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Across

- 1** Pithy pronouncement of Julius Caesar (attrib.) announcing swift, decisive Roman victory in Battle of Zela in 47 BC invoked by then SoS Hilary Clinton in sociopathic witticism about death of Muammar Gaddafi in 2011 (4, 4, 4)
- 12** Inspirationally named, illegal settlement in West Bank (Hebrew for oak tree) named after IDF General responsible for ethnic cleansing (and death march) of Lydda during Nakba
- 13** River regarded as entrance to Hades in Greek mythology traversed by dour psychopomp ferrying souls to Underworld
- 14** Fusion with Brahman; release from Samsara; era-defining, indie rock band from Seattle expressing disaffection and ennui of Gen X
- 15** "████, █████ to the IDF" UK punk/rap duo known for controversial chant at Glastonbury in 2025 (initials)
- 16** Ardently fond; infatuated; obsessed; senile
- 17** Iconic creek (in north)
- 19** Bland Dutch cheese
- 22** Glamorous annual awards night honouring best of Australian music with *Amyl and the Sniffers*, Missy Higgins and Emma Memma acclaimed in 2026
- 23** Glenn Gould or Greta Garbo or Ginger Grant or Gal Gadot or Gary Glitter (initials)
- 25** Life, rest, city, youth, flame, damnation etc.
- 27** Terrifying, "second generation" weapon from Cold War detonated in South Pacific Nov 1st 1952 in test code-named *Ivy Mike* obliterating island of Elugelab in Enewetak Atoll (8, 4)
- 30** *Armenian Church of Our Lady of the ...* Site on Via Dolorosa (in Al-Wad Street opposite Austrian Hospice) where Jesus encountered his mother who was overcome with grief
- 31** Noel and Liam (initials)
- 32** Hinsley intercepts (initials)
- 33** Risk money or thing of value on outcome of unpredictable event
- 35** Month in Jewish calendar associated with major events including Exodus from Egypt, hanging of Haman and birth (in AM 5662) of Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Shneerson
- 37** Where is the Ark of the Covenant?
- 39** ...: *Fear Eats the Soul* Harrowing masterwork of Rainer Werner Fassbinder (from 70s)
- 40** Title in Arab world designating Shiite imam descended from Prophet Muhammed (PBUH) ("Your name it is heard in high places / You know the ... Khan / He sent you a racehorse for Christmas / And you keep it just for fun, for a laugh, ha-ha-ha" *Where Do You Go To (My Lovely)?*)

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- 41** Howard, Greene, Tucker, Szyslak
- 42** ... *S**** Trenchant attack by outspoken rapper Megan Thee Stallion on conservative critics in song with darkly surreal video (1, 1, 1, 1)
- 43** Massacre associated with Amy Holden Jones (in 80s) (7, 5)

Down

- 1** *The Potato Eaters, The Night Café, Bedroom, Sunflowers, Starry Night over the Rhône, Wheat Field with Crows* etc., etc. (3, 5)
- 2** Celebrated director (*Streetcar Named Desire, East of Eden*) known for ardent participation in McCarthy era purge of Communists in Hollywood naming names at HCUA hearings and earning lifelong enmity of Arthur Miller and Orson Welles (also shameless justification for being a stoolie in *On the Waterfront*) (first name)
- 3** Norway (in Norwegian)
- 4** *Space ...* Pioneering fixed-shooter video game involving repulsion of hordes of advancing aliens with horizontally moving laser cannon (with additional points by destroying special "mystery ship" moving occasionally across top of screen) (from 70s)
- 5** Fleming, Smith, Thorpe, McKellen
- 6** David Chesworth album (initials)
- 7** "You put the hurt on me. You socked it to me mama etc." Greatly loved US musician known as the Black Moses (*Theme from Shaft, Walk On By* etc.) also genocide-inciting President of Israel ("It's an entire nation out there that is responsible. This rhetoric about civilians not aware, not involved, it's absolutely not true. There are no innocent civilians in Gaza" etc.) (initials)
- 8** Respected, august, esteemed (like Bede)
- 9** *International Rescue* or Irving Rapper (initials)
- 10** Little remembered, Sylvester Stallone movie introducing character of hard-bitten, street wise, loner LAPD Lt. Marion Cobretti with record six nominations for Worst Picture, Worst Actor (Stallone), Worst Actress (Brigitte Nielsen) (losing to Madonna in *Shanghai Surprise*), worst supporting actor / new star (both Brian Thomson as psychotic killer) and Worst Screenplay (Stallone) (losing to *Howard the Duck*) for 1987
- 11** State induced by magical Tarnhelm (in Wagner's *Ring*)
- 17** Miraculous food from Heaven sent to feed Israelites during sojourn in wilderness
- 18** ... *Kiley* Greatly loved, shoegaze band from LA (*Pictures or Success* etc.)
- 20** "Now I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds" Terrifying weapon detonated in New Mexico in 1945 (codename *Trinity*) causing Robert Oppenheimer to famously adapt words of Krishna revealing Godhead to Arjuna in *Bhagavad-Gita*
- 21** Gigantic, prehistoric shark killed by taciturn loner deep sea rescue diver Jonas Taylor (Jason Stathan) in 2018 action film of same name (with 2023 sequel ... *II: The Trench*)
- 24** Deceive, swindle, cheat (from colonial era racial slur)
- 26** Person, state or economy supported by income from natural assets rather than work, "rent" as defined by Adam Smith being distinct from wages which must be labored for (petrostates, Ted Bailieu etc.)
- 28** Sinister prison camp on outskirts of Munich established in 1933 for detention of people hostile to nascent National Socialist state
- 29** Comic creation of tiresome auteur Jacques Tati (1, 5)
- 34** Disturbed US author (*The Tell-Tale Heart* etc.) (birth name) (with first initial) (1, 3)
- 36** "Put up your dukes! Put up your dukes!" Greatly loved Vaudevillian best known as the Cowardly Lion in *The Wizard of Oz*
- 37** *Essendon Airport* song (initials)
- 38** Ubiquitous, iconic masterwork of Vladimir Tretchikoff (AKA *Chinese Girl*) (initials)
- 42** Initials shared by authors of disparate texts *Summa Theologica, Australia: a history* and *House of the Rising Sun*

