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Across (contd.)

- 25** Republic on Central American isthmus known for history of political unrest inc. invasion, dictatorship, occupation, fiscal crisis, revolutions in 1960s and 70s and infamous Contra war of 1980s

Down (contd.)

- 19** Deficiency of IL-1 Receptor Antagonist (abbrev.)
22 *Pot-au-...* Hearty national dish of France
23 Prince Charles (initials)
24 “Chinese” Gordon *or* Christian Grey *or* *California Girls* (initials)

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Across

- 1** Affectionate nickname (in local use only) for Australian rock band widely regarded as the greatest of all time (4, 5)
9 Warlike extraterrestrial race with swarthy, reptilian appearance and names like Worf and Gowron
10 German for dog (dachs, schwein etc.)
11 Leading duo in Russian deep house chillout scene (AKA *Music for Daydreamers*)
13 Mythical sword (not Hrunting, Nægling, Nothung or Shamshir-e Zomorrodnegar)
15 Mad sculptor from East Melbourne (*The Fairies' Tree* etc. (first name)
16 Display of vehement disapproval associated with football and opera
17 Lead role in acerbic satire of contemporary American life (2, 5)
20 Initials shared by celebrated authors of disparate texts *Summa Theologica* (1265-74) and *A Strong Australia* (2012)
21 *Nichiren* Buddhist movement enormously popular in West (esp. US) known for nuclear disarmament platform, chanting and celebrity members inc. Belinda Carlisle, Tina Turner, Wayne Shorter and Courtney Love (initials)
22 Influential German author (*Die Lage der arbeitenden Klasse in England*, *Kapital* etc.) (initials)
23 “For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they ... my hands and my feet” Controversial translation of Psalm 22 leading to claim of fulfilled prophecy

Down

- 1** Pharaoh of ancient Egypt (?1351-?1344 BCE) associated with first attested historic instance of monotheism
2 Corruption (due to illiteracy) of Greek *κύκλος* (circle) used in name of controversial US hate group
3 Ornate embroidered fabric from India made with threads of gold or silver
4 Autonomous region of southern Spain associated indelibly with surrealist cinema
5 Dick Grayson *or* *Der Golem* (initials)
6 District of Tokyo, Indian children’s clothing line and swiss model known for lead role in controversial 2015 XXX-rated 3-D art film *Love* directed by Gaspar Noé (first name)
7 Covered in irregular protuberances (also Australian brand of colourful, form-hugging, mail order underwear known for ribald advertising campaign)
8 Beautiful Ethiopian princess in Greek myth depicted chained to rock as sacrifice for sea monster off coast of Jaffa (rescued by Perseus)
12 Group of two in working partnership such as Simon and Garfunkel, Batman and Robin, MODD or the Two Ronnies
14 Outspoken student leader from Monash University in 60s known for opposition to Vietnam War (also 1996 prison term for contempt of court for refusal to desist from promoting electoral strategy of placing least preferred candidates “equal last” on ballot)
18 French philosopher known for structuralist reappraisal of Marx and killing wife (initials)