## AFR Cryptic (Saturday 13/1/2024) Solution

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| ${ }^{10}$ | N | N | S | E | T |  | A | B | R | A | S |  | 0 | N | S |
| M |  |  | E |  | E |  |  |  | U |  | T |  | N |  |  |
| ${ }^{12}$ | 0 | 0 | W | E | R | P | L | A | N | T |  | ${ }^{13} \mathrm{~A}$ | S |  | A |
| T |  |  | H |  | H |  | E |  | C |  | ${ }^{14} \mathrm{P}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }^{15}$ | B | E | H | 0 | L | D |  | ${ }^{16}$ | 0 | L |  | ${ }^{17}$ | E | E |
| ${ }^{18}$ |  |  | R |  | U |  |  |  |  |  | E |  |  |  | R |
| ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~S}$ | H | H | E | A | R | E | E |  | ${ }^{2} \mathrm{C}$ | H | A | N | C | E |  |
| S |  |  |  |  | S |  | E |  | H |  | S |  | T |  | S |
| E |  |  |  | T |  | ${ }^{25} \mathrm{C}$ | A | P | 1 | T | A | L |  |  | E |
| N |  |  | E |  | ${ }^{26} \mathrm{C}$ |  | D |  | C |  | N |  | 0 |  |  |
| ${ }^{27} \mathrm{C}$ | A | A | R | T | A | G | G E | N | N A |  | ${ }^{28}$ | U | N | E | D |
| E |  |  | V |  | R |  | N |  | G |  | L |  | A |  | 0 |
| ${ }^{29}$ | E | E | E | R | E | D | d | ${ }^{30} \mathrm{~B}$ | 0 | D | Y | S | L | A | A |


| Across | Clue | Explanation |
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| 1 PREPARED | Piano salesman, with a bottle of wine, is all set (8) | P + REP + A + RED |
| 5 SLALOM | All tumbled in some shortened ski race (6) | Anagram of ALL inside <br> SOM(e) |
| 10 ONSET | Start working as an actor (5) | Double Definition |
| 11 ABRASIONS | One playing in a section of an orchestra scrapes <br> (9) | (I + ON) inside (A + <br> BRASS) |
| 12 POWER <br> PLANT | One who has to pay money to design, in platinum, <br> a generator (5,5) | (OWER + PLAN) inside <br> PT |
| 13 ASIA | Heavily populated area - one located in a state of <br> Australia (4) | I inside (A + SA) |
| 15 BEHOLD | Observe the man reversing in Valiant (6) | HE reversed inside BOLD |
| 16 HOLY SEE | Married one leaving homily to visit papal court <br> $(4,3)$ | HOMILY minus (M + I) + <br> SEE |
| 19 SHEARED | Fleeced sheep are inside farm building (7) | ARE inside SHED |
| 21 CHANCE | Part of a church without large opening (6) | CHANCEL minus L |
| 23 EAST | Banquet not beginning with main course (4) | (f)EAST |
| 25 CAPITALISE | Fund's maximum amount is placed in one account <br> $(10)$ | CAP + [IS inside (I + <br> TALE)] |
| 27 CARTAGENA | Transport agent contracted by a place in Spain (9) | CART + AGEN(t) + A |
| 28 TUNED | Turned down river running well (5) | TURNED minus R |
| 29 SEE RED | Drove, not having time to blow a gasket (3,3) | STEERED minus T |
| 30 BODY SLAM | Sadly, mob mishandled manoeuvre in ring (4,4) | Anagram of SADLY MOB |


| Down | Clue | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 PROMPT | Fun time in gym is executed without delay (6) | ROMP inside PT |
| 2 ELSEWHERE | The Spanish do needlework here and in another place (9) | EL + SEW + HERE |
| 3 AFTER HOURS | Our father's terribly late (5,5) | Anagram of OUR FATHERS |
| 4 E-MAILED | The writer, withdrawn and troubled, sent a message (1-6) | ME reversed + AILED |
| 6 LIST | Roll is lean (4) | Double Definition |
| 7 LIONS | Some with pride, for example, leaving army units (5) | LEGIONS minus EG |
| 8 MISLAYER | Mass murderer providing refuge for one loser (8) | (M + SLAYER) outside I |
| 9 BRUNCH | Starter of rabbit featured in group meal (6) | (R)abbit inside BUNCH |
| $\begin{aligned} & 14 \\ & \text { PLEASANTLY } \end{aligned}$ | Layer containing sealant moulded well (10) | PLY outside anagram of SEALANT |
| 17 SECTIONAL | Battered stretch of coastline is divided (9) | Anagram of COASTLINE |
| 18 ESSENCES | Contents of vessel once deficient in oxygen and sulphur concentrates? (8) | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{v}(\mathrm{ESSE}) \mathrm{l}+(\mathrm{ONCE} \\ & \text { minus O) }+\mathrm{S} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| 20 DEADEN | Dull idea not supported by one study (6) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (IDEA minus I) + } \\ & \text { DEN } \end{aligned}$ |
| 21 CHICAGO | Smart move made behind a hang-out frequented by gangsters (7) | CHIC + (GO after A) |
| 22 SELDOM | Passengers on board vessel do meet occasionally (6) | vesSEL DO Meet |
| 24 SERVE | Work for American camper during visit (5) | RV inside SEE |
| 26 CARE | Keeping manual, say, close to phone (4) | CAR + phon(E) |
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