

Puzzle 244 – Freestyle 209

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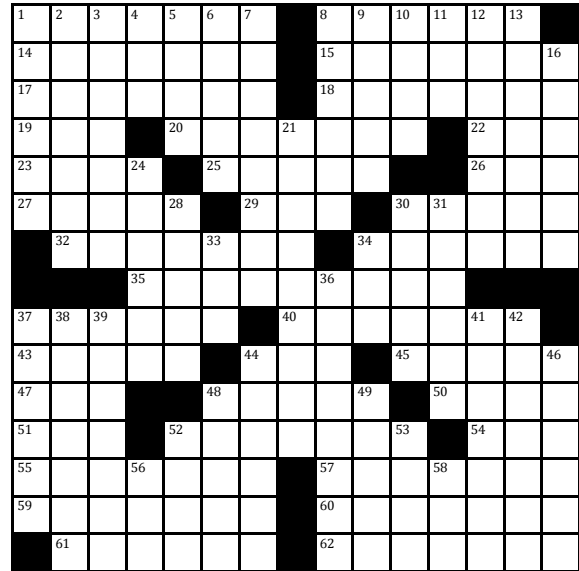
Across

- 1 Dog's "thumb"
 8 Troubling
 14 1981 horror movie sequel subtitled "The Final Conflict" (though it wasn't the final movie in the franchise)
 15 Many paddy farmers rely on it
 17 Literally, "little tubes"
 18 Aquatic exercise tub allowing its user to exercise in place
 19 It's meant to be put together
 20 Fashionable purchase for the fall season
 22 That one, maybe
 23 Biblical kingdom that's lame when arranged a certain way (4)
 25 Trimmed
 26 Folksy adjectival follower of "good"
 27 Sounding finding
 29 Organic chemist's favorite compass dir.?
 30 Two-inch-long source of potential
 32 Pulls
 34 Like many high-class affairs
 35 They make you see things that aren't really around you, for short
 37 Popular entertainment website known for its political satire and personalized e-cards
 40 Modern camera setting that outputs completely unprocessed images
 43 Absolutist's edict
 44 Trap-jaw ____, creature with the fastest-moving predatory body part in the animal kingdom
 45 Use a pump on
 47 Young ____ (London theatre offshoot since 1970)
 48 "Shush!", in Spanish
 50 Hub for the carrier airBaltic
 51 Of that ____ (having the same surname as the name of one's hometown, in Scotland)
 52 Fabric for an Armani
 54 Use well
 55 They're felt for some assistants at Christmastime
 57 Pirouettes, e.g.
 59 Showoffy type at trivia night
 60 Performer whose assistants often restrained him

- 61 Inhaled anesthetic
 62 Baker's vessel that produces a ring-shaped cake

Down

- 1 Garnished, say
 2 One composing on a keyboard, often
 3 Didn't keep composed
 4 It can be seen in many American airport terminals
 5 A timid one is rescued from a cage in the hit musical "Wicked"
 6 Roger who was a Trump campaign advisor
 7 "Mario Kart" accessory
 8 Strained remark
 9 Straight man Dan of '60s-'70s TV comedy
 10 Like some caps
 11 Point on the political spectrum
 12 Rule that's often established to prevent tracking
 13 Uppers, in slang
 16 i.e.
 21 "Cripes!"
 24 Pauly Shore and Carson Daly, once
 28 Group of three Greek goddesses whose name looks like a weird plural for a Jewish dance
 30 Fancy Italian name for the foamy head on a Starbucks drink
 31 Tonight, in Toulouse
 33 It was established by a 1954 43-Across
 34 Payless ShoeSource competitor
 36 Did nothing
 37 Courts for young delinquents, in slang
 38 What ALF said after "Ha!" following a comment he made that he thought was hilarious, on his titular hit TV show
 39 Body issue that some call "bra bulge"



- 41 Rhyming e-cigarette extension that facilitates pouring the flavor liquid into the cartridge
 42 Much-studied protozoan with a red eyespot
 44 Response of sudden clarity
 46 Adds, as to a pool
 48 Merge dangerously
 49 "C'mon... check or bet"
 52 Leave no room in for anything else
 53 Nourishment, in slang
 56 Abbr. in some British sovereign wedding announcements
 58 Drink that's not an acceptable word in North American Scrabble