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Across (contd.)

- 26** Poetic name for Ireland
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28 Medieval language derived from Old Spanish mixed with loanwords from Hebrew, Arabic and Aramaic spoken by Sephardic Jews in Spain and introduced into Europe after Edict of Expulsion of 1492
30 Inscrutable biblical entity occurring in both Old and New Testaments regarded variously as a person, nation or land invoked by President George W. Bush as a primeval ally of Satan at work in the Middle East demanding Messianic intervention
31 Inequitable

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Across

- 1** *Sydney Morning Herald* or secret murderers handshake (initials)
4 Shapely marine mammal mistaken for mermaids by lonely sailors
10 Work, labour esp. if hard or grueling
12 Iconic American lighter with distinctive flip top (also military slang for M132 Armored Flamethrower and act of torching villages in Vietnam war)
13 Patron saint of plague sufferers depicted lifting garment to reveal buboes on leg
14 Movement calling for financial action against Israel to protest criminality of Zionist regime condemned as anti-Semitic, delegitimization and genocidal by supporters of Jewish state such as Alan Dershowitz and Nick Cave
15 *Murder ...* Criminal organization run by Louis "Lepke" Buchalter and Albert "The Mad Hatter" Anastasia in 30s
16 Unusual term for movable theatrical structure or scaffold such as would be used to enact the entrance of a god in Greek drama
17 Unification Church (initials)
19 Klingon empire (initials)
20 Maximilien Robespierre or Mickey Rooney (initials)
21 Sacred Christian tableaux occurring between Crucifixion and Pieta
24 Japanese streetwear label for young people (not *Hello Kitty*)
25 Powerful US lobby focused on 2nd amendment rights with festive website greeting ("Give the gift of freedom") and extensive on-line store (Concealed Carry Denim Jacket \$84.95 etc.)

Down

- 1** Mentally unstable, visionary Swedish playwright and painter (*The Red House* etc.)
2 Korean business mogul, Messiah claimant and *Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity* founder
3 Experiencing a quick, involuntary inhalation following a spasm of the diaphragm, checked suddenly by closure of the glottis, producing a short, gulping sound
5 Exotic central Asian republic (on Silk Road)
6 Californian teenager with cool surfer friend Moondoggie (and drop-out Korean war vet Kahuna) in 50s films (played by Sandra Dee)
7 Good place to get glasses (not Occhio) (or Specsavers)
8 Nazi Party or Norm Peterson (initials)
9 Witty name for Arnold Schwarzenegger whilst in office
11 Langston Hughes or Lionel Hardcastle or Lang Hancock or Little Hans (initials)
18 Tiresome US filmmaking team known for grindingly unpleasant thrillers and leaden comedies with George Clooney
20 Angel who revealed location of golden plates of book of Mormon to Joseph Smith in 1834 (and having been returned presumably still has them)
22 Body part associated with Chopper Reed, Vincent van Gogh and Mr. Spock
23 Populous Asian republic associated with cricket, Hinduism and telemarketing
28 Greatly loved US orchestra from 70s (*Never, Never Gonna Give Ya Up* etc.) (initials)
29 Douglas Feith or Dan Flavin (initials)