22.12



Across

- Memorable Rod Steiger movie role (not 1 redneck southern police chief or waterfront mobster Charley "the Gent" Malloy)
- 9 Reflections in a Golden ... Largely forgotten 1967 John Huston film notable for arresting amber cast and extraordinary performance by Marlon Brando as repressed homosexual army major (married to blowsy southern belle Elizabeth Taylor)
- 10 Haim album (initials)
- New *Regurgitator* album (initial) 11
- 12 First five books of Bible purportedly written by Moses (though more probably Ezekiel)
- Stephen Dedalus or Snoop Dogg (initials) 14 15 ... of Worms Seminal event in history of Christendom with funny sounding name
- Hebrew word for "ear of wheat" in ripping 16 Bible story about fleeing Ephraimites who could not pronounce it being thereby revealed (and slain) (cf. use of "lollapalooza" in WW2 3 to identify Japanese) (apocryphal)
- 20 Airmiess Asghedom (initials)
- 21 Arnold Horshak or Amber Heard or Adolf Hitler or Arthur Harris (initials)
- Haim unplugged (initials) 22
- Popular music genre including Ugh by Suga, 23 J-Hope and RM (Rap Monster) (also *Don't* Go Home by G-Dragon and T.O.P.) etc. (1-3)
- Inscrutable text (German for inane) in 25 Siebzehn by Paul Klee (1923)
- 26 Avid hard rock fan

- *Bête* ... hated thing; object of intense aversion; 28 bane of one's existence etc. (from French) Angry Anderson or Antonin Artaud (initials)
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- 30 40s English movie villain unforgettable in scene applying lipstick (called by one reviewer "that rare thing, an erotic English film about the fantasies of nuns, startling whenever Kathleen Byron is involved") (6, 4)

Down

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- 1 High spirits, vim, vigour, energy, zest, get-up and-go etc.
- 2 Ursula Andress movie role (not Honey Ryder or Aphrodite) (clue: 2000-year-old sorceress queen with secret of eternal life awaiting reincarnation of lover slain in fit of jealous rage in ancient Egypt in 1965 Hammer production of H. Ryder Haggard classic She, A Tale of Adventure)
- Ex-wife of Rupert Mudoch (first name) (not Jerry)
- 4 Troubled teen rapper from Florida (Hi Bich, These Heaux, Gucci Flip Flops feat. Lil Yachty etc.) (4, 6)5
 - Relation between two quantities such as comments and likes on Twitter
 - ... Rockne, All American Unusual first name of US coaching legend in 1940 biopic with Pat O'Brien best known for dying request of star player Georg Gipp (Ronald Reagan) to "win one for the Gipper"

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Down (contd.)

- 7 Irish saint (son of Dago) converted from Druidism by Saint Patrick in 6th century
- Rousing cheer (esp. of English upper class) 8
- Indie band from LA (Novocain for the Soul 13 etc.) known for gloomy disaffection (in 90s)
- **16** Mendicant ascetics in Hindu (and Jain) religion dedicated to achievement of moksa (liberation) through meditation on Brahman known for wearing colourful clothes and ash or, in Jainism, just ash (due to renunciation of worldly possessions)
- Iconic French movie star (Et Dieu... créa la 17 femme, Le Mépris etc.) known in later years for outspoken views inc. Sarah Palin "stupid" and "a disgrace to women" and too many Muslims in France etc.
- 18 Allusion to future calamity issued with air of menace such as remarks of Defense Minister Benny Gantz to graduating IAF cadets that "in two or three years, you may be traversing the skies eastward and taking part in an attack on nuclear sites in Iran"
- 19 Rousing cheer
- US state in archetypal movie quote, "Toto, 23 I've a feeling we're not in ... anymore" (abbrev.)
- 24 Celebrated Australian artist known for confronting performance pieces often involving arm
- 25 Traditional Eskimo dwelling lacking lavatory facilities **WARNING** cryptic
- 90s Eels record (initials) 27

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