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Across

- 1** Touching *Hard Rock Cafe* motto with special poignance in context of American history (4, 3, 5, 3)
- 13** Alluring Vargas illustration (initials)
- 14** John Wayne character in seminal western *Stagecoach* (with touching vision of nascent American society as inclusive, just and kind)
- 15** Adversary, nemesis, enemy (poetic)
- 16** Baffling exchange from *Waiting for Godot* "But you were there yourself, in the Macon country", "No I was never in the Macon country! I've puked my puke of a life away here, I tell you! Here! In the ... country!"
- 19** Inscrutable Bond villain with no hands
- 20** Iconic Hugh Jackman role (not Jean Valjean, Peter Allen or the Drover) (with cool mutton chops and retractable adamantium-infused bone claws in hands)
- 22** Warlike extraterrestrial race with swarthy, reptilian appearance and names like Worf, Voq and Gowron
- 24** Hindu Goddess (and consort of Vishnu) who creates, protects and transforms the universe
- 25** ... *Craig* Rocky, bulbous, island in the outer Firth of Clyde off west coast of Scotland
- 27** Priestly Celtic ruling elite associated with human sacrifice in *Wicker Man* (according to contemporary accounts by Romans engaged in subjugation of Britain in 1st century)
- 30** Psychopathic oil baron from Texas (in 70s)
- 33** Empire known for momentous decision of 28th July 1914 to declare war on Serbia in response to assassination of heir presumptive Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo by irredentist pan-Serbian terrorist group *The Black Hand* (acting on fateful 'blank cheque' of Kaiser Wilhelm) (6-9)
- 36** Ingmar Bergman *or Iron Butterfly* (initials)
- 37** "Baby, turn around and let me see that sexy body go bump, bump, bump etc." US rapper and mogul known variously as Puff Daddy, P. Diddy and Diddy (also Puffy) (birth name)

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- 38** Nightmarish weapon used in modern warfare as depicted in *Dulce et Decorum Est* by Wilfred Owen
- 39** Member of monotheistic religion originating in Punjab in late 15th century known for golden temple in Amritsar and requirement that adherents wear five identifying symbols at all times known as the five Ks because they all begin with K
- 41** People in advertising industry in 60s such as Dan Draper, Philip Adams and Darrin from *Bewitched*
- 44** The Entity (initials)
- 45** Response expressing moral disquiet such as when viewing a work by Bill Henson
- 47** Mixed-up, East Coast hip hop group with 50 Cent, Lloyd Banks, Tony Yayo et al. (1-4)
- WARNING** Cryptic
- 48** *The ... Motel* 6 Lobb Street, Brunswick VIC. (with red carpet, gold cord and 5-paws rating)
- 49** Conscientious objector (initials)
- 50** One of 2,222 randomly generated 32x32 pixel NFTs from *Monkey Kingdom* cryptocurrency site on Solana Blockchain
- 52** Greatly loved TV character known for jumping over shark while waterskiing (in 70s)
- 53** Viibryd, Celexa, Zoloft, Prozac, Desyrel, Lexapro, Paxil, Effexor, Parnate etc.
- 56** City in Bavaria and childhood home of Albert Einstein and Sophie Scholl
- 57** Maiden ravished by Zeus disguised as cloud in Greek myth (also innermost of four moons of Jupiter discovered by Galileo in 1610)
- 58** *Kit ... Klub* Seedy nightclub associated with *Berlin Stories* of Christopher Isherwood (set in Weimar Germany in twilight of Jazz Age)
- 59** Revolutionary Council *or* Rama Chandra *or* Richie Cunningham (initials)
- 60** Potato pancake and staple of Ashkenazi cuisine traditionally prepared for Chanukah
- 62** Greatly loved R&B group formed in Atlanta, Georgia with Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins, Rozonda "Chilli" Thomas and Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes (Vale) (*Waterfalls* etc.)
- 64** Delmore Schwartz *or* Dean Stockwell *or* Dick Smith *or* Dr. Seuss (initials)
- 65** Isaac Hayes (initials)
- 66** "Eddie! You're free, Eddie! The gates are open!" Teutonic 1937 film noir directed by Fritz Lang with Henry Fonda memorable in role as doomed hero (3, 4, 4, 4)

