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#### Across

- 1 Move up and down and from side to side with small, rapid movements; popular performer in ebullient group known for coloured skivvies; capacity to renegotiate or modify a previously made position or decision (“... room”) etc.
- 7 Mysterious, lead character in popular sci-fi/horror/coming-of-age *Netflix* series played by Millie Bobby Brown about young girl with psychokinetic abilities due to experiments carried out by sinister government agency on unknowingly pregnant college student mother in 70s hiding in fictional Hawkins, Indiana befriended by small group of local children after escape from secret research facility in woods (named after identifying tattoo on arm)
- 8 Italian American heavy metal legend known for brief appearance as spectral Deity of Rock in video for *Kickapoo* by Tenacious D (with star turn by Meatloaf as rock’n’roll-hating religious father)
- 9 Universal Intifada (initials)
- 10 Arresting Russell Crowe role (not Maximus Decimus Meridius, Hando, Noah, Bud White or Jor-El)
- 11 Suffix creating gerund
- 12 Imelda Marcos *or Iron Maiden or Ichabod Mudd or Increase Mathers or Inspector Morse* (initials)
- 13 Enormously long expanses of time in Hindu cosmology reflecting endless spiritual cycle from oneness with Brahman to periods of conflict, chaos and moral degeneration which is where we are now (ending 2032)

#### Down

- 1 Staple of schoolyard bullying ranging in intensity from standard to atomic
- 2 Archaic name for Troy (hence *Iliad*)
- 3 Madcap girl associated with *Seekers* (in swinging 60s)
- 4 Gore Vidal *or Good Vibrations* (initials)
- 5 Greatly loved Melbourne artist and writer (*When I Talk to You: A cartoonist talks to God*) (vale)
- 6 “A riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an ...” Enigmatic characterization by Winston Churchill in 1939 radio broadcast of Soviet Russia

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