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Across

- Gavrilo Princip, Herschel Grynszpan, Yigal Amir, Nathuram Godse, Yehoshua Cohen, Ramón Mercader, Sirhan Sirhan, Talmadge Hayer, Norman 3X Butler and Thomas 15X Johnson (alleged), Mehmet Ali Ağca (unsuccessful) etc.
- 8 ... et decōrum est prō patriā mōrī (Horace)
- **9** Oswald assassination (initials)
- 10 Violent death (initials)
- 11 Pertaining to era in Jewish history in which priestly elites wrote Mosaic Law in Babylon
- 14 Erwin Rommel suicide (initials)
- 16 A (French feminine singular) as in Alphaville ... étrange aventure de Lemmy Caution etc.
- 17 Reenactment of great naval victory in ancient Rome staged as mass entertainment (notably by Julius Caesar and Claudius) with prisoners of war and convicted criminals playing roles in grisly fight to death on water
- **19** Site of US atrocity of March 16, 1968 (2, 3)
- 20 Prolific compiler of turgid crosswords
- 22 manus tuas commendo spiritum meum, God We Trust. *the Navy* etc.
- 23 Possess reality, exist
- 24 Alluring fragrance such as *Jicki*, *Chanel No. 5*, *KKW Body*, Johnny Depp *Sauvage* or *SW23*
- 26 ... Ki-Moon 8th Secretary-General of UN known for passivity during period of lethal Israeli operations Cast Lead, Returning Echo, Protective Edge, Pillar of Cloud etc. referred to by Professor Norman Finkelstein as a "comatose puppet of the United States"

Across (contd.)

27 Area on lid of Ark between touching wings of golden cherubim where Divine Presence encountered special people (in eccentric 6th century BCE cosmogony of exilic Levites) (5, 4)

Down (contd.)

- 23 The Pretty ... Lambs Controversial painting of 1852 by Ford Madox Brown received poorly by English public due to harshness of light and unattractiveness of sitters
- 25 Noam Chomsky *or* Neville Chamberlain *or* Nick Cave (initials)
- **26** Brian Eno *or* Bengt Ekerot *or* Billie Eilish (initials)

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Down

- 1 Religious movement of largely 19th century North American origin focused primarily on imminent return of Jesus to punish wicked, reward righteous and rule world
- 2 Lowest level in Hindu caste system superior only to untouchable Dalit sub-caste presently numbering 160,000,000 souls in India
- 3 Siegfried Line (initials)
- Kiss member known for Spaceman look and smoking guitar at climax of solo (first name)
- 5 "Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh" 1981 Prince song
- 6 Controversial US religious organization associated with Wallace D. Fard, Malcolm X, Louis Farrakhan, Muhammed Ali and RZA (designated a hate group for belief in "innate black superiority over whites") (initials)
- 7 Consecrated elements of Eucharist esp. host
- 12 Pertaining to pre-Columbian empire known for child sacrifice and colourful knitwear
- 13 Terrorist group known for assassinations of Count Folke Bernadotte, Lord Moyne and people of Deir Yassin in April 9, 1948 also controversial overture to Nazi Germany of 1940 to work in collaboration towards defeat of British and foundation of fascist state in Palestine
- 15 Birth name of popular entertainer Sting
- 18 Friend Flicka, Little Chickadee, Man Godfrey, Sharona, Gov etc.
- 21 Term meaning wartime fighter pilot feted as national hero such Manfred Von Richthofen, or Giora "Hawkeye" Epstein