

Across

- Military conflict between sovereign states of 3 1 global or near global scope (1, 2, Z etc.) (4, 3)
- Dangerous street drug associated with Vince 8 Colosimo
- Famous explorer 9
- Christian Democrat (initials) 10
- Viral infection requiring plenty of fluids and 12 bedrest (no longer in use)
- 13 Cartoon character with signature rhoticism (1, 4) (with first initial)
- 16 Poetically named category of political prisoner in penal system of Nazi Germany deemed enemies of the state and slated to vanish without trace into the "night and fog" in cynical allusion to magic spell of Alberich in Wagner's Der Ring des Nibelungen (1, 1)
- Glove made of strips of leather with iron 17 plates or spikes used by pugilists in ancient world as depicted in heartbreakingly moving Hellenistic Boxer at Rest in Museo Nazionale Romano, Palazzo Massimo alle Terme, Rome 11 (near station)
- 19 Adam Troy adventure (initials)
- Glamourous queen of Jordan 20
- 22 19th century English mathematician known for diagram
- Who broke up The Beatles? 24
- Sinister Beijing-based video-sharing social 25 media service destroying moral fabric of zoomers in capitalist world

Down

- 1 Convivial location for spending time with friends associated with Mayor Pete (4, 4)
- 2 Orange clown (initials)

- One who refuses to acquiesce to or cooperate with a prevailing orthodoxy such as English Catholics who refused to attend Anglican religious services in 17th century
- 4 Dawn Davenport or David Duke or Dr Dre or Delvene Delaney or Dennis Denuto (initials) Coarse nickname of Carlton football legend Warren Jones based unconfirmed story about tattoos

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- 6 Good son in John Steinbeck's East of Eden (with bad brother Cal) known for nightmarish final appearance on departing troop train in 1955 Elia Kazan masterwork
- The cataclysmic destruction of the cosmos 7 and everything in it (including the gods) in Norse mythology in a series of apocalyptic events including a great battle and the inundation of the earth in a universal flood (depicted in breathtaking finale of Wagner's Der Ring des Nibelungen)
- Toxic pesticide used widely in 60s
- Honour or entertain lavishly or festive event 14 with rides and fairy floss
- 15 Dull, greyish-brown colour such as Rodd & Gunn chinos or G-Star Raw cargo pant
- 18 Fine, black, sticky powder resulting from incomplete combustion of organic matter ("When my mother died I was very young And my father sold me while yet my tongue Could scarcely cry "weep! weep! weep! 'weep!" So your chimneys I sweep & in ... I sleep" Blake)
- 21 Oscar Niemeyer obras (initials)
- New intifada (initials) 23