Down

- 1** In a manner which is listless, lethargic and careless, without vigor, enthusiasm or zest
- 2** Office where Bill Clinton performed defining work of presidency
- 3** Archetypal figure of punk era (named after hamster)
- 4** Italian Count and scientist known for hard to understand law about molecules
- 5** Lou Reed *or* Lubavitcher Rebbe (initials)
- 6** Cardinal from Philippines known for hardline stance on contraception and lambasting of Health Minister as an "agent of Satan" for proposal to provide free condoms to Manila sex workers at height of Aids crisis in 80s
- 7** ... *Gay* Boeing B-29 Superfortress bomber associated with dropping of atom bomb on Hiroshima in 1945 (named after mother of mass murderer)
- 8** Ray Gabelich *or* Ronald Gort *or* Reg Grundy *or* Robert Goulet *or* Rabbi Gutnick (initials)
- 9** People's car of Nazi Germany with arresting logo of iconic initials inside cog wheel and spinning propeller recalling swastika (revised in 1945)
- 10** Banknotes (and coins) used in Afghanistan
- 11** Porous, sandy soil with low clay component
- 12** Russian regicide, mass murderer and leader of failed 20th century totalitarian slave state
- 17** Ken Noland *or* Kim Novak *or* Kitten Natividad (initials)
- 18** Extremely disagreeable or unpleasant
- 21** Initials shared by authors of nihilistic texts *The Decline of the West* and *Natural Born Killers*
- 23** Nathan Leopold *or* New Labor (initials)
- 26** "It's a long way to the shop if you want a" Witticism popular in 70s (7, 3)
- 28** Minor river of ancient Rome constituting border with Cisalpine Gaul crossed by Julius Caesar in 49 BCE (deliberately defying law limiting imperium) and with famous words *alea iacta est* ("the die is cast") making war inevitable
- 29** "He wasn't really all bad. I think he just craved a little affection" Marilyn Monroe on *The Creature from the Black Lagoon* in 1955 Billy Wilder movie *The Seven Year ...*
- 30** Initials shared by most famous little girl in Nazi Germany (called by journalist Douglas Reed "a sort of Nazi Crown Princess") and Austrian author of ubiquitous, plodding tome *The Story of Art*

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- 31 “With auburn hair and tawny eyes / The kind of eyes that hypnotize” *Flock of Seagulls* hit (from 80s) (1, 3)
- 34 Huggy Bear (initials)
- 35 Controversial German philosopher known for declaring God dead, feud with Wagner and descent into madness (whilst trying to save a horse in Turin) caused by tertiary syphilis, mercury poisoning (from treatment for syphilis), manic depression with periodic psychosis or retro-orbital meningioma (jury still out) (also 60s spoken word rarity *Kinski spricht ...*) (sic)
- 40 King Kong or Klaus Kinski or Ken Kesey or *Krispy Kreme* or *Kardashian Collection* or Kyle Kulinski or Kandi kids (initials)
- 42 Dr. Terwilliger (initials)
- 43 Capital of Belarus with notable residents Louis B. Mayer and Lee Harvey Oswald (briefly from January 1960 to June 1962)
- 44 Kind of sex associated with Sting
- 46 Theory of international diplomacy primarily associated with Richard Nixon based on idea of gaining the upper hand by creating the impression of an irrational, volatile, reckless leader likely to do something completely unpredictable, unhinged and devastating if provoked
- 47 Aspiring to rise above one’s social position; presumptuous, insolent, rebellious, having insufficient respect for natural order of things and one’s place in it
- 48 Proprietor of fish and chipper and hamburger bar at 49 Melville Rd, Brunswick West, VIC. Open / Closes 8PM
- 50 Phil Silvers character in seminal 50s sitcom (in amusing incident involving English fan of show visiting Tibet asked by Chinese soldier to remove offensive T-shirt believing image to be Dalai Lama)
- 51 *Eight Elvises* (initials)
- 52 Chilling Ernest Borgnine role as sadistic stockade sergeant in *From Here to Eternity* (especially sinister in XXL Hawaiian shirt)
- 54 Skirt of frothy tulle worn by ballerinas
- 55 Greatly loved Nigerian British singer known for ethereal contralto (*Smooth Operator* etc.)
- 61 Agent Orange (initials)
- 63 Categorical imperative (initials)

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