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Across

- Dark, fragmentary play by Georg Büchner about disturbed soldier written between July and October 1836 left incomplete at his death from typhus at 23 in February 1837 (adapted in seminal 1925 atonal opera by Alban Berg also 1979 film by Werner Herzog starring Klaus Kinski as tormented lead)
- 6 Hurd Hatfield or Howard Hughes or Heinrich Himmler or Hedda Hopper or Hugh Hefner or Hulk Hogan or Happy Hammond (initials)
- 7 Castrated bovine used as beast of burden and sacrificed in large numbers at ancient hecatomb hence the name
- 8 Fires on the ... Unwatchable 1955 masterpiece of Japanese cinema by Kon Ichikawa about descent into madness of last remnants of IJA stranded on island in Philippines after defeat in 1945
- 10 Gigantic, upright, cockroach-like god of subterranean kingdom Seatopia in epic battle with Godzilla in *Godzilla vs* ... (in 70s)
- 12 Controversial US actress known for roles as Cady Tyler, Bobbie Warren, Jerilee Randall Dee Dee, Beatnik chick and Girmar (in *Santa Claus Conquers the Martians*) (first name)
- 13 The Third Eye (initials)
- 14 Last thing in German movies
- 16 Andrei Tarkovsky *or* Aran Trask *or* Adam Troy (initials)
- 17 One Fish Two Fish Blue Fish Dr. Seuss (3, 4)

Down

- 1 "This is the way the world ends / This is the way the world ends / This is the way the world ends / Not with a bang but a ..." T. S. Eliot
- 2 Uh! ...! 1959 The Nutty Squirrels classic
- Prolific, meretricious hack of nineteenth century French literature known for salacious bestsellers, advocacy for Alfred Dreyfus (*J'Accuse...!*) and breaking heart of boyhood friend (with horrific novel about tragic life of failed painter)
- 4 Glorify, honor, lift up, raise
- 5 Scottish boy's name meaning "born of fire" associated with mysterious assault on Dan Rather in Park Avenue in 1986 by unknown assailant asking repeatedly, "..., what is the frequency?"
- 8 Disgraced, recidivistic icon of glam rock (Rock and Roll, Part 2) (birth name with first initial) (1, 4)
- 9 Ictinus has two
- 11 ... kleine Nachtmusik Mozart
- 15 Eternal flame *or* extra fries (initials)

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