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### Across

- 1** Pejorative (chiefly UK and associated with Tony Blair) for a subservient lackey such as a political leader who slavishly follows the lead of a powerful ally or a craven CEO doing the bidding of billionaire board members acting on the narrow interests of billionaire donors and dissembling to staff on Zoom (for eg.)
- 6** Everyday English contraction indicating that one should, would or has already acted in a certain way (3'1)
- 7** Peril, Pages, ribbon, Wiggle, Submarine, hat, River, Mellow, Brick Road, *I am Curious*
- 9** "Lock up your daughter / lock up your wife / lock up your back door / run for your life" Rousing refrain chanted by vast stadium audiences at *ACDC* concerts (in *TNT*)
- 10** Funny sounding way of answering phone in Italy
- 13** Acquired unilaterally by aggressive, dynamic or violent means

### Down

- 1** Covert programs for achieving aims by control of information to shape opinion or morale of populace (3-3)
- 2** Love interest of Popeye
- 3** Last Monkee
- 4** Enormously popular American musical group known for lush, romantic accompaniment to greatly loved 70s singer (*Rhapsody in White* etc.) (initials)
- 5** Intriguing US movie director (*Plan 9 from Outer Space*, *Glen or Glenda* etc.) with new cult status after inclusion in multiple Worst Ever lists and quirky biopic with Johnny Depp (2, 4)
- 8** Ireland (in Irish) (referring to both the republic and island of Ireland)
- 11** "Women to the left of me / Women to the right etc." Rousing refrain from *TNT* by *ACDC*
- 12** Seminal splatter movie and cultural phenomenon of early 70s with Max von Sydow as wracked Catholic priest and Linda Blair in breakout role as troubled teen (initials)