

## THEMELESS THURSDAY #573

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## ACROSS

1. Poorly done
9. Thankless grind
14. Brain busters?
16. Speak, to Macron
17. Pool toy
18. Not bad
19. Lens name
20. Wild guess
22. Crushing agony
23. Bothering, with "at"
25. "Quit fidgeting"
28. Seeming eternity
29. With impeccable timing
32. Portland's mayor Wheeler
33. Unexpected
34. Secretly carrying (away)
35. Move in a slow-as-molasses fashion
36. Beast that crawls on its belly
39. "I'm stumped"
40. Gravy Cravers brand
41. "Rumor has it ..."
42. Kurt of the "Showtime" Lakers
44. Salon challenge
45. Marine NCO
48. Favors one side
49. "Your lips to God's ears"
52. "Can't you see I'm busy?"
54. Torquemada's first name
55. College application data
56. Runs, as a Zoom meeting
57. Track competitors?

## DOWN

1. React to, as a weak joke
2. Family
3. Lit up
4. Short summary
5. Wrap selection
6. Big song
7. Big challenge
8. "A prolific mother of folly and of crime," per Benjamin Disraeli

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9. AWOL's chasers
10. Cry from the sky
11. TV character who was shot in the episode "A House Divided"
12. Spaniard's cheer
13. Chewable Asian leaf
15. Anchor's place
21. Jelly-filled donut
24. Came up with plans
26. "Don't Stand So Close to Me" singer
27. Mao Tse-\_\_\_\_
30. Inability to move
31. Dry pellet from molten liquid
33. Dry cleaners' targets
34. Swing around
35. Props in the Netflix documentary "Cheer"

36. R&B singer of the late '80s and early '90s whose name anagrams to BELARUS
37. Illegal baseball pitch
38. Own
39. "I'm standing over here"
40. C major relative
41. Forging expert
43. Tea party attendee
46. Chew (on)
47. "We'll deal with this in the a.m."
50. Gentle touch
51. Stove top?
53. Only NBA arena not named after a corporate sponsor: Abbr.