AFR Cryptic (Saturday 4/5/2024) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 RACISM	Retired coach is associated with male prejudice (6)	CAR reversed + IS + M
4 DEPOSE	Set down a quantity of drugs containing EPO mostly (6)	DOSE outside (EP)o
8 MERIT	Value the writer, right, with it (5)	ME + R + IT
9 NASHI PEAR	A vessel manoeuvred in close with exotic fruit (5,4)	(A + SHIP) inside NEAR
11 METHANE	Long thick human hair penetrated by the sprayed chemical (7)	MANE outisde anagram of THE
12 OIL WELL	Ring one left rightly for gusher, say (3,4)	O + I + L + WELL
13 EVER	Cut down leader at any time (4)	(s)EVER
14 NINEPINS	NSW's opener playing cricket injured spine bowling (8)	(N)sw + IN + anagram of SPINE
17 UNEARTHS	Discovers uranium near this with iodine not detected (8)	U + [(NEAR THIS) minus I]
19 MAYO	Yam diced up with egg dressing (4)	Anagram of YAM + O
23 PICCOLO	Choose short, cool, brewed black coffee (7)	PIC(k) + anagram of COOL
24 OARSMAN	Person who made progress after having a stroke? (7)	Cryptic Definition
25 DEEP SPACE	Pace back and forth in area filled with stars (4,5)	SPEED reversed + PACE
26 MINCE	Store taking delivery of cold meat in small portions (5)	MINE outside C
27 FRIDGE	Fine, raised strip of land should be cooler (6)	F + RIDGE
28 PROSIT	Good luck to you specialists joining IT (6)	PROS + IT

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 REMEMBER	Urge every second representative to look back (8)	1 u(R)g(E) + MEMBER
2 CURETTE	Correct temperature recorded with the unfilled surgical instrument? (7)	2 CURE + T + T(h)E
3 SATRAP	Old ruler, say, not closing mouth (6)	3 SA(y) + TRAP
4 DISCOUNT STORES	Shops that sell cheap items and seconds, tourist exploited (8,6)	4 Anagram of SECONDS TOURIST
5 PHILLIPS	Type of screw mount secured in spots (8)	5 HILL inside PIPS
6 SHEBEEN	Queen, for instance, associated with opening of new tavern that's cheap? (7)	6 SHE BEE + (N)ew
7 INTERNATIONALE	One Italian tenor, short on oxygen, messed up revolutionary song (14)	7 Anagram of ONE ITALIAN TENOR minus O
10 ROLE	Part and parcel of control experiments (4)	10 contROL Experiments
15 CAROUSED	One leaving Cairo took drugs and had a good time (8)	15 CA(i)RO + USED
16 DOWNBEAT	Do we, hanging around outside, take notice at flat? (8)	16 (DO + WE) outside NB + AT
18 NUCLEAR	Peacekeepers backed fine for possessing atomic weapons (7)	18 UN reversed + CLEAR
20 ALMONDS	Cooked salmon stuffed with last of toasted nuts (7)	20 Anagram of SALMON outside toaste(D)
21 SPED	A group of serious pedestrians moved quickly (4)	21 seriouS PEDestrians
22 PRIMER	Elementary book is a little explosive (6)	22 Double Definition