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Across

- 1 Romanian writer known for seminal role in French avant-garde theatre (*Rhinocéros* etc.)
- 7 N. Unruh or Nyota Uhura (initials)
- 8 Music genre associated with ecstatic abandon enjoyed in gay community
- 9 Lawrence Olivier role in sword and sandals classic by Stanley Kubrick as Roman general in charge of brutal suppression of slave revolt ending Third Servile War notable for steamy, homoerotic bathhouse scene with youthful Tony Curtis as slave Antoninus deleted from 1960 release after objections from National Legion of Decency
- 11 Richard Evans or Rabbi Eliyahu (initials)
- 12 “Ooh, baby, baby, baby, baby / Ooh, baby, baby, ba-baby, baby / Get up on this etc.” Exuberant 1987 Salt-n-Pepa classic (initials)
- 13 Biblical plague of Egypt (not blood, frogs, lice, flies, locusts, livestock pestilence, hail, locusts, darkness or murdering thousands of Arab children) in ripping foundational myth of Judaism
- 16 Demented American bomber (vale)
- 17 Expression of ironic non-comprehension with snide inference that issuer of remark is an idiot
- 19 Miraculous state of Mary in order to be a pure vessel for the Incarnation

Down

- 1 Demonic entity in male form which visits women while asleep believed to result in the birth of witches, devils and deformed human offspring from Latin for nightmare or “one who lies down on (unsuspecting sleeper)”
- 2 Father, Lady, Don Bradman
- 3 Legendary US automobile and financial disaster shunned by American public on release in 1959 due to strangely disturbing oval grille recalling toilet seat
- 4 ...-... (Morse code)
- 5 Sudden, violent overthrow of a government (Iranian Revolution, Jan 10th etc.)
- 6 Bridge in Venice named by Lord Byron after audible grief of prisoners passing over it (from ducal palace to dungeon) with replica in Oxford referenced (with dreaming spires) in *Itchycoo Park* by *The Small Faces* (and *Inspector Morse*) (2, 4)
- 10 Heresy denounced at Council of Nicaea of 325 for denial of consubstantiality of God and Jesus
- 14 Ogres of Japanese folklore (often blue) (with horns and armed with studded iron kanabō clubs)
- 15 *Monkees* classic featuring plaintive vocal of Mickey Dolenz (“... told me that she loved me / And like a fool I believed her from the start / ... said she’d never hurt me / But then she turned around and broke my heart etc.”) (also Ursula Andress role in classic Hammer Horror about troubled, 2000-year-old jungle queen with secret of eternal life)
- 18 “It’s ...!” Extremely scary 2019 horror film by Jordan Peele about family on holiday at beach encountering zombie doppelgangers