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Across

- 1** Dancing in frenetic manner characterized by reckless disregard for personal safety (and others) (from 70s)
- 5** Popular ring (from 70s)
- 8** Bengt Ekerot *or* Billie Eilish *or* Brynne Edelsten (initials)
- 9** Japanese megacorporation revolving around 1,015 fictional species of adorable plastic pocket monsters and universe of same name
- 11** Ernst Zündel (initials)
- 12** Archaic music storage technology (from 90s)
- 13** Military initialism designating makeshift weapons associated with local resistance to foreign invasion esp. in cases of inestimably asymmetrical warfare (Iraq etc.)
- 15** Zionist Entity (initials)
- 16** "Call me Some years ago - never mind how long precisely - having little or no money in my purse, and nothing particular to interest me on shore, I thought I would sail about a little and see the watery part of the world" Narrator of most famous opening in American literature

Down

- 1** *The Last Days of ...* Action-packed 1959 peplum by Sergio Leone set in ancient Rome with Steve Reeves as heroic centurion, Christine Kauffman as ethereal Christian and Fernando Rey as evil High Priest culminating in eruption of Vesuvius and destruction of city in thrilling finale
- 2** Untranslatable Martian word in 60s sci-fi classic *Stranger in a Strange Land* by Robert A. Heinlein meaning both understand and water appropriated by nerds into lexicon of computer science
- 3** "Every government is run by liars. Nothing they say should be believed" (also "Screw you, you sons of bitches. I may be just a goddamn Jew red to you, but I'm keeping Jefferson alive!") 1960s dissident journalist publisher of famous weekly (initials adopted in 50s to hide Jewishness)
- 4** Monstrous descendent of Biblical Cain described as "a creature of darkness, exiled from happiness and accursed of God, the destroyer and devourer of our humankind" slain by Beowulf in ripping Anglo-Saxon epic
- 6** Excellent word in *Scrabble*
- 7** Belief in a non-interventionist creator deity who, having instituted laws of physical universe doesn't care what happens in it, require worship, respond to prayer or need a self-appointed priesthood to tell people what he wants them to do because he doesn't want anything
- 8** *I'M LIKE A CHOCOHOLIC EXCEPT FOR ...* Amusing T-shirt
- 10** Marshal Petain *or* *My Pillow* (initials)
- 14** Celebrated authors of disparate texts *A Treatise of Human Nature*, *The Physical Impossibility of Death in the Mind of Someone Living*, *The Thin Man* and *Looking for Freedom* (performed famously in stirring rendition at Berlin Wall in 1989) (initials)