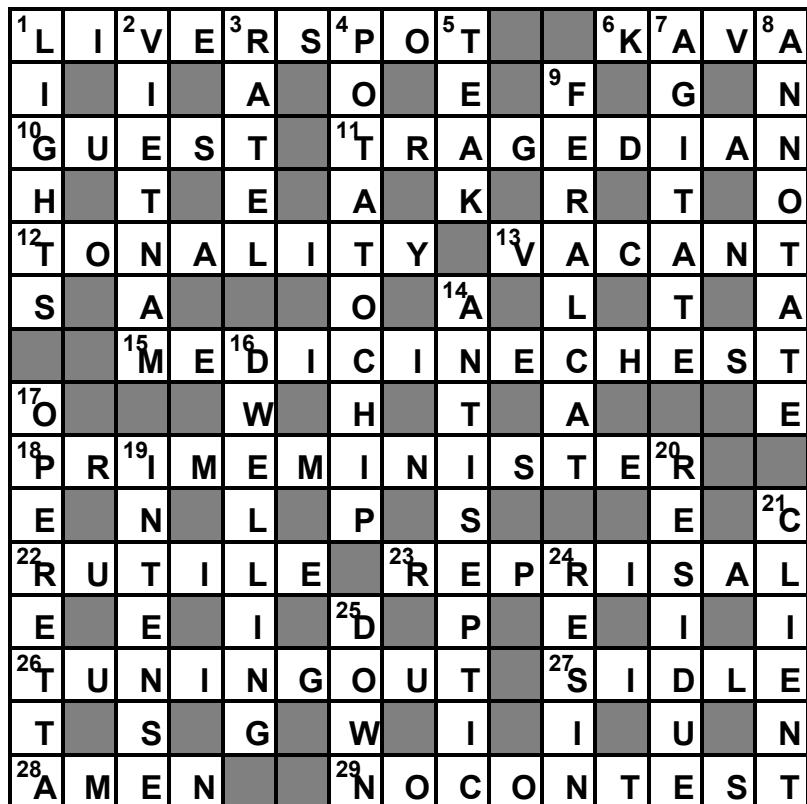


AFR Cryptic (Saturday 31/1/2026) Solution



| Across | Clue | Explanation |
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| 1 LIVER SPOT | Skin blemish that's usually brown or silver, disfigured large belly (5,4) | Anagram of SILVER + POT |
| 6 KAVA | Some drink, a Vanuatuan beverage (4) | drinK A VAnuatuAn |
| 10 GUEST | Visitor took a shot in the dark reportedly (5) | Sounds like GUESSED |
| 11 TRAGEDIAN | Actor partied hard with one sporting buff (9) | (RAGED + I) inside TAN |
| 12 TONALITY | Plaything, inscribed with a translation of Latin, is key (8) | Anagram of LATIN inside TOY |
| 13 VACANT | Empty vessel stored in another (6) | CAN inside VAT |
| 15 MEDICINE CHEST | Senior journalist, in view of nice chemist, maligned drug store (8,5) | ED inside anagram of NICE CHEMIST |
| 18 PRIME MINISTER | Leader's formal dress worn in compound (5,8) | PRIM + (MINI inside ESTER) |
| 22 RUTILE | Form containing titanium? (6) | RULE outside TI |
| 23 REPRISAL | Public relations is limited by actual retaliation (8) | (PR + IS) inside REAL |
| 26 TUNING OUT | Fanatic, regressing during disease, is losing interest (6,3) | NUT returned + IN + GOUT |
| 27 SIDLE | Creep is left in team (5) | L inside SIDE |
| 28 AMEN | Your Grace's ending change? Not entirely (4) | (AMEN)d |
| 29 NO CONTEST | Plea by prisoner put back on trial (2,7) | CON reversed + ON + TEST |
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