

"Distinguishing Features" a metapuzzle by Peter Washington

ACROSS

1. Statutory division
8. Make a mocking, audible hand gesture towards
14. Hoity-toity
15. Site of the campaign headquarters for 2020 Democratic presidential hopeful Steve Bullock (it's also where he has to be for his current job ...)
16. It's separated from the Welsh mainland by the Menai Strait
17. Certain social media posts, for short
18. Union contract (abbr.)
19. He beat Appleby, Elkington and Levet in a playoff to win his first Open Championship
20. One party to 1993's Oslo Accords
21. Big grazer
22. Grant a developer's petition, maybe
24. Crucifixion site
26. Artist whose studio albums have all been named for her age during production
27. Briefing room display, often
28. "___ thou art sick." (William Blake opening line)
30. Had aspirations
33. Totally lost
34. Many of the PCs sold in Japan
37. Leering types
38. Defeat
39. Nickname of the NBA's Shaun Livingston
40. Marilyn's "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" role
42. Seethed
44. What shouldn't be spared, per an antiquated parental advice proverb
45. An urban legend claims the Louvre Pyramid has 666 of them
49. Fourth track on "Moondance"
51. Iconic "The Usual Suspects" scene
52. Shape in which to hold one's cards
53. See 55-across
54. Prepared to play poker, probably
55. With 53-across, common football score
56. Implantation site
58. Spongy bread

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The answer to the metapuzzle is an entry in the grid.

34. Provider of many research grants (abbr.)
35. Academician, often
36. She was perfect - seven times, in fact - in Montreal
41. "There Goes the Neighborhood," for Rodney Dangerfield
43. "The Blue ___"
46. Bill Kristol or Dick Cheney, for example
47. Kennedy who founded the Special Olympics
48. Gimmicky command to a dog
50. Accessory for many women's tennis players
51. 2002 mariticide victim Peterson, and others
52. Slush ___
54. Area west of Little Italy
57. Title for Billy Graham (abbr.)
58. Walk-and-Turn or Finger-to-Nose, e.g.
59. ___ de coeur

60. Negative effect of a bogus medication
61. The Navajo Nation has banned climbers from it since 1966
62. Something 19-across might use around a dozen times in a round
63. "Waitin' for the Sun ___" (Ricky Skaggs album)

DOWN

1. Tanning booth fixture
2. Eye-roll, literally
3. ___ Paese cheese
4. Molting bird, frequently
5. Restless traveler's preferred seat
6. Some European deer
7. Football:touchdown::rugby:___
8. "Calm down!"
9. Chinese laptop maker
10. What the Ice Bucket Challenge was meant to raise awareness of
11. Charlie Hustle
12. Assays
13. Checklist item
14. Bones connected to coccyges
20. Glossed (over)
23. Geezer
24. "Full House" star Candace
25. Best mount for an endurance riding event, usually

27. Type of election held every four years in many cities
29. Fuel up, in a way
31. Animal known for wriggling, even after death
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