## ACROSS

1 French chef, inventor of pêche Melba and tournedos Rossini $(7,9)$
10 Daniel Defoe novel (6)
11 Opera by Leoncavallo, traditionally staged with Mascagni's Cavalleria rusticana $(1,9)$
12 A tactile bristle, such as a cat's whisker (8)
131997 comedy film starring Jim Carrey $(4,4)$
14 The highest large lake in the world (8)
16 Character in Stephen King's Carrie, played by Amy Irving in the 1976 film $(3,5)$
17 Large Australian flightless bird, similar to the ostrich (3)
19 An ancient system of writing $(6,1)$
21 In ancient Rome, a household god (3)
23 In fencing, the parry combined with the riposte (3-2-3)
26 A mild creamy Italian cheese $(3,5)$
28 Italian theologian and philosopher (1033-1109) $(2,6)$
29 Town in Shropshire near the Welsh border (8)
30 Early form of bicycle propelled by pushing along the ground with the feet (10)
31 Poet born in Bread Street,
Cheapside, the son of a scrivener and composer (6)
32 US folk-singing group who had a hit single with John Denver's "Leaving on a Jet Plane" (5,4,3,4)
DOWN
2 The act of killing one's wife (9)
3 Bearberry (3-4)
4 Former province of South Africa (9)

51996 film with Madonna in the title role (5)
6 English essayist and poet (17751834) $(7,4)$

7 The motion of a horse when it throws itself on its haunches in a very quick leap or curvet (7)
8 Tennis player born in Ostrava, Czechoslovakia in $1960(4,5)$
9 Uninhabited British island in the North Atlantic (7)
15 Byzantine princess (1083-1148) (4,7)
18 Jamaican sprinter who ran a 100 metres world record of 9.58 seconds at the 2009 World Championships $(5,4)$
20 One of the original members of The Rolling Stones $(4,5)$
22 A Quentin Tarantino film, --------- Dogs (9)
24 A major European port (7)
25 Stephen Fry's first novel (3,4)
27 In the Bible, the third son of David, king of Israel (7)
29 Ryan, American leading man of the 1960s and 1970s, born in Los Angeles in 1941 (5)


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