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#### Across

- 1** Northern master known for famously graphic late Gothic altarpiece highlighting agony of crucifixion in Colmar, Alsace
- 9** "... caeli, laetare, alleluia; Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia, Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia: Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia etc." Roman Catholic hymn to Mary as Queen of Heaven sung after Compline at Easter
- 10** Irish eyes (initials)
- 11** Ena Sharples (initials)
- 12** ... S\*\*\* Trenchant attack by outspoken rapper Megan Thee Stallion on conservative critics in song with darkly surreal video
- 13** Highly flammable gas
- 16** Bond villain with no hands (after altercation with Tongs in Hong Kong in youth)
- 17** Metonym for government of UK (6, 3)
- 19** Bobby Fisher *or* Barney Fife (initials)
- 20** Historic country town in New South Wales immortalized by Russell Drysdale
- 21** *Escape from Tarkov* (initials)
- 23** Rotter, scoundrel, heel, bounder, cur, louse, love rat etc.
- 24** ....-... *Blacktop* Existential road movie with James Taylor and Dennis Wilson as unnamed speed-obsessed drifters identified only as the The Driver and The Mechanic with tagline: "Their lives begin at 140 M.P.H"
- 27** 2020 apocalyptic survival disaster suspense thriller in which family must fight to survive looming, planet-destroying, extinction event as enormous comet races to Earth by escape to far north

#### Down

- 1** Influential art critic known for championing Jackson Pollack in 40s and likening monumental late bronzes of Henry Moore to outsized turds
- 2** Refurbish upholstery with replacement of new filling material
- 3** Universal grammar *or* Uri Geller (initials)
- 4** Garments worn by Muslim women covering face and hair with slit for eyes widely regarded as affront to Western values (see 15 down)
- 5** *Einstürzende Neubauten or Endless Night* or Ernst Nolte (initials)
- 6** "Just let go - and fall like a little ..." Bob Ross
- 7** Iconic Geoffrey Palmer role
- 8** Caused to explode
- 14** Lauded English modernist whose monumental late bronzes were likened to outsized turds (by 1 down) (initials)
- 15** Member of sinister cabal known for plotting to establish new world order through false flags, psyops and infiltration of US foreign policy during Bush (II) administration in 00s (3-3)
- 18** Onomatopoeia signifying triumphant revelation of achievement
- 22** 1956 Lobsang Rampa bestseller (debunked as completely fraudulent by Dalai Lama though good publicity for Tibet) (initials)
- 25** "..., the people" Uplifting preamble to US Constitution
- 26** Poetically named category of political prisoner in penal system of Nazi Germany deemed an enemy of the state and slated to vanish without trace into the "night and fog" in cynical allusion to Wagner's *Der Ring des Nibelungen* (1, 1)