

Puzzle 270 – Freestyle 235

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Across

- 1 Floors with hooks, perhaps, briefly
 4 Clown around, in Britspeak
 13 Inspector of canals, for short
 14 British equivalent of "plumber's crack" (you'll sense a mini-theme with these couple Britishisms)
 17 Season for crosswords?
 18 Device with balls dropping and bouncing left and right off pegs into compartments
 19 Representation of religious grief
 21 Title of a French self-portrait?
 22 Offloads
 23 Good mark
 24 Doesn't catch what one should, e.g.
 26 What a spy may look through
 27 Sch. whose fans make a "pickaxe" hand gesture during games
 28 Look upon with great regard
 30 Drop-off point: Abbr.
 31 Common complaint from a gardener
 33 "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" is set in it
 35 "Sure, you convinced me"
 36 Subject of a 2006 BBC docudrama subtitled "War With The World"
 40 "Gliding ____ All" (Walt Whitman poem)
 41 Anti-racket rule
 42 Persian ____ (1920-21 geog. area)
 45 Given in a will
 47 Be looked upon with great regard
 48 Use friction on, maybe
 50 Made for schoolchildren
 51 Racer in a popular Pakistani sport
 52 "You don't have to explain any further"
 54 Places where snap decisions must often be made, briefly
 55 In any situation
 56 "Here's the world's smallest violin playing just for you"
 59 Response to "Does this make me look fat?", often
 60 Dilapidated property that's been long abandoned and uncared-for
 61 Subject of the 1993 movie "Fire in the Sky"

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- 62 Something for students to expound on?
 63 Condoleezza recommended him to Donald Trump in November 2016
- ## Down
- 1 Not be idle
 2 A bit taller, in a way
 3 Constituents of a 1970s "Curtain"
 4 Big name in the Fatah-Hamas conflict
 5 Betty's costar of '80s-'90s TV
 6 Two troublemaking creatures in "Lady and the Tramp"
 7 One side of the Rio Grande, to some
 8 Look upon with great regard
 9 Betty's costar of '80s-'90s TV
 10 Legendary menaces
 11 Volunteers at the theater, in a way, jocularly
 12 Low-risk investment options
 15 Not bright at all
 16 Hostess who was U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg under Truman
 20 Deep South city named after a tree

- 25 2017 PGA Tour major championship winner before Brooks
 28 Permission to pass
 29 They're open to accept food
 32 It's even when things are calm
 34 Gibe
 36 Lots of people are talking about it
 37 Andean source of insulation
 38 Golden years
 39 Slatted compartment that controls the volume of a church organ
 41 Inverse of an integer exponent
 42 Neutral party, famously: Abbr.
 43 Plump, boneless Al Capp comics character
 44 Find a new adopter for, as a pet
 46 Succulent, as fruit
 49 "Mister" in "AFI's 100 Years...100 Movie Quotes"
 51 Word from the Latin for "little chief"
 53 Méjico o España, por ejemplo
 57 Org. that may be looking for E
 58 Smart follower?