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Across

- 1 Sadly missed rapper (1971-2002) from 90s (*CrazySexyCool* etc.) (nick name) (4, 3)
- 8 Ken Russell or Khmer Rouge (initials)
- 10 Event occurring twice in year when day and night are of equal length (also Trans, Gender Diverse & Non-Binary Health Service at 200 Hoddle St., Abbotsford)
- 11 ... *Jima* Pacific island site of mythologized battle of 1945 and iconic photo of victorious marines raising flag
- 12 Irish uprising (initials)
- 13 Mothra Vs. Rodan (initials)
- 14 Shadowy think tank founded by Bill Kristol and Robert Kagan in 90s with audacious plan to rule world using Bush-era US of 00s as proxy client state (1, 1, 1, 1)
- 15 Capital of Iceland associated with Björk Guðmundsdóttir and Bobby Fischer
- 17 Australian Flag Society (initials)
- 19 Scenic, lakeside resort town in northern Italy associated with Italian fascism and Pasolini
- 20 Soviet assault rifle associated with popular resistance movements of third world
- 23 Harvard University (initials)
- 24 Minority branch of Islam preponderant in Iran
- 25 Supernatural cabinet of shittim wood and gold built by High Priest to specifications revealed by deity to house Shekhinah during forty year sojourn in wilderness (in ripping Bible story)

- 27 Initials shared by authors of disparate texts *Atlas Shrugged* and *Gothic Fairy grave sitting with Tears* (also *Sexy Pirate Girl with Sword*)
- 29 Unemployment benefits (initials)
- 31 "Hear the crushing steel / feel the steering wheel / Hear the crushing steel / feel the steering wheel etc." Fabric coated with PVC or polyurethane to mimic leather used for car upholstery (referenced in 1978 indie classic by *The Normal* based on Ballard's *Crash*)
- 35 Garland of flowers presented at special events in Hawaii (such as visit by Elvis) (also coarsely titled, unreleased, Mike Love-driven *Beach Boys* album ... 'd in Hawaii)
- 36 House Committee Un-American Activities (initials)
- 37 Poetically named, iron-hulled battleship of early 20th century synonymous with deadly force (and fearlessness)

Down

- 1 Charismatic figure of Palestinian resistance known for iconic image with keffiyeh and AK-47 (in 60s) (referenced in 1981 tribute by *The Teardrop Explodes*) (5, 6)
- 2 Roman horse is missing us **Warning** Cryptic
- 3 Francis Urquhart or Felix Ungar (initials)
- 4 Boggling concept famously pondered by Augustine, Einstein and Cyndi Lauper

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- 5 Disagreeable feeling regarded as a deadly sin of coveting while at the same time resenting the possessions, attributes or good fortune of others (caused by *Facebook*)
- 6 County of Northern England associated with dourness, distinctive accent, Captain Cook, Michael Parkinson, Sgt. Lewis, and Zayn
- 7 Was previously but not anymore (smoker, Catholic, con, boyfriend etc.)
- 8 River in Thailand associated with ripping war film of 1957 by David Lean (with William Holden and Alec Guinness)
- 9 Instalment of popular movie series in which aging hero loses money and unable to work due to ill health returns to old, working class neighbourhood and after reconciling with estranged son and recalling words of late trainer prevails over young punk in climactic street fight at end (5, 1)
- 11 Bring up to clinch argument (such as comparing someone to Hitler online)
- 14 Ancient, Indo-Aryan language of *Tripitaka* ("triple basket") recording words of Buddha
- 15 National organization associated mainly with colourful, long-serving leader and outspoken conservative views ("I don't remember a single poofter from WW2" etc.)
- 16 Investigative journalist known for asking hard questions in controversial interviews with Yasser Arafat, Colonel Gaddafi and Joh Bjelke-Peterson (etc.) in 80s (first name)
- 18 French composer associated with death of Inspector Morse
- 21 Controversial German architect with few extant examples of work other than concrete Schwerbelastungskörper (heavy load bearing body) built to measure ground subsidence in feasibility study for massive triumphal arch intended as centre piece of post-war, world capital Germania (initials)
- 22 Male Muslim whose death is regarded as a part of the struggle against the enemies of Islam (General Qasem Soleimani, Ali Sa'ed Muhammad Dawabsheh etc.)
- 26 Indigestible, nutrient rich, leafy vegetable
- 28 Disappointed (in French) (not *découragé* or *attristé* or *ayant l'air penaud*)
- 29 Separatist state founded by Brigham Young in 1847 confirming prescient observation of Alexis de Tocqueville in *Democracy in America* (1835-40) that "Religious insanity is common in the United States"
- 30 Famous generation (not Lost, Greatest, X, Y, Z or Snowflake)
- 32 Short break from work in morning (and afternoon) traditional in public service
- 33 Greek letter (with Chi) forming Christogram displayed by Constantine on vexillum after vision of cross and words *Ev Toúτοϛ Νίκα* on eve of battle of Milvian Bridge
- 34 Apply sudden force to something (such as heartstrings etc.)