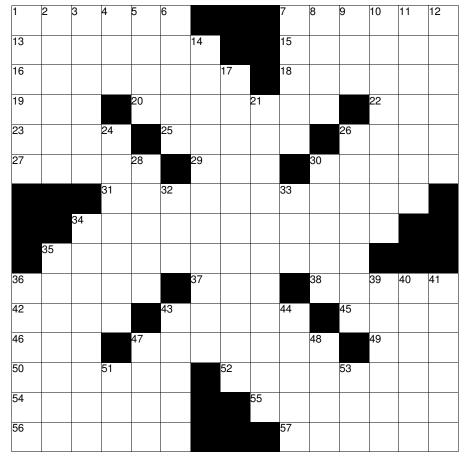
THEMELESS MONDAY #343 Brendan Emmett Quigley (www.brendanemmettquigley.com)

ACROSS

- 1. Big-business types
- 7. Actress Patsy of "Lethal Weapon 2"
- 13. Some professors
- 15. Assert positively
- 16. Breadbaskets
- 18. Sleeping bag part
- Day that the first NFL Power Rankings come out: Abbr.
- 20. "The ___ Eight"
- 22. Grp. headquartered in Ramallah
- 23. Response to "Did you read on [such-and-such site]?"
- 25. ___ Park, NJ
- 26. "The Hunger Games" actress, in tabloids
- 27. Pulsate
- 29. Shot in space
- 30. Trends toward
- 31. Rubber
- 34. Right-thinking
- 35. '80s classic whose chorus begins "You know, I wish that I had"
- 36. Chiromancer's study
- 37. Staff notes
- 38. Is bad, real bad
- 42. 45-Across on the table, maybe
- 43. Tests that may lead to scholarships: Abbr.
- 45. See 42-Across
- 46. Kind of pen
- 47. Vaudeville dance steps
- 49. Bullet, in poker
- 50. Maker of Xeno shoes
- 52. Its official languages are Sinhala and Tamil
- 54. Failure to bring into play
- 55. Finger lever
- 56. Ranked, as for a tournament
- 57. Playful swimmers

DOWN

1. 1984 Record of the Year Grammy winner



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 - 2. Unexpected attack
 - Colorful freshwater sunfish
 - 4. Pizarro looked for it
 - 5. "The Secret of ____'
 - 6. Prepare, as some vegetables
 - 7. "The Remains of the Day" author ____ Ishiguro
 - 8. Downright cruel
 - 9. #14-16
 - 10. Displace
 - Country with the first openly gay head of government
 - 12. Loses on purpose
 - 14. Scatter (among things)
- 17. Century in DC
- 21. Auspicious beginning
- 24. "I'm a mess!"
- 26. "Baby Daddy" star Bilodeau
- 28. Consecrate

- 30. Snowboarder's transports
- 32. Grackle's look-alike
- 33. TV show that has increased interest in forensic science
- 34. Spare tire location
- 35. Oft-courted woman?
- 36. Infidels
- 39. Word in many a political slogan
- 40. Concealed condition
- 41. Asparagus serving
- 43. Prepared for a shoot
- 44. "Dum ___ spero" (South Carolina's motto)
- 47. Shock with a spark
- 48. Small opening
- 51. Total misfire
- 53. Gig getter: Abbr.