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Across

- Unwatchable masterpiece of Japanese cinema (released in west as Fires on the Plain) about descent into madness of last remnant of army stranded on island in Philippines after defeat in 1945 (Japanese title)
- 4 Ludicrous 1966 Italian art film set in London in swinging sixties featuring *The Yardbirds*, Veruschka and mimed tennis game without ball at end (4-2)
- 9 Liquide coloré pour écrire
- **10** 1,115 (Roman numerals)
- Heroine of Megillah and festival of Purim known for uplifting genocidal message
- 14 Prince Harry *or* Pauline Hanson *or* Purple Haze (initials)
- 15 Arresting acronym from BLM movement regarded as alienatingly hyperbolic by many grass roots activists
- 16 Rudimentary, no-frills dwelling
- 17 Sound a snake makes (or Soviet agent in State Department exposed by Richard Nixon in "Pumpkin Papers" scandal of 1948)
- Take away weapons; allay hostility, fears or suspicions; angsty 1993 Smashing Pumpkins song banned for taboo themes and possible adverse influence on young
- 19 Oliver Messiaen or Oscar Madison (initials)
- 20 Critical first Democratic presidential caucus won by Mayor Pete Buttigieg in 2020

- 22 Ruling dynasty of France (from mid-fifth to mid-eighth century) descended from Jesus and Mary Magdalen (in controversial theory)
- 26 Good son in John Steinbeck's East of Eden played by Richard Davalos in 1954 movie memorable for shocking final scene on train leaving to enlist in army having been driven insane by terrible revelations about mother
- 27 Furtive way to attract someone's attention
- 28 Nirvana album (initials)
- 29 What is Lars von Trier (also Carl Dreyer, Søren Kierkegaard, Mads Mikkelsen and Lars Ulrich) (also Princess Mary) (and Hamlet)?
- 32 Name shared by actors Marsh (*Birth of a Nation*) and West (*Myra Breckinridge* etc.)
- 33 Arresting sculpture by Man Ray consisting of row of nails glued to a flat iron from 1922 (suggested by Erik Satie)
- 35 Nolans album (initials)
- 36 Hunky SFPD inspector and love interest of Prue (Shannon Doherty) in *Charmed* (played by ripped soap-star T. W. King) (4, 7)

Down

- 1 Subject of unwatchable Lars von Trier film
- 2 Historic Australian panacea generally taken with a cup of tea and a lie down
- 3 26th January (alternate name rapidly gaining traction) (8, 3)

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Down (contd.)

- 4 Primary wage earner of family unit
- 5 Inhabitant of beautiful Greek island in north eastern Aegean (off coast of Turkey)
- 6 Hardline interpretation of Islam preponderant in Saudi Arabia with hands-on approach to jihad
- 7 Hybrid word made by combining two others such as motel, brunch, smog or stagflation (also Brangelina, Billary, Megxit and frenemy (also spork, twerk, emoticon and webinar) (and Travelgasm.com)
- 11 Terrible, hybrid monster in Greek mythology depicted as a fire-breathing lioness with a goat's head protruding from its back and serpent's head tail (slain by Bellerophon by blocking windpipe with molten lead)
- 13 District of Rome (with sinister fascist past) notable for modernist buildings such as the Square Colosseum

- 21 Oy vey (initials)
- 23 "Now I am become death, the destroyer of worlds" Troubled American physicist known for chilling quote from Bhagavad Gita after detonation of atom bomb in New Mexico on July 16, 1945 (unable, ultimately, as Krishna instructed, to be indifferent to destruction or comforted by the belief that the souls of the destroyed live on regardless and that death, like birth, is ultimately an illusion) (initials)
- 24 Controversial Australian author (*Be Not Afraid: Collected Writing*) (initials)
- Yoga position such as downward-facing dog or lion
- 30 Alan Dershowitz trial (initials)
- 31 ...-de-Nil Pale, light-greenish colour worn by Tippi Hedren in *The Birds*
- 33 Christian Democrats (initials)
- **34** Universal darkness (initials)

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