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Across

- 1** Business name designed to ensure prominent placement in alphabetical listing such as in *Moreland Leader* or *Yellow Pages*
- 7** French composer of marvelous film music (*Le sang d'un poète, La Belle et la Bête, Orphée, The Innocents, Dead of Night* etc.)
- 11** Troubled Louisianan at centre of landmark 1973 legal decision (overruled in 2022 by conservative SCOTUS) (not her real name)
- 12** *Ramones* member (asked to leave band in 1983 due to heavy drinking)
- 14** Coburg-based massed choir known for uplifting versions of contemporary songs such as *The Seed* by Aurora and Maggie Rogers' *Alaska* arranged for 240 voices (also Robyn *Dancing On My Own*) (initials)
- 15** Archaic term for Muslim world (also 1914 short story by James Joyce about infatuation of youthful narrator for friend's sister against bleak Dublin backdrop)
- 18** Marvelous Tony Randall role (in George Pal fantasy classic of 1964)
- 19** Depleted uranium or *Der Untergang* (initials)
- 20** Groundbreaking publication known for innovations such as intimate advice column and pioneering sealed section (from 70s)
- 24** Popular hoop (from 50s)
- 25** *Exploding Inevitable, Ono Band, Bertrand*, fantastic etc.
- 26** Christian tenet maintaining that Mary was born free from all taint of original sin to be a pure vessel for the Incarnation (popularly confused with tenet of virgin birth holding that Jesus was born miraculously without involvement of Joseph) (initials)
- 28** Last word of James Joyce's *Ulysses* (at end of 4,391-word sentence)
- 30** Gore, Jardine, Capone, Jolson, Sharpton, Green, Roker, Rio, Bundy, "Weird" etc.
- 31** Turbulent middle European country much invaded and occupied (1939, 1945, 1968) in 20th Century
- 36** Yellow idol (initials)
- 37** US music industry scandal involving secret payment for radio airplay to boost record sales through saturation exposure (in 50s)

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- 38** Enigmatic superhero identity of newspaper reporter Rex Graine known for impassive steel mask, metal gloves and 60s suit and hat conceived as hardline, moral absolutist, Ayn Rand-inspired urban vigilante (2, 1)
- 40** Bengt Ekerot or Billie Eilish or Brynne Edelsten (initials)
- 42** Spanish for the (Angeles etc.) also enigmatic *Rammstein* song ("Ist es hoffnungslos, sinnlos, hilflos, sie sind gottlos etc.") ("It is hopeless, pointless, helpless, they are godless etc.") (from 2004 NDH classic *Reise, Reise*)
- 44** Fix, settle, establish or decide in advance; ordain previously
- 46** Illegal settlement in West Bank 8.5 km west of Jerusalem on village of Al-Jura made Arabrein in Operation *Danny* of 1948
- 48** *Red Desert* or Ron Dickinson or Richard Dadd or *Rammstein Deutschland* (initials)
- 49** *Zip ... guy* Unidentified insurgent in Capitol building on 6th Jan 2021 named by FBI for enthusiastic participation in insurrection and apparent preparedness to take prisoners if necessary (indicted on eight charges, inc. conspiracy to commit obstruction and entering a restricted building or grounds with a deadly or dangerous weapon presently under house arrest with co-conspirator mother)
- 50** Evergreen tree associated with gnarled trunks, gloomy churchyards, extreme longevity and toxic alkaloid used by **SPOILER AHEAD** murderer Lance Fortescue in *A Pocket Full of Rye* by Agatha Christie
- 51** Bronze Age civilization known for Lion Gate and golden death mask of Agamemnon lifted from face of legendary king by inveterate fabulist Heinrich Schliemann
- 53** Japanese chain known for no-name, loose-fitting, beige attire inspired by unwavering mindfulness towards the allure of the natural, delivering functional basic necessities in life without frills or excess packaging and in genuine colours of natural unbleached cloth (Emporium lev. 2) (also 1. ground Chadstone)
- 54** Exclamation of exasperated derision often followed by "Humbug!"
- 55** Outspoken protestant leader from Northern Ireland known for pathological hatred of Catholics, inflammatory rhetoric such as eulogy on death of John XXIII ("This Romish man of sin is now in hell") and conservative stance on LGBTQ issues ("Save Ulster from sodomy!" etc.) (initials)

