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Across

- Famous beatnik (with first initials) (1, 1, 5)
- 7 Mythical island where many-sided Odysseus remained for a year his men turned into swine by sorceress Circe during long journey home after sacking the citadel of Troy
- 8 Malevolent demon in Buddhism who tried to thwart Awakening of Prince Siddhartha by tempting him with celestial army and alluring daughters
- "I watched a snail crawl on the edge of a straight razor. This is my dream; this is my nightmare. Crawling, slithering, along the edge of a straight razor and surviving" 70s counter-culture classic with Marlon Brando as insane Green Beret colonel (initials)
- 11 12th century French scholastic philosopher known for *Historia Calamitatum* (*The Story of My Calamities*) recounting rise to fame in Paris, love affair with Heloise and ignominy of castration by her angry relatives
- 13 American musical ensemble with Tony Yayo, Lloyd Banks, Young Buck and 50 Cent (also The Game) (briefly) (1-4)
- 14 Rock, ploitation, Land of, Boy from, Dr. etc.
- 15 In a relatively short space of time; in the near future ("Life is full of misery, loneliness, and suffering and it's all over much too ..." Woody Allen)
- 17 Patriotic culinary preparation associated with visionary entrepreneur Dick Smith

Down

- 1 Famous Jim Backus character (not Frank Stark) (or Thurston Howell III) (2, 5)
- 2 Pejorative meme (chiefly US) associated with white entitlement and "can-I-speak-with-yourmanager" bob cut
- Theory of international relations which views world politics as self-interested states competing for power and survival within an anarchic global system devoid of centralized authority with historic proponents inc. Thucydides, Machiavelli, Thomas Hobbes, Rousseau, Carl von Clausewitz, Henry Kissinger and John Mearsheimer
- Elias Ashmole *or Essendon Airport* (initials)
- Animal visualized in asterism of Ursa Major and one of the forty-eight constellations of Ptolemy appearing on flag of Alaska
- 6 Acclaimed, Mexican American graffiti artist from East LA known for faces with enormous eyelashes (4, 3)
- Filled with noisy, excited activity, talk or interest
- 12 Small and backwards WARNING cryptic
- Pulitzer Prize-winning play of 1938 by Thornton Wilder (with 1940 film version known for young William Holden and haunting Aaron Copland score) about poignant transience of life (initials)

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