

"Unpack Your Adjectives"

a metapuzzle by Peter Washington

ACROSS

1. One with a bearish outlook on humanity
6. Kitchen buzzer
9. USDA credit arm
12. Donald's presumed 2020 rival
15. "Hasta ____"
16. Less short and squat
18. Doggy bag item
19. Prepare for, as disaster
21. "Duck Hunt" console
22. Preparation for fois gras
23. Avatar on some 21-across descendants
24. What you might read before calling customer service
25. Encrusted in winter
26. Tennessee battle locale
29. "Venus of Urbino," for one
31. "____ It Goes"
34. Kenyan lifestyle blogger whose name anagrams to WINE MANIAC
39. ____ Seal (San Francisco Giants mascot)
40. File type whose pronunciation is hotly debated
43. ____ fighter (X-wing foe)
44. "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," for example
45. Vengeful captain
47. The General Mills logo, essentially
49. Gregory's "Roman Holiday" co-star
50. Mid-series managerial adjustments, maybe
53. Hose bib
55. Ana of "Ugly Betty"
56. Wolfish look
59. Absolut alternative in a plastic bottle
60. Year in the reign of Edward the Confessor
61. "Mad ____"
63. Thumbs-down
64. Mother of the First Daughter
67. Item of concern
69. Cries of disgust
70. Steamy
73. Father of Perseus
76. Flow's counterpart
78. ____ Marie Saint
79. Decays

83. Brainpower measures
84. Traffic song covered by Joe Cocker
87. Tolkien's Prancing Pony or Green Dragon
88. Hunker down
89. "Look out! I got cat-like ____ and reflexes!" ("Tommy Boy," 1995)
90. Gal in the fam
91. Tuesday namesake
92. Mimic
93. Originates (from)

DOWN

1. Short video
2. "Final Fantasy X-2" protagonist
3. Prepare for parenthood
4. "If you say so ..."
5. "____ blimey!"
6. Delicate
7. Roman army unit
8. Thumbs-up
9. Bankroll
10. Prefix meaning "one and a half," which I've only seen in the wild attached to "centennial"
11. Doubly fictional character Vandelay
12. Songstress Mitchell
13. Utah city
14. Crafter's marketplace
17. "What's the ____?"
20. Onetime major record label
25. More than just a repair
27. Bogart
28. Target of the Matthew Shepard Act
30. Clean up, as code
31. Inspired by
32. Kabuki cousin
33. Pop star who released "Break My Heart" in March 2020, which was pretty good timing for a hit single whose most prominent lyrics are about "stay[ing] at home"
35. ____ owl
36. Gets sicker
37. Word in many Austronesian languages meaning "water" - or, if you add an L to the beginning, something containing water

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The answer to the metapuzzle is formed from two grid entries.

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| 38. Wrigley field wall covering | 60. Maternal figure in many a children's book |
| 41. "Yeah, sure ..." | 62. It's at the top of some faces |
| 42. Disease the Anti-Mask League of San Francisco was not sufficiently afraid of in 1918 | 65. "Birdy and the Beast" protagonist |
| 46. Thousands | 66. Deal unsuccessfully contested by 64-across |
| 48. Island where most Samoans live | 68. Handwriting |
| 49. Juan Bautista de ____ (founding father of Spanish California later made governor of New Mexico) | 71. Egg-shaped |
| 51. Stellar phenomena (mis)named by Tycho Brahe | 72. Former chess world champion nicknamed "the magician from Riga" |
| 52. Crest competitor | 73. Moves quickly |
| 53. Major spring break destination in Texas, initially? | 74. Prefix with lateral or distant |
| 54. A story's might be 1st-person or 3rd-person (abbr.) | 75. Desktop inputs |
| 57. La mer makeup | 77. 72-day circumnavigator |
| 58. What Jerry Seinfeld robbed from an old lady | 80. Architectural S-curve |
| | 81. "Gloria" band |
| | 82. Subjects of some embarrassing doctor visits |
| | 84. Reciting the alphabet backwards or walking a straight line, e.g. |
| | 85. Pliny the Elder, e.g. |
| | 86. ____ feed (outdated blog-following option) |