- 56** "21 is young to become a ..." Coruscating rebuke by America's Rabbi Shmuley Boteach of Lorde smearing courageous New Zealand popstar in full-page *Washington Post* ad as an anti-Semite working for economic destruction of Israel by cancelling concerts in Tel Aviv in support of Palestinian rights (also Dua Lipa and Bella Hadid)
- 57** Vast precinct in East Berlin known for soulless Soviet architecture, iconic *Fernsehturm* (TV tower) *Weltzeituhr* (world clock) and turgid, 14-hour movie by Rainer Werner Fassbinder with Günter Lamprecht and Hanna Schygulla from 1980

Down

- 1** Language spoken by Jesus
- 2** Music genre associated with mature age rock fans preferring albums to singles
- 3** The extent to which the power or influence of someone or something (Big Pharma, *NewsCorp* etc.) can be effectively asserted
- 4** Distinguished US writer referred to in famous 1956 headline "Egghead weds hourglass" on occasion of marriage to troubled movie star (initials)
- 5** Controversial rapper from Atlanta, Georgia serving eight-year sentence for criminal conspiracy (*Famerican Gangster II* etc.)
- 6** Grueling, one-act Samuel Beckett play (for single actor) (sitting at table) (6, 4, 4)
- 7** Ahmed Yassin or Angus Young (initials)
- 8** Famous modernist artist (*Fountain*, 1917) (with first initial) (1, 4)
- 9** *Israeli Idol* (initials)
- 10** Prussian general and military theorist known for famous characterization of war as policy pursued by other means and prescient concept the "fog" of war (with first initial) (1, 3, 10)
- 13** US musician known for greatly loved disco anthem *Celebration* (also *Ladies Night*)
- 16** Kind of castle
- 17** Neurasthenic icon of French couture known for Beatnik look in 60s and iconic logo of elegantly intertwined initials (initials)
- 19** Inducing a mood of gloom or depression
- 21** Creamy, cold staple of New York deli cuisine
- 22** Initials shared by disgraced US cyclist drug cheat and insane French intellectual known for re-evaluating Marx and killing wife
- 23** *Al-Itihaad al-Islamiya* (initials)
- 27** Absolute leader, kingpin, capo etc. esp. of criminal organization (*Murder Inc.* etc.)

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- 29 Early 60s pop (initials)
- 32 Personification of Ireland as beautiful young woman depicted with harp, often weeping or imploring older, stronger sister Britannia for help with threat of bestial Fenian Brotherhood in illustrations by John 'Alice in Wonderland' Tenniel
- 33 Yiddish exclamation of chagrin, dismay, exasperation or pain, traditionally followed by "vey"
- 34 *Diaboliquement ... (Diabolically Yours)* France (1967) Psychological thriller. An amnesiac begins to suspect that his devoted wife is not really his wife and he is not the man people keep telling him he is with Alain Delon and Senta Berger and final film of veteran 1937 *Pépé le Moko* director Julien Duvivier
- 35 Last and worst of world ages of Hinduism characterized by sin, moral degeneration and conflict which is where we are now (4, 4)
- 38 Annual festival in Melbourne known for parade, Birdman Rally and popular local personality (Molly Meldrum, Bert Newton, Kate Ceberano etc.) crowned as monarch
- 39 Smash hit of 1964 by *The Shadows* featuring surf guitar of Hank Marvin (also lurid dance from 1920s portraying tableaux from Parisian underworld) (also US attack helicopter deployed principally in Middle East replacing UH-1 *Iroquois* "Huey" model associated with Vietnam continuing tradition of naming advanced weaponry after vanquished First Nations peoples)
- 41 13th century compendium of Norse mythology compiled by Snorri Sturluson (also daughter of Hermann Göring born in 1938 and called by English journalist Douglas Reed as "a sort of Nazi crown princess")
- 43 Minutely small detail or element as invoked by Jesus in enigmatic validation of Levitical law in Matt. 5:18 ("For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, ... or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (3, 3))
- 45 "Two thousand years ago, the proudest boast was *civis romanus sum* ("I am a Roman citizen"). Today, in the world of freedom, the proudest boast is "Ich bin ... Berliner!" All free men, wherever they may live, are citizens of Berlin, and therefore, as a free man, I take pride in the words "Ich bin ... Berliner!" ("I am a donut") Inspirational Cold War speech of JFK
- 47 English gold coin worth 10 shillings issued by Edward IV in 1465 (with rose design added to debased "noble" of Henry IV)
- 52 Religious holiday celebrating end of Ramadan associated with dressing up, gaiety and eating
- 53 1/1000 of an inch
- 56 Brad Pitt *or* Big Pineapple (initials)