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Across

- 1 Forcibly block or cover mouth to prevent speech; prohibit broadcast of unacceptable views; muzzle, censor, silence; choke, retch; a joke (especially of low, buffoonish kind)
- 3 Vindictive, eager to exact retribution for slights or wrongs
- 10 Controversial US president known for his belief during the cold war era in the political advantage of being perceived by your enemies to be paranoid, vindictive and out of control (known as the "madman theory") (initials)
- 11 Organ destroyed by drinking
- 12 *Chi* ... Greek letter used in early Christian sign for Jesus
- 13 Dull pain in head (3, 4)
- 15 "Fatty" Arbuckle (initials)
- 16 Partaken of dinner, supped, dined
- 17 Acclaimed, honoured, lionized
- 19 Poetic name coined to describe the grueling and heroic trek undertaken by Mao Tse Tung and 100,000 Chinese communists in 1934-35 from Kiangsi (in the Southeast) to Shensi (in the Northwest) which only 8,000 survived (3, 4, 5)
- 22 Ceremonial meal held during Passover with matzo ball soup and ritual readings from *Haggadah* commemorating mass murder of Arabs by no-nonsense tribal deity
- 23 Rita is the answer (initials)
- 24 American military (initials)

- 25 Cute, blue, Dutch gnome-like creature
- 27 Image, text or decoration inscribed indelibly on body
- 29 Overpower and violate
- 32 Had dinner (or lunch) (or a snack)
- 33 The fundamental principle of the universe according to the philosophy of Lao Zi (?604-?531 BC) (Chinese for path or way)
- 35 *New ...* Popular periodical for celebrity news ("Jen says to Brad, Get off drugs...or go!" "Why it went so wrong, Tom and Penelope's bitter split", "Wills' anguish, Don't marry Camilla!" etc., etc.)
- 36 Nixon impeachment *or New Idea* (initials)
- 37 Another famous movie gladiator
- 39 A person from England (esp. of Celtic origin)
- 42 The interpretation of scripture

Down

- 1 Poetic term used throughout Arab world for USA (5, 5)
- 2 Curse, imprecate, sentence to exclusion from community of believers, execrate, demonize, pronounce dead etc.
- 3 Famous movie gladiator (*Demetrius and the Gladiators* etc.) (6, 6)
- 4 Eddie Van Halen (initials)
- 5 Little word indicating relinquished surname of wife (e.g., Posh Beckham ... Spice etc.)

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Down (contd.)

- 6 Troubled American actor who played first TV Superman (initials)
- 7 What was Cain?
- 8 Utter hatred *or* ugly hat (initials)
- 9 Better known pseudonym of Irish American fascist William Joyce hanged for treason in 1946 (4, 3, 3)
- 11 French philosopher best known for attempt to reconcile Marxism and structuralism and murdering wife (initials)
- 14 Grouchy US hipster (*Walk on the Wild Side, Heroin* etc.)
- 15 The only thing we have to fear (according to Emerson and FDR)
- 17 Best known character played by greatly loved American actor William Frawley (1887-1966) (initials)
- 18 Electro Convulsive Therapy (initials)
- 20 *Enfants du Paradis, Miserables*, Murray
- 21 Execute by strangulation with an iron collar by means of a brutal device of the same name
- 26 Fatah attack *or* Fester Addams (initials)
- 28 The Enlightenment *or* typhus epidemic (initials)
- 30 Famous German robot bomb used to bombard London in WW2 named *Vergeltungswaffe* ("vengeance weapon") (commonly used abbreviation please) (1-1)
- 31 Turgid Russian director (*Battleship Potemkin, Ivan the Terrible* etc., etc.) (initials)
- 34 Transgression of a divinely revealed law (eating lobster, drinking alcohol, extending kindness to a gentile on the Sabbath, taking Communion whilst sinning badly etc., etc.) (1, 3)
- 37 Robert Bresson movie *or* Ron Barassi moustache *or* Robert Blake murder (initials)
- 38 "That's the wonder, the wonder of ..." (Elvis)
- 40 Nuremberg Tribunal (initials)
- 41 Chilling English racial classification system (as seen on *The Bill*) (1-White, 2-Latin, 3-Black, 4-Indian, 5-Oriental, 6-Arab etc.)