

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 9/3/2024) Solution

¹ D	I	² S	S	³ I	P	A	T	⁵ E		⁶ F	A	⁷ C	T	⁸ S
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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 DISSIPATE	Waste is linked to sample in time (9)	(IS + SIP) inside DATE
6 FACTS	Communicator stated known information (5)	Sounds like FAX
9 CALLS UP	Contacts all substitutes originally involved in tournament (5,2)	[ALL + (S)ubstitutes] inside CUP
10 GRANTEE	Social worker, consumed by greed, docked person given money (7)	ANT inside GREE(d)
11 LYCRA	Dressmaker's finishing obvious in restitching of lacy material (5)	Dressmake(R) inside anagram of LACY
12 IMPORTANT	Key man limiting data connection in IT (9)	(MAN outside PORT) inside IT
14 DUD	Worthless fellow to a great extent (3)	(DUD)e
15 CITY SLICKER	Slice of lemon spotted in sticky rice agitated sophisticated urbanite (4,7)	(L)emon inside anagram of STICKY RICE
17 POLISHED OFF	Language education of fellow is completed (8,3)	POLISH + ED + OF + F
19 MAD	Bananas produced in short supply (3)	(MAD)e
20 CONSORTIA	Syndicates being supported by group in CIA (9)	(ON + SORT) inside CIA
22 RENAL	Doctor finally recalled passage connected to the kidneys (5)	docto(R) + LANE reversed
24 ICECAPS	One heading to certain latitude passed around polar masses (7)	I + (C)ertain + (SPACE reversed)
26 IMAGING	I am getting old radiographer's work (7)	IM + AGING
27 NESTS	Birds build these traps filled with seeds primarily (5)	NETS outside (S)eeds
28 GATHERERS	They pick up fuel around there, right? (9)	GAS outside (THERE + R)

