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Across

- 1 High priestess of Temple of Apollo at Delphi known for delivering prophecy in trance state derived from Greek verb “to rot” referring to the sickly-sweet smell emanating from decomposing body of monstrous snake slain by Apollo buried under site
- 6 1948 Hitchcock film based on real life 1924 case of Chicago student killers attempting to demonstrate superior intellect by committing the perfect crime controversial in Hollywood in late 40s for ten-minute takes and pioneering depiction of murderers as gay couple
- 7 *Oh, Yeah* (initials)
- 8 Grievous bodily harm *or* George Bush High (initials)
- 10 70s serial killer thought to resemble or be (!) Ted Cruz in surreal internet meme
- 12 Archeological site and capital of Pharaoh Akhenaten (Amenhotep IV before adoption of monotheistic worship of solar disc Aten) established 1346 BC and abandoned on death with cult denounced as heretical and capital removed to Thebes by Tutankhamun (known for discovery by Ludwig Borchard in 1912 of stunning head of Nefertiti in Neues Museum, Berlin)
- 13 Grandson of Noah cursed for sin committed by father Ham of uncovering nakedness of drunken father to eternally serve descendants of brothers Shem and Japheth leading to biblical justification for trans-Atlantic slave trade (Ham being regarded as patriarch of Africa)

Down

- 1 “Welcome back” Top-selling US antidepressant with lulling advertising slogan
- 2 Affable US cello virtuoso (2-2, 2)
- 3 Harrowing Sidney Lumet movie with Rod Steiger as wracked Holocaust survivor known for silent scream, baffling Christian symbolism and other examples of signature exuberance of veteran director (initials)
- 4 The removal of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) from Mecca to Medina in AD 622 (4382 AM) and inauguration of Islamic calendar
- 5 School of American art associated with rejection of European elan in favour of everyday, urban motifs such as *McSorley’s Bar* by John Sloan in Detroit Institute of Art
- 9 Movie actor from Tullamarine known for roles as amateur kickboxer Con Petropoulos, riven Mossad operative Avner Kaufman, legendary king Uther Pendragon, Trojan hero Hector and garrulous psychopath Chopper Reed
- 11 Victoria dictator (of lockdown era)

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