## AFR Cryptic (Saturday 4/5/2024) Solution

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| ${ }^{8} \mathrm{M}$ | E | R | 1 | T |  | ${ }^{9} \mathrm{~N}$ | A | S | H | I | P | E | A | ${ }^{16}$ |
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| ${ }^{13} \mathrm{E}$ | V | E | R |  |  | ${ }^{14} \mathrm{~N}$ | 1 | N | E | P | 1 | N | S |  |
| R |  |  |  | ${ }^{15} \mathrm{C}$ |  | A |  | T |  | S |  |  |  | ${ }^{16}$ |
|  | ${ }^{17}$ | ${ }^{18} \mathrm{~N}$ | E | A | R | T | H | S |  |  | $1{ }^{19}$ | ${ }^{20} \mathrm{~A}$ | Y | 0 |
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| ${ }^{25}$ | E | E | P | S | P | A | C | E |  | ²M | 1 | N | C | E |
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|  | ${ }^{27} \mathrm{~F}$ | R | 1 | D | G | E |  |  | ${ }^{28}$ | R | 0 | S | 1 | T |


| Across | Clue | Explanation |
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| 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 <br> $(6)$ | 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 <br> chemical (7) | MANE outisde anagram <br> 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 <br> $(8)$ | (N)sw + IN + anagram of <br> SPINE |
| 17 UNEARTHS | Discovers uranium near this with iodine not detected <br> $(8)$ | U + [(NEAR THIS) <br> 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 <br> 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 <br> $(5)$ | 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 |
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| 1 REMEMBER | Urge every second representative to look back (8) | $1 \mathrm{u}(\mathrm{R}) \mathrm{g}(\mathrm{E})+$ 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) | $3 \mathrm{SA}(\mathrm{y})+$ 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 |
| $7$ <br> 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) | $15 \mathrm{CA}(\mathrm{i}) \mathrm{RO}+\mathrm{USED}$ |
| 16 DOWNBEAT | Do we, hanging around outside, take notice at flat? (8) | $\begin{aligned} & 16(\mathrm{DO}+\mathrm{WE}) \\ & \text { outside NB + AT } \end{aligned}$ |
| 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 |
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