

Across

- 1 Way of clandestinely designating a planned operation or enterprise (*Overlord, Sealion, Barbarossa, Mincemeat, Rolling Thunder, Arclight, Desert Storm, Infinite Justice, Iraqi Freedom, Grapes of Wrath, Pillar of Defense, Cast Lead, Enduring Freedom, Infinite Reach* etc.) (4-4)
- 7 Troubled Louisianian at centre of landmark 1973 legal decision presently under review by conservative SCOTUS (not her real name)
- 8 Seminal band from Düsseldorf known for metronomic *Motorik* beat (*Hallogallo* etc.)
- **9** Popular Hollywood movie star from India known for exotic roles (*The Thief of Bagdad*, *White Savage*, *Cobra Woman*, *Black Narcissus* etc.) (in 40s)
- 12 Event in garden at night when Jesus was in great anguish (about coming fate) and sweated blood while disciples slept with basilica built over rock on site in occupied East Jerusalem
- 14 "My wife dresses to kill. She cooks the same way" Veteran US comedian called the king of one-liners (often about wife) (initials)
- 15 Turbulent, Soviet-era capital of Montenegro prior to name change (to Podgorica) after breakup of socialist Yugoslavia in 1992
- 17 Popular Russian name (Stravinsky, ... *the Assassin* etc.)
- 18 Popular Israeli name inc. lovable *The Beat* host Melber, dissembling Bush-era Press Secretary Fleischer and psychopathic monster Fuld (deceased)
- **19** It's Doing Its Thing Barry White (initials)
- **20** US health insurance giant known for ads with raucous duck highlighting pitiless, predatory nature of healthcare in America

Across (contd.)

22 Informal way of addressing or referring to someone invoking playful, light-hearted side (Bibi, Bogie, Bougie, Arik, Uzi, Bongbong etc.)

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- 1 Important event regarded variously as having occurred in 3761 BCE or 4.3 billion years (*i.e.*, a day of Brahma) ago
 - Operation: Overlord (initials)
 - American car from 50s with fins
- 4 Mesopotamian sky god
 - "Whoever has three things is beloved of God: the first is riddance of possessions, the second of friends and the third is riddance of self" Celebrated German theologian and mystic ?1260-?1327 (also talking TV horse) (initials)
- 6 Beloved wife of Orpheus played by Marie Déa who disappears forever when glimpsed by Jean Marais in car rear view mirror in startling scene in 1950 Cocteau masterpiece
 10 Hooded, waterproof, English outer garment
- 0 Hooded, waterproof, English outer garment (also person with an obsessive interest in accumulating miniscule, arcane and pointless information due to association with trainspotting) (derisive)
- 11 Biomes You'll Go or Bang Yong-guk (initials)
 13 Legendary 2003 black comedy romcom with Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez as lovable mobsters notable for mesmerizing train wreck quality and critical comment such as "Rarely has a movie that doesn't star Madonna achieved such a skin-crawling mixture of deluded preening and bungled humour" etc.
- 14 Arabic term meaning both forbidden and a physical precinct in which the highest level of purity is required such as the holy places in Makkah, Medina and the Noble Sanctuary in occupied East Jerusalem
- **16** Rick Astley live album *or* really a lame answer (initials)
- 21 Friedrich Nietzsche or Fred Nile (initials)