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Across

- 1** Lurid, southern gothic by Tennessee Williams about gigolo drifter Chance Wayne returning with faded movie star companion to hometown in Mississippi hoping to rekindle flame with first love Heavenly and terrible fate at hands of angry townsfolk awaiting him (5, 5, 2, 5)
- 14** *Institute* [for] *Historical Review* (initials)
- 15** "a way ... a last a loved a long the" Final sentence of James Joyce's *Finnegans Wake* running memorably into first ("riverrun, past Eve and Adam's, from swerve of shore to bend of bay, brings us by a commodious vicus of recirculation blah blah blah")
- 16** Adorable K-pop star known for girl-next-door image, soaring high notes and touching video about unrequited love for smash hit *Good Day* in magical, wintery setting with parrot
- 17** Mysterious teenage pilot known for sacrificing herself along with EVA Unit-00 in battle with Angel Armisael to save classmate Shinji in what has been called the saddest scene in anime
- 18** Gigantic, upright, cockroach-like god of subterranean kingdom Seotopia in epic battle with Godzilla in *Godzilla vs ...* (in 70s)
- 20** Concrete; able to be handled or grasped both physically and mentally
- 22** Organizational effectiveness (initials)
- 23** Cigarette sold singly in contravention of law stipulating sales in minimum of twenty with health warning and ghastly photo on pack
- 25** Half-human, half-serpent race in Hindu and Buddhist folklore depicted in large sculpture at Suvarnabhumi Airport, Bangkok
- 26** National Liberation Front (initials)
- 27** Stephen Dedalus or Stormy Daniels (initials)
- 28** What did the Ph.D. say to the Masters student? "Do you want ... with that?" (joke)
- 30** Normie Rowe album (initials)
- 32** Tony Iommi (initials)
- 34** Ari Up (initials)
- 36** Piece of worthless cloth ("When she was just a kid her / Her clothes were hand-me-down /

25.2 (contd.)

Across (contd.)

- They always laughed at her / When she came into town / Called her ... doll" Frankie Valli
- 38** Saman Rushdie or Steve Reeves or Sunday Reed or Stan Rofo or Sister Ruth (initials)
- 39** 1968 movie with Toshirō Mifune as Japanese Naval Officer Captain Tsuruhiko Kuroda and Lee Marvin as loudmouthed US pilot stranded together on remote island in Pacific in WW2 in unfettered display of toxic masculinity by John Boorman (4, 2, 3, 7)
- 44** Woolen cap with Incan motifs and tasseled ear flaps worn for protection against harsh conditions of mountainous origin
- 45** German singer known for torpid contralto and beatnik bangs (*All Tomorrows Parties*)
- 46** Large areas of shifting, wind-swept sand esp. in Sahara from *Arabic* (عرق) for sand dune
- 47** Nazi cult in Sunshine (initials)
- 48** Notorious crime family from East London known as the Firm (in swinging sixties)
- 50** "Quod scripsi, scripsi" Sign affixed to cross by Pilate disregarding objections of Jews
- 52** *Ye ... Tea Shoppe*
- 54** Distinctively dressed character in popular book series regarding whereabouts
- 56** Scary-looking nu metal band from Bakersfield California known for anthems of disaffected youth in 90s (*Freak on a Leash* etc.)
- 57** Baffling name by which G-d identifies himself to Moses at burning bush ("Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, ... hath sent me unto you" (1, 2))
- 58** Critical ... theory
- 59** Crystal Ball (initials)
- 61** US lake known for ecological disaster of 70s evoked by Dr. Seuss in *The Lorax* ("You're glumping the pond where the Humming-Fish hum! / No more can they hum, for their gills are all gummed! So I'm sending them off. Oh their future is dreary / They'll walk on their fins and get woefully weary / In search of some water that isn't so smeary / I hear things are just as bad, up in Lake ...")
- 62** Initialism indicating extreme mirth (vulgar)
- 64** "Her name is Noelle / I have a dream about her She rings my bell / I got gym class in half an hour / Oh, how she rocks / In ... and tube socks etc." Popular canvas sneakers referenced by *Wheaties* in *Teenage Dirtbag*
- 66** Ungrammatical contraction of is, was or has not ("... nuthin' but a "G" thang baby / Two loc'd out niggas goin' crazy etc.")
- 67** Watch all episodes of series in single session such as *Messiah* or *The Bear*
- 69** Suitcase (informal Australian esp. rural)
- 71** Starts, commences, embarks upon etc.
- 74** Note in music equivalent to half a breve or two crotchets written as empty oval on stick
- 75** Liam Gallagher or Lester Gruber (initials)
- 76** Synecdoche for country, nation or homeland
- 78** Villain of festival of Purim hanged for wicked plot to exterminate Jews of Persia thwarted by beautiful queen Esther in ripping Bible story celebrated with traditional booing and spinning of gragger at mention of hated name
- 80** Mohammed Atta or Martin Amis (initials)
- 81** Person from vibrant region between Lygon St. and Merri Creek and North Fitzroy and Moreland Road (4, 12)

