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Across

- 1** Incredibly spooky, late Agatha Christie novel (SPOILER AHEAD) narrated by sociopathic madman (named after Blake poem) (7, 5)
- 11** Incredibly scary Spanish horror film of found footage genre (SPOILER AHEAD) about demonic possession in Barcelona apartment building
- 12** Alternate route adopted due to unforeseen development in journey
- 13** German physicist known for pioneering work in quantum mechanics and famous institute
- 16** George W. Bush era Secretary of State (and National Security Advisor) known for retro bob and death stare (first name)
- 17** Large, ungainly man (often affectionate)
- 18** Beautiful green, white and yellow vegetable used to make vichyssoise (and worn in battle by Welsh)
- 20** Famous stock cube
- 21** Subside, diminish, recede, wane, decline (US hegemony, Catholic Church etc.)
- 22** Celebrated Austrian conductor of Beethoven, Brahms and Wagner known for brisk tempi and murky wartime record
- 24** US agency known for faking moon landing
- 26** Zionist Entity (initials)
- 27** Ian Paisley (initials)
- 28** Idiosyncrasy of pronunciation or speech local to a place used to establish identity of speaker (from story of Biblical Ephraimites who could not pronounce Hebrew word for ear of wheat and were thereby revealed and slaughtered)
- 30** Abel Gance *or* Adam Goodes (initials)
- 32** Author of insane radio play *Pour en Finir avec le Jugement de dieu* of 1947 (initials)
- 33** *Ubu ...* Insane play by Alfred Jarry of 1896
- 34** ... *Tok* Mind-rotting, Beijing-based, video-sharing social media service
- 36** Mean, cruel, nasty, full of malice or ill-will, desiring to hurt or offend
- 40** Innovative grunge album (initials)
- 41** Mound or hill in archeology (from Arabic تَلّ) formed by accumulated remains of hundreds (or thousands) of years of human habitation
- 42** Outspoken *NYT* opinion editor hated by left: occupation of West Bank justified by “Jewish yearning”; sexual assault not “disqualifying” because Brett Kavanaugh a minor at the time; Tulsi Gabbard “Asaad toady” (to Joe Rogen) etc. (resigned July 2020) (first name)
- 43** Classic skateboarding trick (not loop of death)
- 45** Ultimate outcomes of actions
- 46** Radioactive element associated with Niels Bohr (renamed in 1994)

12.6 (contd.)

Down

- 1** Movie genre (*Mondo Cane*, *Turkey Shoot*, *Scream Blacula Scream*, *Love Camp 7* etc.)
- 2** Humbaba, Smaug, Fafner, Viserion, Puff etc.
- 3** French, Teale, Bernstein, Cohen, Nimoy etc.
- 4** Book of Bible attributed to King Solomon with famous opening, “It is useless, useless, said the Philosopher. Life is useless, useless. You spend your life working and what do you have to show for it?” *Good News* translation
- 5** Stephen Dedalus *or* Saint Denis (initials)
- 6** Narrow body part attaching head to thorax in mammals regarded as a point of anatomical vulnerability and employed resultantly as a synecdoche for life
- 7** Japanese admiral (1890-1945) who led final IJN offensive against US naval forces at Battle of Okinawa (unsuccessful)
- 8** Kind of journalism associated with Hunter S. Thompson in 60s characterized by egocentric immersion rather than objectivity, hyperbole, exaggeration, profanity and catchy titles like *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*
- 9** Paul Newman role (not “Fast Eddie” Felson, Luke Jackson, Butch Cassidy, Ari Ben Canaan or drifter gigolo lounge Chance Wayne)
- 10** Unabashed, hyperbolic exultation of one’s exceptionalism or supremacy (Nuremberg Rally, DNC convention, Jerusalem Day etc.)
- 14** Kirsten Dunst role (not Marie Antoinette, child vampire Claudia, depressed newlywed Justine or vivacious Mary Jane Watson)
- 15** Delicious snack enjoyed throughout Muslim world
- 19** Prolific English author of children’s stories relating adventures of Julian, Dick, Anne, George and Timmy (during holidays from boarding school) in bucolic settings (initials)
- 22** Follower of popular US singer Justin Bieber as in controversial message in guestbook at Anne Frank House, “Truly inspiring to be able to come here. Anne was a great girl. Hopefully she would have been a ...”
- 23** Arranged murder (“Big Paul” Castellano at Sparks Steakhouse by John Gotti and Sammy “the Bull” Gravano in 1986) or popular song (*Old Town Road* by Lil Nas X feat. Billy Ray Cyrus) (or *Take On Me* by A-ha)
- 25** Popular Norwegian synth-pop band known for 80s megahit *Take On Me*
- 26** Flamboyant style of suit worn in minority communities in US associated with racially motivated riots on West Coast in 40s (banned as provocative, unpatriotic and unsupportive of US war effort due to voluminous cut)
- 29** Popular US soap pad brand associated with Andy Warhol
- 31** Movie known for being excruciatingly bad (not *Battlefield Earth*) (or *Swept Away*) (or *Eyes Wide Shut*)
- 35** Indigestible dark leafy vegetable
- 37** Pink elephant (initials)
- 38** Extremely severe cyclonic storm devastating eastern coast of India in 2019
- 39** National language of Pakistan (resembling Farsi but grammatically identical to Hindi)
- 44** Irish laughter (initials)