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Across

- 1 City in southern Russian (renamed 1961) and site of largest and bloodiest battle in history (with inspirational 85-metre soviet sculpture *The Motherland Calls* commemorating triumphant defeat of Wehrmacht by Red Army and colossal loss of life)
- 8 Padre Pio *or Purple Pit* (initials)
- 10 Ancient Roman port and site of grisly murder of Pier Paolo Pasolini on beach in 1975
- 11 US state known for shocking 1969 campus shootings by State Troopers immortalized in CSNY song with emotional David Crosby adlibs on outro
- 13 Pleasing, mellifluous way of speaking associated with Irish
- 15 Lift up, support, promote, inspire, improve
- 16 Excellent supermarket at 614 Sydney Road, Brunswick
- 17 Dissident writing censored by state copied clandestinely by rudimentary means and circulated in Easter Bloc in Soviet Era
- 18 Australian car from 60s
- 20 Kali Yuga (initials)
- 21 Nelson Eddy (initials)
- 22 Otto Rank *or* Orange Revolution (initials)
- 23 Greek prefix indicating three (angle, dent, colore, partite God etc.)
- 26 Ronald Reagan, Shirley Temple, Mike Love, Pauline Kael, Nipsey Hussle

- 29 *Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula* (initials)
- 31 Indelible liquid for writing or drawing
- 31 *The Searchers* (initials)
- 32 Villain of John Ford's *The Searchers* played by veteran German-American character actor Henry Brandon (Kleinbach) in 60-year career specializing in scary non-whites
- 34 Vast Mongolian wilderness
- 36 Prolific compiler of tiresome crosswords
- 38 Aaron Copland *or* Andy Capp (initials)
- 39 Russell Crowe role (not Maximus Decimus Meridius, Bud White, John Nash, Hando or Noah)
- 40 Wife of Prophet Muhammed (PBUH) and Islamophobic staple invoked endlessly to demonstrate perversion and barbarity at heart of Islam due to age at time of marriage
- 43 Having a vertical extent which is greater than average
- 44 Greatly missed, inspirational rapper born Ermias Joseph Asghedom shot outside shop in Crenshaw, LA on 31 March 2019 (RIP) (6, 6)

Down

- 1 The relentless disparagement of a person or group based on race, religion or convictions (Rep. Ilhan Omar, Mexicans etc.)

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- 2 Sultry temptress night club singer played by Marlene Dietrich in harrowing Teutonic masterwork of 1930 *Der Baue Engel* (4, 4)
- 3 Annoying, hard to understand tax
- 4 Eerie, Pulitzer Prize-winning play of 1938 by Thornton Wilder (with 1940 film version with William Holden and marvelous score by Aaron Copland) (initials)
- 5 Primordial battle in Greek mythology between Giant sons of Gaea and Uranus and the Olympian gods attempting to overthrow the old religion and establish themselves as the new rulers of the cosmos
- 6 Rick Astley *or* Red Army (initials)
- 7 An outstanding or unique example of its kind; paragon (informal)
- 8 Name given to Cantos LXXIV-LXXXIV of Ezra Pound begun during detention in steel cage (on toilet paper) after arrest for treason in Italy in 1945
- 9 Nightmarish, dystopian alternate reality in Frank Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life* resulting from non-existence of George Bailey in Bedford Falls, New York
- 12 Barely coherent Joseph Conrad novella of 1899 about inscrutable ivory trader in Congo (initials)
- 14 Excellent supermarket at 614 Sydney Road, Brunswick
- 15 Controversial French swimwear designed in 1946 named after Pacific atoll destroyed in Truman-era US nuclear tests
- 17 Sin offering (initials)
- 19 LA street gang with special shuffling dance
- 24 Ricky Riccardo *or* Ronald Ryan (initials)
- 25 Tasty, deep-fried vegan snacks from India
- 27 Third holiest site in Islam (after Mecca and Medina) referred to cryptically in Qur'an as "the Furthest Masjid, whose precincts We have blessed" visited by Mohammed (PBUH) in miraculous night journey on white, winged mule-like creature from Heaven (named "Lightning")
- 28 Oblong blocks of precious metal such as gold
- 33 Instance of illness, investigation of criminal activity, legal proceeding or container for glasses
- 35 Resonant, cuplike object designed to produce a sound when struck to alert people to an imminent event
- 37 Short sleep in afternoon (in clothes)
- 41 Islamic State (initials)
- 42 After Hegira (initials)