

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 6/1/2024) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 CRASH COURSE	Utter abuse about adventurous company's intensive programme of instruction (5,6)	CURSE outside (RASH + CO)
7 ROT	Tripe and bread not finished (3)	ROT(i)
9 SOLID	Upstanding one bound by auctioneer's call (5)	I inside SOLD
10 TUMBLE-DRY	Diseased myrtle bud is free of moisture (6-3)	Anagram of MYRTLE BUD
11 MARE'S TAIL	A break formed in protective covering and cloud (5,4)	(A + REST) inside MAIL
12 SHOWN	The way something is done in tin is demonstrated (5)	HOW inside SN
13 RAN AMOK	Class running around a short time, went wild (3,4)	RANK outside (A + MO)
15 DRIP	Drain's primary rupture is a plumber's problem (4)	(D)rain + RIP
18 EROS	God of love is tender in a different way (4)	SORE reversed
20 PIGMENT	Paint grand people during depression (7)	(G + MEN) inside PIT
23 AROMA	A tomato's smell (5)	A + ROMA
24 AIRSTREAM	Current racer's first in new Maserati (9)	(R)acer inside anagram of MASERATI
26 BAR USEFUL	Hotel worker's fun ended early volatile Belarus (3,6)	FU(n) inside anagram of BELARUS
27 TRACE	Mark left with time to fly (5)	T + RACE
28 EYE	Part of a needle, yes? (3)	needlE YE(s)
29 NERVE CENTRE	HQ's section of "bible" held in extraordinary reverence (5,6)	NT inside anagram of REVERENCE

