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Across

- 1 "Blow, winds, and crack your cheeks! rage! 2 blow! You cataracts and hurricanoes / And thou, all-shaking thunder / Smite flat the thick ... o' the world!" King Lear in storm on heath
- 8 Poor migrant farmworker forced to leave Southwest states of Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma during dust bowl years in 1930s
- 9 Oum Kulsoom (initials)
- 10 Racial epithet associated with WW2 as seen on *McHale's Navy*
- 11 Liam Gallagher *or* Lester Gruber (initials)
- 12 Dorian Gray *or* Dave Graney (initials)
- 13 Sad, gloomy, hopeless, dejected, despairing
- Alternate term for Anatolian peninsula in western Turkey (4, 5)
- 17 Insanely mixed-up person Warning Cryptic
- **18** Bold statement announcing sexuality (1, 2, 2)
- Substance in a state in which having no fixed shape (like a solid) or fixed volume (like a liquid) it will expand freely filling any void
- 22 Stockings (in 40s)
- **24** *The Internet* (initials)
- 25 Cool metonym for tattoos
- 26 Disturbed Russian writer known for gothic short stories and burning manuscript of major work *Dead Souls* on instruction from Satan (depicted in extremely scary painting of 1909 by Ilya Repin)

Down

Pietà of Michelangelo notable for disembodied arm resulting from radical reworking in last days of artist's life creating timeless image of broken, lifeless body held by grieving mother

- Poor migrant farmworkers from southwest states forced to leave during depression in 1930s
- Glacial US movie actress known for tailored eau-de-nil creations by Edith Head in *The Birds* and unusual first name (unusual first name)
- 4 "Urgent! (Emergency!)" (initials)
- 5 Space Fictional band in 1986 cult classic about young people living in shared house in 70s
- 6 Inge King *or* Ilse Koch *or* Illya Kuryakin (initials)
- 7 Vast ash tree of Norse mythology with branches supporting universe and roots extending to Niflheim (and gnawed on by dragon Niôhöggr)
- Small, arctic rodent associated with myth of mass suicide promulgated by Disney nature film in 50s
- 12 Brazilian musician best known for 1972 cool jazz adaptation of *Also Sprach Zarathustra*
- 14 Disaffected veteran struggling with adjustment to civilian life (haunted by government betrayal of mission in Vietnam) in right-wing fantasy film franchise starring Sylvester Stallone
- 15 Unexpected or hidden obstacle or drawback; accidentally catch fabric on sharp object damaging garment; a sausage (informal)
- "Howard Roark laughed", "Who is John Galt?" Russian American author known for novels with dynamic, individualist, hyper alpha male heroes, odious politics and unusual first name (unusual first name)
- 20 National holiday in USA (created in 1986) next celebrated on Monday 20th January 2025 (1, 1, 1)
- 23 Sadly missed, outspoken, troubled Irish Muslim convert singer Shuhada' Sadaqat (vale) (initials)