

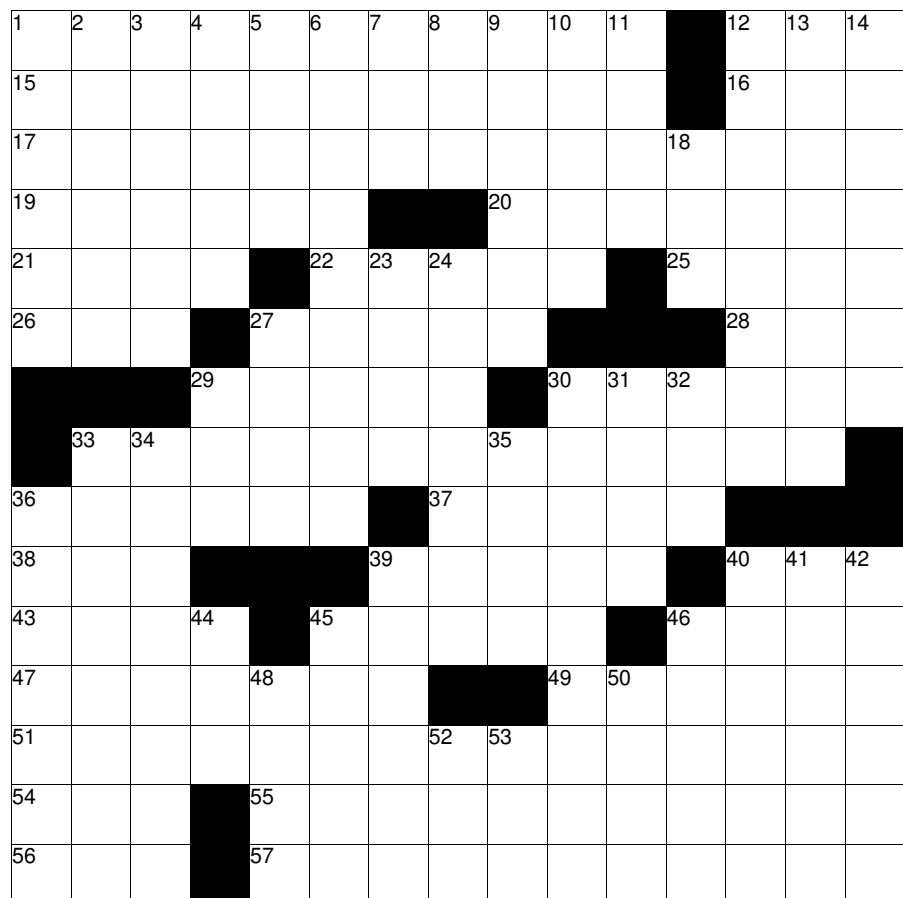
THEMELESS MONDAY #267 Brendan Emmett Quigley (www.brendanemmettquigley.com)

ACROSS

1. First NBA Hall of Famer who went straight from high school to the pros
12. Goalie's protection
15. Extremely competitive
16. Egg head?
17. Split decision?
19. Delusional, as a dictator
20. Quality of strength
21. Dog with a prominent tongue
22. Chatpati bhindi vegetables
25. Aspiring GP's exam
26. Spoiler from Salisbury
27. "This isn't looking good"
28. Big name in security systems
29. Song with up to 176 verses
30. "xkcd" cartoonist Randall
33. Trifle
36. Relating to a nation
37. "Don't Know Why" singer Jones
38. Pecker
39. Gag
40. Cowboys that rush, e.g.: Abbr.
43. Ref. books with almost two million quotations: Abbr.
45. It's a bust
46. "The City That Care Forgot," familiarly
47. Toy's container in a preschool
49. Inner selves
51. U.S. resident's peers
54. "tops pinwheels / to run in the wind with / ____ toy in 3 tiers to spin" (William Carlos Williams)
55. Charity
56. Feed letters
57. Place where it's difficult to make a pass

DOWN

1. Poet who coined the phrase "Every cloud has a silver lining"
2. Flatware named after an Iroquois tribe
3. Start tweeting, e.g.
4. French stage



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5. Manche department capital
6. Of greatest importance
7. Amazement
8. Trash talk
9. Equal (with)
10. "Robert de ____ Waiting..." (1984 Bananarama hit)
11. Raison d' ____ (national interest)
12. French mathematician Henri whose conjecture was one of the great unsolved problems (until it was cracked in 2003)
13. Green salad fruit
14. Small room off a kitchen
18. Mayor pro ____
23. Sea food?
24. Seminal punk band who took their name from a Paul McCartney pseudonym
27. ____ Vista (Santa Barbara community)
29. Love tap
30. Comic with the WTF podcast
31. Sandy spot
32. Play with fans
33. Team nicknamed The Black and Gold
34. Geometric Buddhist designs
35. Dog native to Kansas
36. Buy with someone in mind
39. Recipient of Cyrano's love letters
40. Cheese on pasta
41. Girl's name that's Spanish for "white"
42. Answered tartly
44. One of five in catholicism?: Abbr.
45. ESPN NBA analyst Bruce
46. Less offensive
48. ____ the Bear (Muppets character)
50. Merowe Dam river
52. Stuart who directed "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory"
53. Actress Amurri