## AFR Cryptic (Saturday 20/4/2024) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 STUPID	Dull boss probed by private investigator (6)	PI inside STUD
5 PEPPERS	Famous sergeant, close to targets, attacks with missiles (7)	PEPPER + target(S)
9 CLIMATE	Air-conditioning ruined art collection containing	Anagram of ART
CONTROL	original piece from Monet (7,7)	COLLECTION outside (M)onet
11 UNITED	Intruder, giving up rights, toyed with one (6)	Anagram of INTRUDER minus (R+R)
12 AFFLUENT	Social worker smoking fine pipe is well-off? (8)	ANT outside (F + FLUE)
14 EDGE	Fringe leader not committed to club (4)	(w)EDGE
15 BLACKSMITH	Forger is missing millions invested in a little hotel (10)	(LACKS + M) inside (BIT + H)
18 PROSTHESIS	Artificial part in expert's proposal (10)	PROS + THESIS
19 CLUB	One in pack featuring leaf primarily? (4)	CUB outside (L)eaf
22 REGULARS	Shooter retreated while holding hostage right ordinary customers (8)	LUGER reversed + (AS outside R)
24 BARBIE	Tavern that is hosting club's last meal (6)	(BAR + IE) outside clu(B)
26	Railway officials stop steam trains badly losing	Anagram of STOP
STATIONMASTERS	pressure (14)	STEAM TRAINS minus P
27 DREDGES	Doctor sharpens devices used to extract waste matter from the bottom (7)	DR + EDGES
28 HANDLE	Deal with serving of lunch and leftovers (6)	luncH AND LEftovers

Down	Clue	Explanation
2 TALKING-TO	Lecture leader involved in presentation of wrong total (7-2)	KING inside anagram of TOTAL
3 PAMPER	Chart set up for each baby (6)	MAP reversed + PER
4 DATE	See something growing on a palm tree (4)	Double Definition
5 PACIFIC RIM	Coastal group raised limit provided by one lawbreaker (7,3)	CAP reversed + IF + I + CRIM
6 PENALISE	Fine pen is carried by porter, say (8)	PEN + (IS inside ALE)
7 EERIE	Guinness, say, with no head? That is weird! (5)	(b)EER + IE
8 SPLOTCH	Mark story line developed in school (7)	PLOT inside SCH
10 DUPE	Page checked by outstanding kid (4)	P inside DUE
13 BLUEPRINTS	Detailed plans replaced pier restricted by rounded pole (10)	Anagram of PIER inside (BLUNT + S)
16 ILLIBERAL	Mean crook uncovered bible containing piece of history? (9)	ILL + [b)IBL(e outside ERA]
17 STALLING	Everyone involved in hustle is playing for time (8)	ALL inside STING
18 PERUSED	Deception adopted by page editor should be closely examined (7)	RUSE inside (P + ED)
20 BRED	Produced staple with sound quality (4)	Sounds like BREAD
21 FASTEN	Bolt of lightning, say, bent in the middle (6)	FAST + b(EN)t
23 GRAVE	Weighty stones mostly (5)	(GRAVE)l
25 BACH	German composer's time not put into collection (4)	BATCH minus T