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Down (contd.)

- 14** Implement used in gruesome murder of Leon Trotsky (by NKVD asset Ramón Mercader in Mexico)
- 18** Lovely, reddish-grown hair colour
- 24** Ahmed Yassin *or* Angus Young *or* Andrew Yang (initials)
- 25** Disturbed US child star (*The Parent Trap, Herbie: Fully loaded, Machete* etc.) (cool street name)
- 27** Frank Ifield album (initials)
- 28** Celebrated Taiwanese American architect known for Louvre pyramid with secret chamber for remains of Mary Magdalen
- 31** Yehudi Menuhin (initials)
- 32** Infinite Justice *or* Islamic Jihad (initials)

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Across

- 1** Hated world leader (not Bashar al-Assad, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Vladimir Putin or MBS)
- 5** Fifth pillar of Islamic practice requiring pilgrimage to Makkah and circumambulation of Kaaba (fard if physically possible) (Tues 28 July - Sun 2 Aug, 2020 by lunar calendar)
- 8** German singer known for torpid contralto and beatnik bangs (*All Tomorrows Parties*)
- 9** The piece of ... which passeth all understanding (Anglican witticism)
- 10** Ordo Sanctae Crucis (initials)
- 11** Legendary Italian prog rock band known for haunting soundtracks to horror movies of Dario Argento (*Tenebrae, Suspiria* etc.)
- 13** *Ultra* intercepts (initials)
- 15** *Radio Birdman* *or* Ron Barassi (initials)
- 16** North Korea *or* Nicole Kidman (initials)
- 17** French actress known for transcendent lead role in silent 1928 masterwork of Carl Dreyer *La Passion de Jeanne d'Arc*
- 19** Stringed instrument associated with Sting
- 20** Frank Sinatra *or* Fred Smith (initials)
- 21** 88 (initials)
- 22** Arthur Balfour *or* Andrew Bolt (initials)
- 23** Hungarian American film director known for fantasy films with marvelous special effects (*The Time Machine, 7 Faces of Dr Lao* etc.)
- 25** Leni Riefenstahl *or* Lou Reed (initials)
- 26** Stylish Palestinian headgear associated with Yasser Arafat, Leila Khaled and struggle for self-determination in historic Palestine
- 29** Clapton, Dolphy, Prydz, Pearce, Cartman
- 30** Greatly loved Australia performer with new country-flavoured album *Golden*
- 33** Expressive pictogram widely used on Twitter in reference to 2020 presidential candidate Senator Elizabeth Warren (5, 5)

Down

- 1** Lovely, fragile things found in cold climates, each one unique, special and easily damaged (used as unkind term for SJWs of Gen Y)
- 2** Latin prefix meaning on this side (Alpine, Jordan etc.) (also people who identify as gender assigned at birth)
- 3** Mystical, supernatural or magical phenomena not sanctioned by church (largely condemned as heresy or idolatry)
- 4** Max Ophüls *or* Maggie O'Hooligan (initials)
- 5** English philosopher known for arresting description of human life (in its natural state) as "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short" (in prescient 1651 masterwork *Leviathan*)
- 6** Sinister New York-based global lobby acting as an agent for a foreign power (and apologist for its criminal behaviour) whilst purporting to monitor and fight hate (1, 1, 1)
- 7** Scabrous 1953 novel by William Burroughs about dissolute early years
- 9** Toasted maize kernel in popular breakfast invented by William Kellogg in 1894
- 12** Bury body in grave in ground