

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 20/2/2021) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 METABOLISM	Box, mostly fashioned in metal, is made initially for organic processes (10)	(BO)x inside METAL + IS + (M)ade
6 DAZE	A long time reportedly to bowl over (4)	Sounds like DAYS
9 LINGO	Language group entertained by liberal in Government (5)	liberaL IN GOvernment
10 OVERSIGHT	Contents of novel title, including small mistake? (9)	[n(OVE)l + RIGHT] outside S
12 TIMEKEEPER	Watch me look around in bank (10)	[ME + (PEEK reversed)] inside TIER
13 RUM	Large quantity of meat and drink (3)	(RUM)p
15 MONTHS	Direction held by fliers for a long time (6)	N(orth) inside MOTHS
16 DOMINANT	Word of warning about minister, a principal (8)	DONT outside (MIN + A)
18 RESEARCH	Reset unfinished shoe part and do tests (8)	RESE(t) + ARCH
20 PHYSIO	The conclusion of doctors, drawn from hypothesis, confused health professional (6)	Anagram of HYPOTHESIS minus [THE + doctor(S)]
23 BAT	Bowled at opener, for instance (3)	B + AT
24 TENDERFOOT	Proposal backed extremely fine newcomer (10)	TENDER + (TOO + F) reversed
26 BLUNDERED	Gave out blood, admitting subordinate made a mistake (9)	bled outside UNDER
27 UTTER	Unqualified captain abandoning ship (5)	CUTTER minus C
28 EXAM	Hacker backtracked before conclusion of system test (4)	AXE reversed + syste(M)
29 FORESHADOW	Signal experienced in reconditioned woofers (10)	HAD inside anagram of WOOFERS

