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Across

- 1** Secret name of Bavarian Illuminati founder Adam Weishaupt (also 1960 Stanley Kubrick sword and sandals extravaganza with Kirk Douglas, Tony Curtis and Laurence Olivier)
- 9** Magical kingdom (neighboring Oz) ruled by Queen Zixi in L. Frank Baum story of 1914 (also 2014 album of North Carolina sludge metal band *Corrosion of Conformity*)
- 10** Capital of Zimbabwe
- 11** Soft, round hat conveying revolutionary zeal (Che Guevara), military rank (Field Marshall Montgomery) or creativity (John Olsen)
- 12** A Spice Girl (first name) (not Emma, Mel B, Mel C or Victoria)
- 14** B... Popular Japanese streetwear label with distinctive logo
- 16** Colourful seaside suburb known as Franger (also Boganville and Frankghanistan)
- 19** US president known for exposing Alger Hiss, meeting Mao, ending Vietnam War and resigning in disgrace after saying, "I am not a crook" (initials)
- 20** Large, clumsy, awkward person
- 21** Italian modernist known for paintings of wobbly, brown bottles
- 22** Sequel to 1981 Sam Raimi horror film about college students awakening Sumerian demon while on vacation in isolated cabin in woods (4, 4, 1) (22 across, 25 across)
- 24** Humour of Medieval medicine associated with anger, aggression and melancholy
- 25** See 22 across (4, 1)
- 26** Dole office in 8 down (1, 1, 1)

Down

- 1** Marvelous 19th century opera about fearless hero who kills wicked giant transformed into a dragon by power of magic helmet made from treasure stolen by malevolent dwarf in plan for world domination (etc.)
- 2** Greek letters forming Christogram dreamt by Constantine and displayed on vexillum of conquering army at Battle of Milvian Bridge
- 3** 19th century opera about malevolent dwarf with plan for world domination (also castle built by giants as new home for gods entered by rainbow bridge)
- 4** Tina Arena record (initials)
- 5** Exists, manifests (present plural)
- 6** In a state of rigid, listless stupor
- 7** Very old city (in Iraq)
- 8** Colourful decade with disco (and punk)
- 11** Bob Ross art (initials)
- 13** "I am still the black swan of trespass on alien waters" Author of greatest line in Australian poetry (first name)
- 15** Derogatory term for a leader who slavishly follows the dictates or policies of a more powerful state (Tony Blair, John Howard, Donald Trump etc.)
- 17** Kourtney and Reign (initials)
- 18** Unit of beer
- 21** Elfin US actress known for having sex with the Devil (also Woody Allen) (first name)
- 23** 8th May 1945 (1, 1)