

December 2023 - Purebred Puzzle

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ACROSS

1	Taking pills, for short (2 wds.)
7	In the style of, from French (2 wds.)
10	"Much ___ about Nothing"
13	* Maiden name of Marge Simpson or Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis
15	Mogadishu's country in the Horn of Africa
17	"Piece of cake!" (2 wds.)
18	* Laser presentation aid
19	Lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy or pride (pick one)
20	The H in HRM, when the Queen was still alive
22	"Jeopardy!" host Jennings, or Ryan Gosling's role in "Barbie"
23	Aunt from Anjou
25	It comes up before Sun
27	Ctrl-Z on a PC
31	* Resident of Kandahar... or knitted or crocheted blanket/shawl
33	* Scottish archipelago between Orkney and Norway, known for its breed of pony
36	Currency of Spain between 1868 and 2002
37	¿Que ___? (Sp. for "what's happening?")
38	With 26-Down, common Bangkok street food (stir-fried rice noodles and egg)
39	Silent assents
41	Certain cigar words "___ girl!" (2 wds.)
43	Chemist's workshop
46	180-degree turns, slangily
48	Finally! (2 wds.)
52	* Peninsula region in Northwest France between the Bay of Biscay and Normandy
54	* HMS ___, ship notable for its famous passenger Charles Darwin
55	Location to erect a building or a tent
56	NBC's weekly late-night comedy show with a "Weekend Update" segment (abbr.)
58	Descendant heir of a wealthy family
59	Instant replay option ___-mo, for short
62	"___ got your tongue?"
64	Corp. co-founded by Alexander Graham Bell in 1885 and broken up in 1984 (abbr. sans &)
65	* 1941 John Huston film with Humphrey Bogart as Sam Spade: "The ___ Falcon"
69	Tots in slang, similar to carpet crawlers (2 wds.)
72	Gallery event (2 wds.)
73	One assisting in a criminal (var.)... or "There must be ___ way!" (2 wds.)
74	Snoopy's foe, the ___ Baron
75	With 76-Across, what all the answers to the starred clues are, in whole or in part
76	See 75-across

DOWN

1	Wide sash worn with a kimono... or ___-Wan of "Star Wars"
2	Dangerous (2 wds.)
3	Mental ruminations, as in "___ of a Madman" (Adam Levon Brown book)
4	Still... (2 wds.)
5	The D in the formula for circumference: $C = 2\pi D$ (abbr.)
6	Meeting, informally for short
7	Cleopatra's snake
8	Use one's eyes
9	Female friend from France
10	The A in AC/DC (abbr.)
11	Cube with dotted sides, rolled in some games
12	Rowing implement
14	Canadian Club and Crown Royal, for two
16	Invalidate, as a marriage
21	Coarse file for woodworking
23	Beer keg spigot
24	Go to a restaurant instead of cooking at home (2 wds.)
26	Bangkok resident... also see 38-Across
28	Take forty winks
29	Double helix containing a genetic code (abbr.)
30	Not even, like $2N+1$ where N is integer
32	Gymnast Comaneci who, at age 14, won 3 gold medals with 7 perfect 10 scores at the 1976 Montreal Olympics
34	Founded, as seen before a year on some business signs (abbr.)
35	Senses with the tongue
40	Ottawa NHL team, to fans
42	Item by item from the menu (from French) (3 wds.)
43	Units each equal to 16 oz. (abbr.)
44	Phoenix's home, "The Grand Canyon State" (abbr.)
45	The most basic unit of information, just enough to answer a True/False question
47	Align in time, as one's lips to pre-recorded music
49	Stir up
50	Like a serving spoon designed to let liquid seep through
51	X to Romans
53	Quizzes and exams
57	"___ Croft: Tomb Raider"
60	Heavy metal with symbol Pb in the periodic table... or, pronounced differently, go first
61	City where one can see "The Scream" at the Munch Museum
63	Country singer Ernest, who's surname sound like a place for a bath
65	Mo. with famous Ides (abbr.)
66	"___ you serious?"
67	Letters after a corp. name in Canada or UK (abbr.)... or an old Ford car model
68	Brain wave graph (abbr.)
70	Deutschland, in English (abbr.)
71	Fathers of JRs