Crossword 15,916 Set by Goliath

ACROSS
1  RYA sailormen deployed as part of the navy (5,7)
10  The man with a woman’s garment, I see, reported to be Jewish (7)
11  Rock album attempt is a pain (7)
12  Among memorabilia, displayed an epic poem (5)
13  Decayed tooth end is sharp (2,3,3)
15  Aggressive dog savaged a cousin (10)
16  What altar boy shares with falsetto voice (4)
18  Film dance (4)
19  Poor boat engine performance in believer’s play (3,10,2,5,7)
20  Mother is on settee with no clothes or property (10)
22  Evil rot set in Birmingham? (8)
24  Nose job after a long time (5)
26  Terribly sectarian, but not as idiots (7)
27  See 25
28  Most impressed by markets not reacting (5,2,5)

DOWN
2  See 8
3  Help graduate at long last, to 25, 27’s unacceptable breeding environment (1,7)
4  Spice stick (4)
5  Rejoin desire for listeners to give up (10)
6  Daphne may be extremely naughty on speed (7)
7  Extremes of sybaritic arousal a public disgrace (7)
8, 2, 19  Poor boat engine performance in believer’s play (3,10,2,5,7)
9  Dubious drifter follows nutcase into social work (13)
14  Originally born in Poland, highly skilled worker supported by both sides (10)
17  Amount halved with anything natural (8)
19  See 8
21  Starting to rely on employer’s pocket (7)
23  Sound prison (5)
25, 27  Boy’s sorry end: entire summer month with a gorgon (4,7)

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