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Across

- 1** “The truth lies” BLACK OPS 6 (out 25 Oct!) Popular, military-themed, first-person shooter video game called a xenophobic, right-wing fantasy fetishizing military power, advocating intervention as the best form of foreign policy, characterizing the Middle East a violent, anti-western bloc and Arabs as a hostile “other” fomenting mindset behind multiple wars of aggression in region as well as outbreaks of domestic terrorism within US (and elsewhere) (4, 2, 4)
- 10** Hunter Biden outrage (initials)
- 11** “Land of Thorpe and ... / Heroes of our day / One of them always horny / The other clearly gay” Ribald ditty from 00s (after Elgar)
- 12** Tribe of Israel descended from first-born of Jacob and Leah associated with corned beef, Swiss cheese and sauerkraut deli sandwich
- 14** G&L (initials)
- 15** Seminal musical group from LA with Eazy-E, Ice Cube, Arabian Prince, DJ Yella, MC Ren and Dr. Dre (the Police etc.)
- 16** Night associated with Don McClean and Vincent Van Gogh
- 20** Misty valley in northern Italy
- 21** Iconic gay man from Finland
- 22** Famous English lord (not Byron, Tennyson, Lucan, Voldemort or Peter Wimsey) (3-3)
- 25** What you are doing now (initials)
- 26** Movie role played memorably by Bengt Ekerot, Bernhard Goetzke and Brad Pitt
- 27** Art rock event (initials)

- 28** Location in Portugal where Mary appeared to three children in 1909 to deliver prescient anti-Communist message to world
- 29** Photogenic people of southern Sudan and subject of bestselling 1973 publication by Leni Riefenstahl famously lambasted by Susan Sontag for its “fascist aesthetic”
- 31** King of Thebes (initials)
- 32** Heroin (colloquial) (from 50s)
- 33** Famous US doctor (not Fauci, Spock, Kildare, Phil, Oz, Doogie Hauser or Dre)

Down

- 1** Group blamed for starting great fire of Rome on 19th July 64 AD
- 2** Lincoln, Saffron, Simpson etc.
- 3** Reed, Costello, Loomis etc.
- 4** Have a debt or responsibility to acknowledge or recompense for something received
- 5** Ribald colloquialism indicating a very small quantity (5, 5)
- 6** *Das Reingold* or Don Rickles (initials)
- 7** International body with representatives from 193 member states each having one vote known for resolutions expressing majority world opinion such as 3379 of 10th Nov 1975 “that Zionism is a form of racism” (72 for, 35 against, 32 abstained. Result: Adopted.) (Revoked UNSC 1981)
- 8** “Out on the patio we’d sit / and the humidity we’d breathe etc.” Patriotic paean by *Ganggajang* (from 80s) (initials)

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Down (contd.)

- 9** Members of Tibetan *gelug* order (named after distinctive head gear) (6, 4)
- 13** You are not in seminal Britpop band from 90s (*Song 2* etc.) **WARNING** Cryptic
- 17** Coastal city of eastern Libya known for 1941 siege of Australian garrison by Afrika Corps commanded by Erwin Rommel immortalized in disparaging epithet of Lord Haw-Haw claiming the besieged Australians were living like rats in tunnels beneath ancient city
- 18** *Space ...* 1970 *Toho* kaiju (monster) film (also released as *Gezora*, *Ganimes* and *Kamoebas: Decisive Battle! Giant Monsters of the South Seas* and (in US) *Yog: Monster From Space* about alien entity which hijacks space probe and after crashing on a Pacific atoll creates gigantic monsters from native lifeforms (cuttlefish, horrid elbow crab and mata mata) for the purpose of conquering the Earth directed by Ishirō Honda and feat. veteran “suit” actor Haruo Nakajima in title roles
- 19** Initials shared by lauded Australian authors of seminal texts *The Fatal Shore*, *Fishing World* and *Shivers* (“down my spi, yi yi, yi yi, yi yi yi, yine”)
- 20** Rocky island in Aegean where John the Divine wrote *Revelation* in a cave
- 23** Wolfenstein: *Enemy Territory* (initials)
- 24** Poignant utterance
In seventeen syllables
Conveying nothing
- 30** Celebrated British sculptor known for colossal work in Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, Northern England believed to be the largest sculpture of an angel in the world (also proposed 120-foot *Brick Man* resoundingly rejected in phone poll leading to effusive praise of Leeds City Council Leader George Mudie for “the formidable common sense” which “contrasts sharply with the airy-fairy views of celebrities who don’t live within 100 miles of the city” (initials)