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Across

- 1** Reclining marble nude by Auguste Clésinger and scandal of Paris salon of 1847 due to lewd abandon of pose and suggestive rumour about voluptuous sitter mistress of Belgian industrialist patron being cast from life (ensuring record attendance) (5, 6) continue at 5 down (2, 1) and 15 down
- 9** Gregarious Eurasian crow with shiny black plumage; defraud, overcharge, swindle, gyp; chess piece in form of crenellated battlement known vulgarly as castle
- 10** Randy Andy (initials)
- 11** 2,466-mile-long river rising in western Tibet, entering India through Himalayas, merging with Ganges in Bangladesh and emptying into Bay of Bengal
- 14** Street in Coburg named after Irish Australian priest known for baptizing and administering last rites to Ned Kelly with Drums Hotel and Uncle Joe's Kebabs on north and south corner with Sydney Road respectively
- 15** Commune in northwestern France and burial site of William the Bastard (AKA Conqueror)
- 16** Enthusiastic, though difficult to understand Lord Mayer of Melbourne in 00s
- 17** "God hath ... thy kingdom, and finished it. Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting etc." Chilling interpretation of writing on wall at Belshazzar's feast sealing fate of Babylonian king for desecration of vessels looted from Temple (and failure to acknowledge supremacy of God of Israel as his father Nebuchadnezzar had) in ripping Bible story of 2nd century BCE (set in 6th)
- 20** ... *belli* Action, event or intolerable situation cited as justification for declaration of war (invasion of Poland, Gulf of Tonkin incident, Iraqi WMD, genocide of Russian speaking population of Donbas by Neo-Nazi Ukraine government etc.)
- 21** Tuesday, 8 May 1945
- 22** *TISM* offshoot known for coarse song titles (... *66* etc.)
- 23** ... *Day Saints* Eccentric millenarian cult associated with Prophet Joseph Smith, Utah, *The Osmonds* and Mitt Romney
- 26** Warrior princess (from New Zealand)
- 28** Wafer transformed into body of Christ at Catholic mass whilst miraculously retaining outward appearance of wafer
- 29** Ed Fury (initials)
- 31** Old Testament prophet known for anointing Solomon king (with Zadok the Priest) and rebuking David for adultery with Bathsheba also murder of Uriah the Hittite (played by Raymond Massey in ripping 1951 epic with Gregory Peck, Susan Haywood and 6ft 8in Lithuanian wrestler Walter Talun as Goliath)

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- 33** At the present moment in time (*Apocalypse, Melbourne, You May ... Kill the Bride* etc.)
- 35** Lightweight, British submachine gun (with distinctive empty stock) used extensively in WW2 and later by paramilitary insurgents such as Hagenah (and Stern Gang) in Mandate Palestine
- 36** "A mulatto, ... / A mosquito, my libido / a denial, a denial, a denial, a denial, a denial, a denial, a denial, a denial etc." *Nirvana* (initials)
- 37** 50s Orson Welles classic with controversial director in role of morbidly obese, corrupt police captain, Marlene Dietrich as exotic, border town madame, Eva Gabor as strip club proprietor and Charlton Heston as dashing Mexican prosecutor (in brownface) (3, 2, 4)
- 8** Species of archaic human with evidence of language, fire, tools, burial and art in ice-age Europe until supplanted by modern humans and extinction 40,000 years ago
- 12** Pulitzer Prize winning graphic novel by Art Spiegelman about Holocaust praised for postmodern subversion of "funny animals" cartoon genre portraying Jews as mice, Germans as cats, Poles as pigs etc.
- 13** 1947 US Mr. Universe and iconic peplum star (not Ed Fury)
- 16** 1 across (contd.)
- 18** "A ..., an albino / A mosquito, my libido / a denial, a denial, a denial, a denial, a denial, a denial, a denial, a denial etc." *Nirvana*
- 19** Iconic British motorcycle
- 20** Slightly built member of rowing crew seated facing bow responsible for steering vessel and maintaining evenness of strokes of burly crewmates with tiny megaphone

Down

- 1** Government agency created by FDR in 40s advised by Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. tasked with rescuing victims of Holocaust and disseminating information (Vrba-Wetzler report etc.) in post-war world paving way for fulfillment of Zionist agenda in Middle East (1. 1. 1.)
- 2** Goodbye (Australian) (informal) associated with affable sign-off of disgraced gardening show host (known for explaining history of predatory behaviour as result of undiagnosed Aspergers described by Autism Awareness Australia as "beyond appalling")
- 3** Mother of all hangovers (initials)
- 4** Egyptian pharaoh known for rejection of polytheistic pantheon in favor of worship of single divine entity in 14th century BCE
- 5** 1 across (contd.) (2, 1)
- 6** Agreement reached by warring parties on temporary cessation of hostilities
- 7** Harsh, fierce or intractable person (after central Asian people associated with Genghis Khan and Golden Horde in 13th century)
- 24** Chieftain of Scottish clan ruling over lands granted by monarch (Glamis, Cawdor et.)
- 25** Unit of weight used colloquially to indicate a large quantity of something such as fun
- 27** Affable British CSN member Graham, haunted English modernist Paul (*Eclipse of the Sunflower*), schizophrenic math genius John (played by Russell Crowe) and droll US humorist ("Parsley is gharsley" etc.) Ogden
- 30** Enigmatic graffito depicting bald-headed man with pendulous nose hanging over brick wall often with text indicating that he was there (of obscure military origin)
- 32** Iconic US hipster known for philosophy of libidinous hedonism and vast, sleazy empire promoting it (deceased) (nickname)
- 34** Weather Underground (initial)
- 36** Sinister force taking over world (according to Elon Musk) (initials)