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Across

- 1 "Now I know I've got a ..., coz it's breaking" (Tinman), "Wild thing, you make my ... sing. You make everything, groovy" (*Troggs*)

 MAKE YOUR ... THE MOST BEAUTIFUL

 THING ABOUT YOU Inspirational message
- 6 Arid governorate in western hinterland of Iraq below Euphrates taken by Islamic State in chaotic aftermath of 2003 invasion and site, near Fallujah, of vast US FOB known (with army gallows humour) as *Dreamland*
- 7 Cane, Bizarro, Trasho, Freudo, Mod, Topless, Rock etc.
- 8 Wartime pilot feted as national hero for number of enemy planes shot down such as Manfred Von Richthofen, Richard "Dick" Bong and Giora "Hawkeye" Epstein
- 9 Gesture conveying contemptuous indifference performed by raising both shoulders while adopting disdainful expression on face associated with pitiless nihilism of Ayn Rand

Down

- National resistance organization demonized as genocidal death cult by brutal invader occupier and global network of compliant apologists (Arabic for courage)
- 2 365-year-old, antediluvian Biblical patriarch known for being taken to Heaven before dying associated with conservative English politician and anti-immigration "rivers of blood" speech in UK parliament in 1968 (quoting Virgil)
- 3 Lead character in long-running cartoon strip by bitter, disabled, predatory American cartoonist depicted as gormless, muscle-bound bumpkin in backward hillbilly setting
- 4 Awesome, epic, cool, tubular, bodacious, lit etc.
- 5 "Wild thing, you make my heart sing, you make everything, groovy etc." What was Reg Presley (also Ronnie Bond, Pete Staples and Chris Britton) in 60s?

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