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Across

- 1** Device used by Greg Norman to support balls
4 Elder son of Lot by incestuous union with eldest daughter (while plastered) also large, non-nuclear ordnance (officially GBU-43/B Massive Ordnance Air Blast though AKA “Mother of all bombs”) deployed by US April 2017 in Afghanistan where locals said, “...it felt like the heavens were falling”
9 Eternal, infinitely awful state defined by theologians as exclusion from the sanctifying power of God’s love
10 Kenny G (initials)
11 Shiny surface on cars easily damaged by vehicular accidents or vandals
13 Sustain a modest living with difficulty
14 Made more profound
15 Bonfires for ritual cremation
17 Bizarre, mischievous, one-legged character from Brazilian folk lore used as mascot for South American football clubs. Baffling to non-Latins
18 Capital of Qatar
20 Sedevacantist pope (initials)
21 Ian’s crosswords (initials)
22 Region in India known for psytrance (and psyculture) (for ecstatic abandonment of self)
23 Execrable last film of Mae West notable for lascivious badinage of 85-year-old star (with Tony Curtis and Ringo Starr)
26 A state or world-weary lassitude when everything seems flat and uninspiring

Down

- 1** Celebrated Irish musician (3, 4)
2 Sound made when you see a mouse
3 Island in Mumbai harbor with 7th century rock-cut Hindu (and Buddhist) temple caves
5 Name shared by Australia rocker known as the Wild One and evil priest of Saint Mary’s church, Thornbury in 70s
6 Ice, stone, iron, bronze, middle etc.
7 Synthetic rubber manufactured during WW2 at Monowitz Concentration Camp
8 Literary genre (6, 6)
11 Utter hopelessness tinged with panic
12 Archaic term for blindness
14 Jekyll, Frankenstein, Phil, Dre
16 Beloved Palestinian leader known by kunya Abu Ammar murdered by poisoning in 2004 buried temporarily in Ramallah awaiting reinterment in Jerusalem insha’Allah (initials)
19 Unusual first name of Charlie Chaplin’s wife
20 German POW camp in WW2 also a genre of lurid Israeli comic book popular after war
23 Monotheistic (panentheistic) religion from Punjab known for turbans and beards
24 Strange truncation of popular annual holiday designed to give least offense to members of non-Christian community
25 Tiny Tim (initials)
30 “Der Hölle Rache kocht in meinem Herzen” Slovakian opera singer (1939-93) known for marvelous performance with Otto Klemperer as The Queen of the Night, arguably the goat

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Across

- 27** A person killed for their beliefs or in the furtherance of a cause (Ali Dawabsha, Lubna al-Hanash, Hala Abu Sbeikha, Dania Irsheid, Ramadan Mohammad Faisal Thawabta etc. may their souls rest in perfect peace)
28 Alan Turing *or* Adam Troy (initials)
29 Once excellent brand of Australian pajamas now sadly made in China
31 Substance applied ritually to body by Sadhus and Christians
33 Provincial governor in Persian empire with connotation of being a subservient order-taker ... *Photography* (Sontag) ... *Grammatology* (Derrida) ... *the Buses* (Varney)
37 *Allah is God* (initials)
39 Lowest status in US army (Gomer Pyle, Joe)
40 Troubled English actor excellent in roles as Bertram Tracepurcel and Ronald Gort (initials)
41 A careful and thorough taking in of a text
44 Slowly seep out of something; give a powerful impression of a quality (like confidence or sex)
46 Coarse joke (4, 2, 7)

Down

- 32** First king of Israel (after the period of the Judges) who went mad and killed himself after falling out of favour with Yahweh for sparing King Agag disobeying the command to *utterly* destroy the Amalekites (“save alive that nothing that breatheth”) demonstrating centrality of obedience over moral behavior in Levitical Judaism
34 Ancient tool for shaping wood
36 Seminal Krautrock band (not *Kraftwerk* or *Tangerine Dream* or *Can*)
38 What kind of Australians will soon be able to get married?
42 Richard Loeb *or* Ralph Lauren (initials)
43 Lion Feuchtwanger *or* Larry Fine (initials)
45 Giant king of the Amorites killed in genocidal slaughter by Moses demonstrating non-universality of Ten Commandments