

THEMELESS FRIDAY Brad Wilber

ACROSS

1. Bearer of a hundred petals, per its Latin name
12. Kin of -ster
15. Beth March to Winona Ryder's Jo in 1994
16. Suffix for Manhattan or Brooklyn
17. Position of supreme advantage
18. Arthur's foster brother
19. Trigram on older phones
20. 5-Down's "Es gibt ein Reich," e.g.
21. Watered-down potfuls
23. Acct. guarantor, for short
24. Passage
25. 1986 sci-fi sequel with Paul Reiser in a rare "villain" role
28. Backdrop for punitive tariffs
29. Molded ice cream dessert
30. Gene who drummed for Benny Goodman
31. University of Liverpool honorary degree recipient in 2001

32. War game, for short
33. Cut back in the garden
34. Poison ____
35. Galleon cache
36. "East of Eden" surname
37. Anthill social stratum
39. Astronomical Doppler effect
41. Permeates
42. "I'm staying in to wash my hair," perhaps
43. Royal address
44. Lose interest in
45. Effort
46. Mama with a clutch
49. 1997 French Open titlist Majoli
50. Artistic suggestion of endlessly shrinking mirror images
53. Screen thoroughly
54. Perfect attendance reward, maybe
55. "____ midnight's frown and morning's smile..." (Shelley)
56. Animated evangelical

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1. Miracle on Ice jersey letters
2. Brand name in a 1989 "60 Minutes" exposé
3. Off one's rocker
4. Lobster dinner freebie
5. Leontyne Price's only Met role sung in German
6. Super Bowl XLII linebacker Wilkinson
7. Like some of Tolkien's literary influences
8. Tabula ____
9. Hit from U2's "Achtung Baby" album
10. Florida evergreen
11. 1970s poster hunk
12. Ultra-recognizable logo unveiled in 1972
13. Styled like a villa, architecturally
14. Data entry units?
22. Balzac's "____ Double Famille"
23. Responsible Pet Owner Mo.

24. Ventriloquist's need, often
25. Tending to suck up
26. It empties into the Bay of Biscay
27. Radical
28. Word on many coins and banks
30. Crystal Light's parent company
33. Like many Thanksgiving Day menus
36. 1970s film featuring Gregory Peck as an imperiled ambassador
37. Tram housing
38. Threw down
40. Office bldg. division
41. Younger sister in "The Taming of the Shrew"
43. Pinch
45. Nobody in the Middle Ages
46. Ugly alter ego
47. Doha dignitary
48. Garners
51. Not irreg.
52. Pickup feature