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- Gerhilde, Ortlinde, Waltraute, Schwertleite, Helmwige, Siegrune, Grimgerde, Roßweiße and Brünnhilde in Wagner's *Ring*
- 8 Capital of Haut-Mbomou in Central African Republic regarded as continental pole of inaccessibility
- **9** Annual shot recommended for elderly
- 10 Biblical entity traditionally thought to be a Canaanite deity associated with child sacrifice found lately (on basis of Punic inscriptions) to be a *form* of sacrifice (involving burning to ashes or "holocaust") offered by Israelites (actually Canaanites) to tribal deity Yahweh as depicted in chilling, vestigial narrative of binding of Isaac in Genesis
- 13 Yitzhak Rabin or Yacht Rock (initials)
- 14 Guide to ... Controversial historical survey by Ezra Pound focusing on evils of usury used as evidence of insanity at post-war trial
- 15 River Nile (initial)
- 16 Best known zither movie soundtrack (initials) 3
- 17 Ron Elv (initials)
- 18 Award-winning film by Pawel Pawlikowski about Polish girl on eve of taking vows to become a nun who finds out she is Jewish and embarks on harrowing road trip to discover true self in Communist Poland in 60s (called "80 minutes of austere, carefully framed black and white...worthy of Bresson")
- 19 Famous, hardline Cardinal from Philippines
- 20 Erin Isle or Eretz Israel (initials)
- 21 Behaved in an affected, showy manner achieving little (trad. with about or around)

- 23 Seminal authors of Egypt's Liberation: the philosophy of the revolution and Cars (initials)
- Adorable accent associated with Liverpool
- 25 Victorian era painter best known for harrowing triptych Past and Present comprising pictures Misfortune, Prayer and Despair hung together depicting tragic fate of fallen woman
- 26 ... Rouge Hardline Communist Party of Cambodia led by Pol Pot with vision of classless agrarian utopia (in 70s)

Down

- Seminal work of Prussian general and military theorist Carl von Clausewitz known for famous characterization of war as "policy pursued by other means" and prescient concept of the "fog" of war (German) (3, 6)
- 2 Disgrace ... Controversial book of 1939 by political correspondent Douglas Reed about buildup to WW2
- 3 Spend time in a lazy, relaxed, unproductive way; allow one's tongue to hang loosely from one's mouth conveying idiocy
- Music genre associated with laidbackness (*Doobie Brothers* etc.) (5, 4)
- Israel Finkelstein (initials)
- 6 Vast, Romanesque cathedral in Cambridgeshire and burial site of Queen Etheldreda (d. 679) (also Bishop Nigel d.1169) with arresting octagon lantern tower added in 14th century
- 7 Utter submission to the will of a greater power such as a military force, colonial occupier or God
- 11 Occupier colonizer terrorism (initials)

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- 12 Sing a melody softly with closed lips such as in Crash Test Dummies classic Mmm Mmm Mmm Mmm or sublime Beach Boys song ("Surf's up mm mm mm mm mm aboard a tidal wave etc.")
- 17 Codename of mysterious project undertaken in final years of WW2 to create a vast network of tunnels under Owl Mountain in Lower Silesia, Poland as an impregnable, Wagnerian Führer Headquarters invoking giants Fasolt and Fafner and fortress of gods in Wagner's Ring
- 19 Controversial manifesto of radical feminist and schizophrenic Valerie Solanus praised for Swiftian hyperbole (prior to shooting Andy Warhol in 1968)
- 21 Perry Smith *or Pure S**** (initials)
- 22 Impenetrable traditional theatre of Japan

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