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Across

- 1** What, besides dangerous to know, was Lord Byron in memorable description by Lady Caroline Lamb? (3, 3, 3)
- 9** Little girl known for sad expression and big dresses in paintings by Velasquez
- 10** Noel Gallagher *or* Nathuram Godse *or* Norman Greenbaum (initials)
- 11** Rick Deckard *or* Ron Dickinson *or* Richard Dadd (initials)
- 12** *Good Morning Australia* (initials)
- 14** Vast Romanesque cathedral in Cambridgeshire and burial site of Queen Etheldreda (d. 679) (also Bishop Nigel d.1169) with arresting octagon lantern tower added in 14th century
- 16** First High Priest of Israel initiating hereditary line of Levitical Kohanim
- 18** Hi-energy MTV-era movie with Kevin Bacon as rebellious teen defying ban on dancing in small town in Utah
- 20** “That’s the wonder, the wonder of ...!” *The Wonder of ...* Baroque Elvis classic
- 21** Primal mother deity and source of all creation (by pathogenesis) in ancient Egyptian religion
- 22** Celebrated English musician known for iconic *Windows 95* start-up music expressing infinite promise of new day
- 23** Term encompassing phonograph needles, etching tools and implements for writing on wax, clay or touchscreen
- 25** Mixed up capital of Belarus associated with Louis B. Mayer and Lee Harvey Oswald
- 27** British movie actress born Diana Mary Fluck (*Lady Godiva Rides Again*, *Yield to the Night* etc.) (5, 4)

Down (contd.)

- 24** Final summer in gloomy, “kitchen sink” play about little people in Carlton (initials)
- 26** Famous secret agent (from *CONTROL*) (in 60s) (initials)

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Down

- 1** Perilous terrain navigated at great risk due to multiple pitfalls, dangers and hazardous obstacles
- 2** Saxon, Celt, sphere, phile, phobe etc.
- 3** Dale Frank *or* Dan Flavin *or* Diana Fluck (initials)
- 4** “David Hasselhoff walks into a ... in the morning and stays there until it closes” (Gilbert Gottfried joke) (vale)
- 5** Southernmost region of Spain associated with Luis Buñuel, surrealist cinema and local saying about dog howling meaning death
- 6** *The 5,000 Fingers of ...* ... (initials)
- 7** Russian Foreign Affairs Minister known wittily in West as “Mr. Nyet” due to frequent use of Soviet veto at UN Security Council during Cold War (with first initials) (1, 1, 7)
- 8** Controversial, 1950 L. Ron Hubbard bestseller subtitled *The Modern Science of Mental Health* presenting groundbreaking new method to erase engrams in the reactive mind achieving a state of clear called on jacket blurb “a milestone for Man comparable to his discovery of fire and superior to his invention of the wheel and the arch” (sic) (with eye-catching erupting volcano on cover)
- 13** Blighted city in Northern Iraq on site of ancient Ninevah endangered by decrepit, unstable dam (formerly Saddam Dam) on Tigris (also ISIS)
- 15** Amiable American cellist (2, 2, 2)
- 17** Toxic defoliant associated with US war crime named after distinctive stripe on can (initials)
- 19** 2001 Spanish horror film by Alejandro Amenábar starring Nicole Kidman as ghost who doesn’t realize that she and her children are dead or that **SPOILER AHEAD** she killed them (initials)