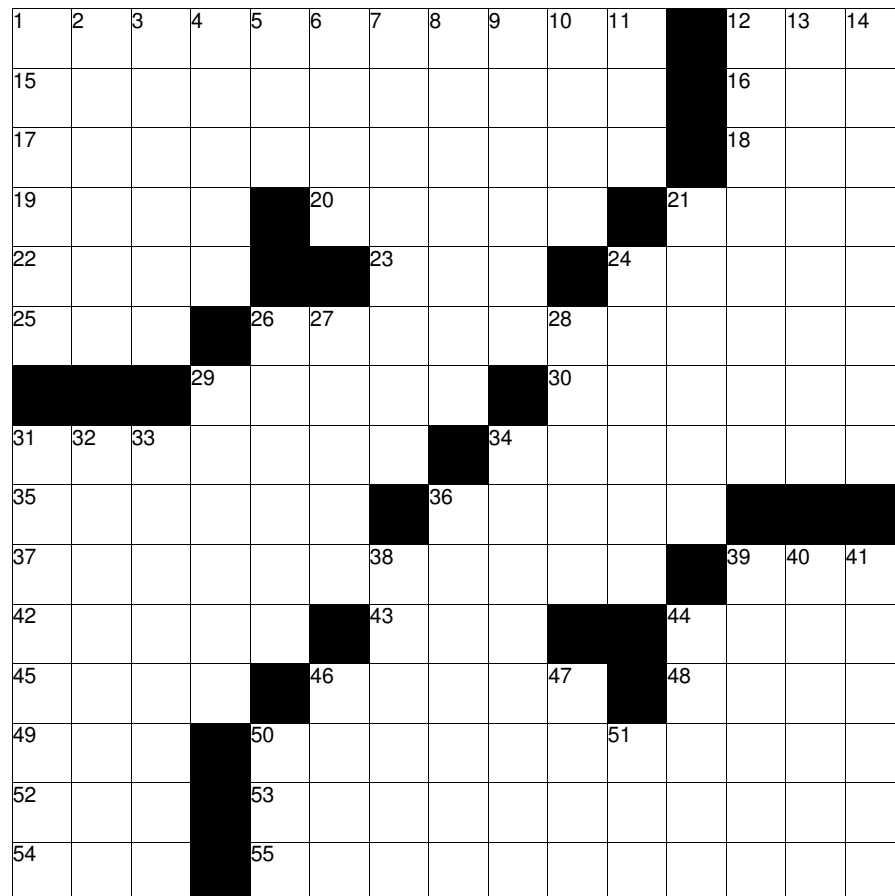


THEMELESS MONDAY -- #68 in a series Brendan Emmett Quigley & Mike Nothnagel

ACROSS

1. Schoolhouse Rock cartoon that begins "You sure gotta climb a lot of steps to get to this Capitol Building here in Washington"
12. Plywood makeup
15. George, Earl of ____ ("Iolanthe" baritone)
16. Subj. of the "traveling salesman" problem in mathematics
17. Released without charges?
18. Egyptian threat
19. Baja opposite
20. Jammed with the band
21. Automaker Ferrari
22. Animal house?
23. Start to count?
24. Intensity
25. "Kung Fu" star
26. Bismarck's rival
29. Metaphor, e.g.
30. Barge in (on)
31. No nonsense businessmen
34. Like a better piece of cake, say
35. Guitar heroes
36. Stall for time, perhaps
37. Warriors' strategy
39. Geometry meas.
42. Visas can get you this
43. Krona division
44. French actor Ebouaney
45. They're beyond belief
46. Northern Virginia caverns
48. "Ev'rybody Wants to Be ____" (1970 Disney song)
49. Side served with shahi paneer
50. Belief that rulers should be chosen based on skills rather than wealth
52. Sch. whose mascot is Rameses



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53. Crowing
54. Japanese market inits.
55. Small snapper

DOWN

1. Classic Chevy
2. Scratch
3. Tween singer Bieber
4. Extract viscous material from
5. ____-Put (adhesive brand)
6. Gets out?
7. Concierge's offerings
8. Use a font?
9. Poker declaration
10. Rested
11. Inc. in the Guardian
12. "Ain't happenin'"
13. Cry after a long battle
14. One busy with paper work
21. Edema
24. Esteem
26. Gormandizing
27. He played John in "Roots"
28. Some are seen on the red carpet
29. Meet people
31. Kind of coffee
32. Cantabrigian's rivals
33. It's handed down
34. Song that knocked "Mickey" out of the #1 spot
36. Paté dish
38. Last call, for some
39. Citation holder?
40. Vitamin found in asparagus
41. Stylish metrosexual, say
44. Google ____
46. Glinda portrayer in "The Wiz"
47. Practice using blocks
50. Soft shoe
51. Pig