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Across

- 1** Baffling T-shirt seen at *Stand with Gaza* rally on Sunday (5/5)
- 9** Passionate *The Young Turks* host (not Cenk) (or Jimmy Dore)
- 10** *Idée* ... All-consuming concern or obsession such as Captain Ahab and Moby Dick or Inspector Javert and Jean Valjean
- 11** "... .. life! / Why should a dog, a horse, a rat have life / And thou no breath at all?" *King Lear* (also "Oh, no. Oh, no. Oh, no no" *The Shangri-Las*)
- 13** *Cosmic Psychos* album (initials)
- 14** Grueling, 60-hour "human potential" seminar devised by L. R. Hubbard acolyte Werner Erhard using isolation and deprivation to instill mindset of pitiless self-interest in 70s
- 15** Short comic performance involving several players such as motivational speaker Matt Foley or *The Californians*
- 16** Person, thing or idea which is present or near in place, time or thought or that has just been mentioned ("... long disease my life" Pope "... is America" Childish Gambino etc.)
- 18** Old Testament prophet who fled from G-d to avoid having to tell Ninevites of imminent destruction (for wickedness) was swallowed by large fish and vomited up after three days in its belly prefiguring Resurrection
- 19** Cry of excitement or delight (with suggestion of cowboys and Old West) (also popular US on-demand streaming service offering 1000s of faith-based shows for the family)
- 21** Had some food; performed task successfully; nailed it etc.
- 22** Generic name for policeman (not Old Bill or Filth) (from Enid Blyton)
- 23** *La ...* Haunting 1946 chanson by Charles Trenet popularized by Bobby Darin in 50s (about sea)
- 24** ... *fixe* All-consuming concern or obsession such as Wile E. Coyote and Road Runner
- 26** Belief in non-interventionist creator deity which having established laws of physical universe doesn't care what happens in it, doesn't require worship, respond to prayer or need a priesthood to tell people what it wants them to do because it doesn't want anything
- 28** Did first Bond movie villain have hands?
- 29** Beautiful princess transformed into a pool of water, a worm and a scarlet fly by jealous ex of beloved husband in ripping Irish myth cycle
- 30** Lovely garden in Middle East (closed)
- 31** "Zurück vom Ring!" Villain of Wagner's *Ring* dragged to watery death by Rhine Maidens in staggering finale of *Götterdämmerung* foiling plan of evil dwarf to rule world through power of gold

Down

- 1** Famous Secret Agent (from 60s) (6-4)
- 2** Small town in WA (pop. 20) and only place name in Australia beginning with X named bafflingly after domineering wife of Socrates or Greek for "yellow horse"
- 3** Negative effect on *Beatles*

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- 4** Lurid, misogynistic Zola bestseller of 1880 recounting dissolute life and awful death of rapacious, amoral, predatory heroine
- 5** Greek fire *or* Gert Fröbe (initials)
- 6** Devising novel ways of referring to someone to mock, demean and undermine such as Sleepy Joe, Crooked Hillary and Pocahontas
- 7** Makes amends; pays price necessary for atonement, forgiveness or expungement
- 8** Violent, far-left Marxist organization known for "Days of Rage" ("bring the war home") protests in 60s and Declaration of a State of War with US government of May 1970
- 12** ... *no Ko (My Favorite Idol)* Acclaimed dark anime about pop idol Ai stabbed to death by deranged fan and plan for revenge by her baby twins Aqua and Ruby when they grow up because they are actually reincarnations of adoring Obstetrician-gynecologist Gorou who delivered them and terminally ill patient Sarina who loves him
- 15** Enthusiastic though hard to understand Lord Mayor of Melbourne in 00s
- 17** *La ... de Paris* State of pervasive melancholy associated with slim volume of prose poems by Charles Baudelaire published posthumously in 1869
- 18** Saudi Arabian city on Red Sea and site of tomb of Eve hence the name (Arabic for grandmother)
- 20** Innermost of four Galilean moons of Jupiter discovered in 1610 named after priestess of Hera ravished by Zeus disguised as a cloud and turned into a heifer by enraged goddess and driven mad by a gadfly causing her to flee to Bosphorus (lit. cow passage) in ripping Greek myth
- 25** Most famous role in Swedish cinema (in Swedish)
- 27** Early Irish art (initials)