Down

- 1** Ruthless, cunning, evil KAOS agent (5, 3, 8)
- 2** Colour-coded bin supplied by council causing widespread alarm in Merri-bek due to new increased size
- 3** Large area of shifting, wind-swept sand esp. in Sahara from *Arabic* (عرق) for dune
- 4** Colossal brass humanoid built by Hephaestus to protect Crete killed by Jason (by undoing plug on heel and draining ichor) in classic 1963 sword and sandals with Todd Armstrong as Jason and Honour Blackman as Hera
- 5** Nazi-era slogan chanted at MAGA alt-Right rallies expressing romantic nationalism, racial supremacism and mystical irredentism (5, 3, 4)
- 6** Charged subatomic particles resulting from loss (or gain) one or more electrons
- 7** Ricky Nixon or Reverend Nile (initials)
- 8** Something maintained to discourage actions or events by instilling fear of foreseeable negative consequences such as a large dog or nuclear arsenal
- 9** Final work of James Joyce memorable for poetic, circular ending/beginning and hundred letter words such as kikkaklakkaklaskaklopatz klatschschabattacpreppycrottygraddaghsemih sammihnouithappluddyappladdypkonpkot and babadalgharaghtakamminarronknbronn onnerronnouonhunntrouarrhounawnskawnto ohoohordenenthumuk etc.
- 10** Enormously long expanses of time reflecting spiritual cycle from oneness with Brahman to periods of conflict, chaos and depths of moral degeneration which is where we are now
- 11** 11th century pope associated with Council of Clermont and instigation of Crusades
- 12** Disturbed English army officer and author (*Seven Pillars of Wisdom* etc.) (initials)

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Down (contd.)

- 13 Group of things ranked according to relative importance or status such as CEO to cleaner
- 19 Gore, Rio, Jardine, Bundy, Aqsa etc.
- 21 Iranian Guard (initials)
- 24 Israel firster (initials)
- 29 In a pickle (initials)
- 31 Red Symons interview (initials)
- 33 Celebrated musician such as Sabine Meyer or Acker Bilk
- 35 Iconic Australian vehicle known for gathering in record numbers at spirited, annual “muster” in Deniliquin
- 37 Utterly delighted (8, 4)
- 40 Suffix indicating gerund (*The Shin...* etc.)
- 41 Domestic slave such as Hagar, Zilpah, Bilhah and Offred
- 42 Communist International *or* Cousin It (initials)
- 43 Grizzled Irish American auteur with eyepatch (*Stagecoach, The Searchers* etc.)
- 45 Making a mistake
- 48 Outspoken US congresswoman from the Bronx
- 51 Notorious, Panamanian dictator, gangster, drug lord and CIA operative of Reagen era
- 53 *Adoration of the Mystic ...* Symbolic entity in green meadow at centre of Ghent Altarpiece of Jan (and Hubert) Van Eyck depicted looking outward towards viewer with arc of blood from heart filling chalice
- 55 Wartime pilot feted as national hero for number of enemy planes shot down such as Manfred Von Richthofen, Richard “Dick” Bong or Giora “Hawkeye” Epstein
- 60 Cool founder of Melbourne
- 63 ... *Liberty, ... Photography, Snakes ... a Plane*
- 65 *Song of Norway* (initials)
- 68 Masticate tenaciously; cause persistent mental or emotional distress such as a clinging guilty thought or obsessive preoccupation
- 70 Adorable jungle girl played by Audrey Hepburn in lavish 1959 adaptation of William Henry Hudson’s 1904 novel *Green Mansions* and box office disaster due arguably to lack of chemistry between elfin star and love interest Anthony Perkins
- 72 A person of wealth or high social standing (informal / British / derog.)
- 73 Memorable Sidney Poitier role (not Noah Cullen, Dr. John Wade Prentice, Virgil Tibbs or Simon of Cyrene)
- 74 *Nike ... attack* Retro sneaker and tribute to tantrumous tennis legend AKA Superbrat from 80s
- 77 *Love Unlimited or* Lars Ulrich *or* Leon Uris *or* Lacey Underall (initials)
- 78 Heinrich Schliemann *or* Harry Styles (initials)
- 79 *Mission: Impossible or* Morton Isaacson (initials)