Crossword 15,976 Set by Goliath

ACROSS
1 In attempt to secure objective .... (6)
4 .... team sped off in a rush (8)
10 Put out where one might go (9)
11 Catchword about bottom (but not top) (5)
12 Happiness is having good shelter (4)
13 Book and journal to cover armed conflict starting off (10)
15 Starts on forbidden fruit, lacking in authentic luxury food (7)
16 Provides the ultimate in coarse jokes (6)
19 Legal work is pants (6)
21 Accentuate the negative part in bankruptcy (3,2,2)
23 Jobs by vault, said note (10)
25 My turn, keep quiet! (4)
27 Unwrapped fun DVD, but old man saying “ah” to see it (5)
28 Among stars, the boy’s 13 (kind of) (9)
29, 30 Status dictates that sensible logo be designed (8,6)

DOWN
1 Closely follow what pops up in the tagliatelli (8)
2 Previously promise to pay right state coffers (9)
3, 24 Politicians half quibbled after poster put up – such a disappointment (4,5)
5 You once took in art, may be drama (7)
6 Nonsense being quiet on Boris Johnson’s round wobbly bum (5,5)
7 Sussex traditionally has more (5)
8 Name for Goliath up astride horse (6)
9, 21 Possible price dip in South African novel (6-6)
14 Puddings possess a certain fragrance .... (10)
17 .... that of prior up to no good (9)
18 For brunch, a steak’s somewhat indecent (8)
20 Dancing priests and fairies (7)
21 See 9
22 Put out vase: there’s an improvement (6)
24 See 3
26 Clothes to boast about (4)

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