside R)
24 BARBIE	Tavern that is hosting club's last meal (6)	(BAR + IE) outside clu(B)
26 STATIONMASTERS	Railway officials stop steam trains badly losing pressure (14)	Anagram of STOP STEAM TRAINS minus P
27 DREDGES	Doctor sharpens devices used to extract waste matter from the bottom (7)	DR + EDGES
28 HANDLE	Deal with serving of lunch and leftovers (6)	lunch AND LEftovers

