

Puzzle 253 – Freestyle 218

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Across

- 1 Common sight on the Allegheny River
 10 Prefix meaning "surrounding"
 14 Question asked during informal personal introductions
 15 Question asked to a squinter
 16 Follow-up question at a restaurant
 17 Disney "Mrs." voiced by Angela Lansbury
 18 Nanny's plaint
 19 UL output: Abbr.
 20 Country in which most of the Darién Gap lies
 21 Marine organism studied by a phycologist
 23 Like many scenes in fussy directors' movies
 25 Company that manufactured Agent Orange
 26 Critical component

- 27 100 on a test, say
 28 Word from the Sanskrit for "king"
 29 Home to Robben Island: Abbr.
 31 Cause of severe spinal pain
 33 Failing that
 36 Indicator of an option
 37 Provider of entertainment at wedding receptions
 41 Advice after a bad fall, perhaps
 42 Handful at a grocery store, say
 43 Culinary verb that becomes another culinary verb if you change its first letter to the letter two after it in the alphabet
 45 Lines of inventory, for short
 49 Prefix with nut
 50 Home to the communes of Punaauia, Paea, and Fa'a'a
 51 ____ position
 52 Burns while meditating, perhaps
 54 One famously sits in the middle of Paris' Place Charles de Gaulle
 56 Mouth's locale, maybe
 57 Preceders of K's
 58 1975 Tom T. Hall country hit in praise of his alcoholic beverage of choice
 60 They're filled with inspiration

- 61 Condition that may be counteracted by androgen replacement therapy, informally
 62 First name of the "Matriarch of R&B"
 63 Color similar to firebrick and ruby

Down

- 1 Reptile after whom an Atlantic island group was named
 2 Tempting to buy, maybe
 3 Circular section
 4 Traditional ingredient in pretzel-making
 5 Thumps
 6 Land where the krone was once spent
 7 Like some bars and refrigerators
 8 Made before deductions
 9 "That scared the hell out of me!"
 10 About 22% of the Earth's life
 11 Info used to organize an iTunes music library, e.g.
 12 Cutesy custom texting facial images that bear resemblance to the texter
 13 "Six of one, half a dozen of the other"
 15 Back-and-forth
 20 Popular targets of cynicism, or, when the third letter is doubled, what they often focus on

- 22 Coordinated and then some
 24 Enthusiastic response in a dojo
 28 Get in a lather
 30 Team that BOS defeated in the '04 World Series to "reverse the curse"
 32 The Rams of the Mountain West Conf.
 33 Dummy
 34 Oust
 35 Cable hoops show since 1989
 38 Parts of 10-Downs
 39 "That was dumb!"
 40 Game whose players are called "pelotaris"
 41 Apply, in a way
 44 Variety of cheese?
 46 Faker
 47 Interviewee in the 2007 documentary "The Secret Life of Brian"
 48 Like some scallops
 50 Katharine's "Woman of the Year" role
 53 "The Grapes of Wrath" is one
 55 ____ filter (feature of many vacuum cleaners)
 58 12-Downs, e.g., briefly
 59 Occasion to do le foxtrot

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