CROSSWORD
No 17,182 Set by GUMM

ACROSS
1 Churches grasping a new opportunity (6)
4 Start to shroud face with cape, revealing conceit (8)
10 Musical group overwhelmed by endless nasty, harsh criticism (7)
11 Editing loses volume, then turns louder (7)
12 Standard portion of protein or meat (4)
13 Italian citizen staggering into a plane (10)
15 Ruling on information technology, primarily (6)
16 On the whole, boring thing rang out loud (3,4)
20 Introduce American narcotic with nothing taken out (5,2)
21 Proceeds company invested in abandoned mine (6)
24 Coward, perhaps, unusually wary in sticky situation (10)
26 Nick's positive response in Germany and Israel (4)
28 A series of four letters entertains an Asian (7)
29 Boy captures French director in channel (7)
30 Exercises for singer if legs go wobbly (8)
31 Box, for example, in extremely soft way (6)

DOWN
1 Keen to take over outlet in place of exile (8)
2 Curiously agree with lots of trusted friends (5,4)
3 Josh is under Charlie's bed (4)
5 Cut back in funds? Nothing replaces European domination (8)
6 Piece of office equipment popular after many become involved in craft (10)
7 Live departures with a twist in the tail (5)
8 Upcoming races taking in northern beach (6)
9 Many ships are fast (5)
14 Knit pants I wear, even tighter at the front (10)
17 See fine boxer, with first of knockouts, start to earn double (9)
18 Calling on one to protest in very good surroundings (8)
19 Ring wife about large rears becoming muscular (4-4)
22 Special crest associated with southern states (6)
23 Spirit that's surrendered on dying? (5)
25 Heavenly messenger turning up in musical, eg "Nativity!" (5)
27 Reportedly overcrowded settlement (4)

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P I N I N G  B L A C K C A P
H I U  C A U L A
E I G H T Y  D O T T E R E L
A H H  K N L A
S A T N A V  P A R A K E E T
A J T  W I T  P W E
N U A N C E  E P T
T R H A R R I E R  W S
R R  N E P H E W
T T S  G O D  D E A
W H I N C H A T  A S S A I L
I R R  T I L
T R A G O P A N  M A K E D O
E N O T  R A W
S T A R L I N G  S T O R K S