

THEMELESS MONDAY -- #69 (heh, heh) in a series Brendan Emmett Quigley

ACROSS

1. Who said "Action may not always bring happiness, but there is no happiness without action."
9. Tackle equipment
15. Planning to
16. "Ni-i-i-ice"
17. Most volatile
18. City where Kevin Federline was born
19. "Standard Operating Procedure" director Morris
20. Bigelow employee
22. They're covered in feathers
23. Duel referee in "Hamlet"
24. Swag
25. National Water Quality mo.
26. Airborne
27. ___ de Saba (chocolate and almond cake)
28. Verizon, formerly
29. N-bomb, e.g.
30. One looking through your files
31. Authoritarian follower
33. Wags
36. Wind chimes hanging spot
37. Work with some notions
40. "Absinthe Drinker" painter Viktor
41. "Look at this fucking shit we're ___!" (Dennis Hopper line from "Apocalypse Now")
42. Fruits de ___ (shellfish)
43. A in German 101
44. Logician Kurt
45. Miserable
46. Events calling for frequent use of sponges
48. Brings down
49. Auto racing family
50. "Don't change anything!"
52. Breaks off

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53. "Looks good to me"
54. ___ oneself (mimicked a serial killer, perhaps)
55. Cleaned house

DOWN

1. Small pot container
2. "Are you playing?"
3. Cold ___
4. Second attempts
5. Kind of blue
6. "L'___" (1954 Albert Camus essay on Oran)
7. Minister's target
8. Action taken to improve a colleague's day
9. Start to "Civil Disobedience"
10. Auto-racing org.
11. Drill command
12. Bathroom cleanser
13. Relay assignment
14. Jazz saxophonist Wayne
21. Bit of land in a river
23. They have wide bellies
26. Stars seen at the Colosseum

27. Went to heaven
30. Challenger
31. Most stiff
32. George W. Bush to George H. W. Bush
33. Youngest announcer, at 25, of an NFL game on network TV
34. Certain title holder
35. Pitch relative
37. Regard favorably
38. Difficult to grasp
39. Took by force
41. Home of the Odysseas Elytis Theater
44. Painter's base
45. Mesa ___ National Park, CO
47. Fender marking
48. 1977 Indianapolis 500 winner
51. Grp. with a "Get It Straight" publication for teens