



Across

- Baffling Christian evangelical group in solidarity with Israel and Jewish community in wake of 700% rise in global antisemitism since October 7 (possibly to hasten Second Coming) (acronym)
- 5 Famous lioness immortalized in cold war classic by John Barry and Matt Monroe
- 6 One-eyed Norse god associated with ravens, wolves and eight-legged horse Sleipnir in ancient riddle: "Who are the twain that on ten feet run, three eyes they have, but only one tail?"
- 7 Menacing communication from ATO indicating escalation in measures to recover funds owing (arcane inhouse acronym) (from 80s)

Down

- 1 Inert gas used in illuminated signs invoking tawdry, artificial nature of big city referenced by American writer Nelson Algren in collection of gritty short stories *The* ... *Wilderness* set in seedy underbelly of Chicago in 40s (prior to torrid affair with Simone de Beauvoir)
- 2 German supermarket chain known for inferior products at bargain prices
- **3** Islamic State in [the] Levant (acronym)
- 4 Lurid runaway best seller by Emile Zola tracing sordid history of rapacious "man-eater" heroine in Second Empire Paris ending in horrible death from smallpox in grisly comeuppance published 1880 (prior to breaking heart of boyhood friend)

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