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Across

- 1** British TV personality known for obnoxious, disruptive on-air behaviour in 90s (2, 6)
- 8** Blixa Bargeld *or* Bhad Bhabie *or* Bronwyn Bishop (initials)
- 10** K-pop group with eleven members (not *TWICE*, *Girl's Generation* *or* *Fantasy Boys*) (*Very, Very, Very* etc.) (1.1.1)
- 11** Movie genre known for capturing zeitgeist of 90s and disaffected torpor of Gen X
- 13** Brightest star in night sky associated with scorching heat and madness (nickname due to constellation) (3, 4)
- 15** Negative influence on *The Beatles*
- 16** Frank Ifield *or* Fire Island (initials)
- 17** Sinister financial institution known for systemic breaches of anti-money laundering and financing terrorism laws with excellent user interface inc. NetBank and CommSec and upbeat yellow theme
- 18** Johnny Bravo *or* Jesus' blood (initials)
- 19** American GI psychopath hanged at Pentridge and chief inspiration for *Images of Modern Evil* series by youthful Albert Tucker in 40s
- 22** "Bad, ... and dangerous to know" Famous description by Caroline Lamb of Lord Byron
- 23** Celebrated English musician known for iconic Windows start-up music expressing infinite promise of new day
- 24** Beers
- 26** *Mission Impossible* *or* Morton Isaacson (initials)
- 27** Enigmatic *Toho Studios* kaiju (monster) in form of colossal, sentient imago accompanied by two miniature fairies who speak for her depicted as mystical protectress of the earth or Japan
- 29** Christian rock trio from Alabama (*Rise Up Lazarus* etc.) or first murderer (banished to Nod)
- 31** Gore, Jardine, Czervik, Bundy, Rio, Aqsa
- 32** Causing intense annoyance or rage
- 33** Complain or protest vehemently and persistently about something
- 35** Sunshine Nazis *or* Sam Newman (initials)
- 36** "Midnight morning / drenched in" Term for inexpensive Italian wine referenced in haunting Scott Walker song (no longer in use) (4, 3)
- 40** Generic Chinese person (mild derog.) (2, 4, 5)

Down

- 1** Great English novel about unhappy marriage of idealistic young woman to mean-spirited clergyman with touching final sentence about unhistoric acts of people who rest in unvisited tombs (subtitled *A Study of Provincial Life*)
- 2** Ernest Borgnine role (not lonely butcher Marty, xenophobic redneck Coley Trimble, sadistic stockade sergeant "Fatso" Judson or affable naval commander Quentin McHale) (or Roman centurion with sick slave)

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Down (contd.)

- 3** Legendary hominid of North America
- 4** Nord, Süd, ..., West
- 5** Home of predatory, amphibious monster in seminal, 3-D horror classic of 1951 (5, 6)
- 6** Famous doll
- 7** Yalta conference *or* yellow cake (initials)
- 8** US street parlance for money (in particular hundred-dollar bills) associated with anthemic Puff Daddy song and anti-Semitic tweets of outspoken congresswoman Ilhan Omar
- 9** Land of giants visited by Captain Lemuel Gulliver in Swift classic
- 12** Klemperer overture *or* KAWS oeuvre (initials)
- 14** Controversial Cardinal known for hardline position on condom use by Manila sex workers during AIDS crisis in 80s
- 20** ... *Gay* Boeing B-29 Superfortress bomber associated with dropping of atom bomb on Hiroshima in 1945 (named after mother of mass murderer)
- 21** Sandwich (slang, chiefly British, signifying low class)
- 25** Speech or text expressing a strongly held view at tedious length; a diatribe or rant
- 28** Permissible (in Quran) *cf.* haram (forbidden)
- 30** Aqsa intifada (initials)
- 34** Fanatical, hate-fueled death cult in Middle East
- 37** *Goatwhore* unplugged (initials)
- 38** Rudy Guiliani *or* Reverend Green *or* Ronald Gort *or* Rabbi Gutnick (initials)
- 39** Depleted uranium *or* *Der Untergang* (initials)