28.2


Across
1 An event, moment or meeting of profound, life-changing importance (in parlance of Scranton, Pennsylvania) $(4,2,5)$
11 Lovely sad chord (1,5)
12 Creatively advanced, expressive (US beatnik as in "a bunch of real ... cats" etc.)
13 Famous Eskimo (in silent Flaherty classic)
14 Reclaim Australia or Ryan O'Neal (initials)
15 Das Nibelungenlied or Danny Noonan (initials)
16 Cal Trask (initials)
17 Deport oneself in a pompous, vain manner
19 Popular Neo-Nazi tattoo alluding cryptically to position in alphabet of letter $\mathrm{H}(6,5)$
22 Linseed sunflower almonds (initials)
23 Comforting, nutritious breakfast
24 Untranslatable Martian word in 60s sci-fi classic Stranger in a Strange Land by Robert A. Heinlein meaning both to understand and water appropriated by nerds into lexicon of computer science
26 Subdue by temporary neuromuscular incapacitation using non-lethal electroshock pain compliance devise as seen in harrowing internet meme "Don't ... me bro!"
29 "21 is young to become a ..." Full-page ad taken out in Washington Post by Rabbi Shmuley Boteach condemning courageous New Zealand pop star Lorde as an antisemite for cancelling concerts in Tel Aviv in support of Palestinian rights

31 English musician (The Legend of Xanadu etc.) (not Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky or Mick)
32 Mixed up Greek messenger goddess of rainbows
33 Prison camp on outskirts of Munich est. 1933 for detention of people hostile to nascent state 35 Receptacle for funerary remains (also hot water for cups of tea) (or instant coffee)
36 Scenic Egyptian resort town on Gulf of Aqaba associated with fruitless round of talks between Israel and PLO in early 00s
37 David Hume (or Hicks) (or Hasselhoff) (initials)
38 Conspiracy theory focusing on improbable trajectory of single shot fired by Lee Harvey Oswald in official account of assassination by lone nut $(5,6)$
Down
1 Lighting fixtures associated with Liberace
2 People of sultanate on SE Arabian Peninsula
3 Smallest quantity of chips available (abbrev.)
4 Minor biblical figure associated chiefly with conservative English politician known for 1968 anti-immigration "rivers of blood" speech in UK parliament (quoting Virgil)
5 Classic Wiggles album (from 90s) $(4,4)$
6 Bellicose, green-skinned, ogre-like creature in Warhammer 40,000 universe
7 Excessively conceited; self-absorbed; having an inflated view of oneself in the unshakable conviction that you are better than everyone else

## 28.2 (contd.)

## Down (contd.)

8 ... What Groundbreaking, modal jazz classic of 1959 performed by 12 across
9 German musician (Euphorie im Zeitalter der digitalen Informationsübertragung etc.) with punk-inspired stage name)
10 Grunge capital of US
17 God of deserts, storms, disorder, violence and foreigners (also villain of Osiris myth seen as usurper, killer and mutilator of brother and eternal enemy of nephew Horus, born of Isis and reassembled corpse of dead god in ripping myth from ancient Egypt)
18 "The golden years / The silver tears / You wore a tie like ... ..." Alcazar Crying at the Discoteque (initials)
20 Preventing someone from speaking freely or raising controversial issues such as donor influence in publicly funded arts institutions on social media while at work

25 Le ... soleil (Loius XIV), le ... du Rock (Johnny Halliday) etc.
27 Guttural Germanic exclamation
28 Ghost, spirit, phantom (poetic, chiefly Homeric)
30 Miraculous journey made in one night by Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) from Makkah to Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem conveyed by heavenly creature al-Buraq in 621 AD (1BH) before ascending to Heaven and speaking to 'Ibrāhīm, Musa, Yaḥyā ibn Zakarīyā and Isa

33 A small amount gently applied as in catchy Brylcreem jingle "a little ...'ll do ya / the girls'll all pursue ya etc."
34 Unpleasant dairy product associated with air travel
36 Thirsty Camel (initials)

