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Across

- 1** Name of Satan (lit. “Lord of flies”) derived from scatological slur against Philistines and Philistine religion likening deity to excrement and followers to flies attracted to it
- 9** Implement for chopping (bundled with rods in ancient symbol appropriated as insignia of Italian fascism in 20th century) (US spelling)
- 10** “Après moi, le ...” Gnomonic utterance of Louis XV of France (attrib.) prefiguring demise of Ancien Régime fifteen years later
- 12** US screenwriter born Itzek Donnicci known for collaborations with Billy Wilder (in decline) (initials in amusing nom de plume)
- 13** Available as rental (2, 3)
- 16** “The continuation of policy by other means” (Carl Von Clausewitz), “It ain’t nothing but a heartbreaker / Friend only to the undertaker etc.”) (Edwin Starr)
- 18** “EGGHEAD MARRIES ...” Famous *Variety* headline on occasion of wedding of Marilyn Monroe and Arthur Miller in 1956
- 19** Article of liturgical clothing at centre of lurid trial of Cardinal Pell difficult to remove in heat of passion (in pivotal defense argument)
- 20** Rod Stewart hair (initials)
- 21** Location in Death Valley associated with 1970 counterculture work of Michelangelo Antonioni called by Pauline Kael “a message movie by a famous European artist telling us what is wrong with America while showing us something both naïve and decrepit” widely regarded as nadir of career of celebrated auteur

- 24** No. 1 Asian food delivery service known for jaunty yellow theme and flagrant violation of Australian labour laws
- 25** Stan Brakhage *or* Syd Barrett *or* Seth Brundle *or* Sonny Bono *or* Sam Bear (initials)
- 26** Imaginary, middle-European kingdom in swashbuckling novels of Anthony Hope with ripping movie version starring Ronald Colman as holidaying English gentleman discovering striking resemblance to soon-to-be crowned prince (also Ronald Colman) and ensuing political intrigue culminating in prolonged swordfight with villainous Rupert of Hentzau (Douglas Fairbanks Jr.) whilst attempting at same time to cut rope of drawbridge to free imprisoned king, thwart coup and restore rightful ruler to throne (1934)

Down

- 1** Donkey in most moving death scene in cinema
- 2** Prefix indicating formerly but no longer (smoker, Catholic, boyfriend, con etc.)
- 3** Larry Darrell *or* Linda Darnell *or* Lonnie Donegan *or* le déluge (initials)
- 4** Vibe of day (in German)
- 5** East Los Angeles (initials)
- 6** A protective structure or defense esp. against an overwhelming force (Communism, *News Corp* etc.)
- 7** Universal grammar (initials)

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- 8** City in Negev associated with heroic charge of Australian Light Horse on 17th Oct 1917 driving Turks from desert stronghold leading to capture of Jerusalem commemorated by major work of Peter Corlett (financed by business mogul/price-fixer Richard Pratt) unveiled on centenary with stirring speech by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hailing pivotal role of Australia in liberation of Holy Land and fulfillment of Zionist dream¹
- 11** Scientific invention of Professor Brainard (Fred MacMurray) in *The Absent-Minded Professor* by veteran English auteur Robert Stevenson (*Jane Eyre*, *Mary Poppins*, *The Love Bug*, *Herbie Rides Again*, *One of our is Dinosaurs Missing* etc., etc., etc.)
- 14** “... .. la” French expression conveying incredulous or quizzical surprise
- 15** “A man went looking for America and he couldn’t find it anywhere” Landmark US counterculture classic of 1969 (initials)
- 17** Picturesque town in Umbria associated with 13th century mendicant friar known for mystical vision of sun, moon, earth, water, wind, fire, animals and death as brothers and sisters (also counterculture, “flower power” biopic by Franco Zeffirelli with soundtrack by Donovan) (from 70s)
- 22** Marvelous music genre originating in Oran, Algeria
- 23** Troubled singer from Adelaide (*Chandelier*, *Titanium* etc.)

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¹ “Due to the severity of the siege of the city and the suffering that this peaceful country has endured from your heavy guns; and for fear that these deadly bombs will hit the holy places, we are forced to hand over to you the city hoping that you will protect Jerusalem the way we have protected it for more than five hundred years” Statement of Ottoman governor on surrender of Jerusalem by mayor Hussein al-Husseini, to General Allenby on 9th December 1917