

**Title:** Cataract Surgery

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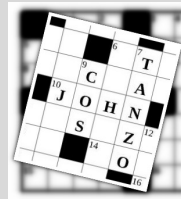
**Theme:**

This puzzle concerns itself with the notion of “waterfall”, a synonym for which is [cataract](#)↔. You’ll find the names of local waterfalls throughout the puzzle depicted as waterfalls usually appear (about as well as can be depicted in a crossword grid!): precisely carved up and then sutured into other answers.

### 📄 A note from the puzzle constructor

Below, you’ll find a solution to the crossword puzzle. I’ll call out the themed answers and also try to shed some light on some of the more perplexing clues.

Thanks.



## Themed Answers

The themed answers are shaded in grey and name local waterfalls. Their names start in the middle of other answers and “spill” down the page. That’s what waterfalls do: start out horizontal and then drop to vertical. I’ll list the clue numbers nearest to their start.

- 27 [MOORE COVE](#)↔
- 36 [RAINBOW](#)↔
- 43 [TRIPLE](#)↔
- 71 [HOOKER](#)↔
- 85 [LINVILLE](#)↔
- 98 [CATAWBA](#)↔

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## Other Tricky Answers

### Across

- 1 HS class with a mean teacher?** This is just an average pun involving an Advanced Placement course: AP STATS.
- 23 Start of an intentional walk** Even though MLB doesn’t require this any more, it helps to have some baseball knowledge for this answer: BALL ONE.

**48 At 6,684 ft., Mt. Mitchell is its highest point** Some people use NCAR as our state's abbreviation.

**53 Break up, as concrete** [SPALL↔](#).

**84 Goose of the Baseball Hall of Fame** [GOSLIN↔](#) was elected into the Hall of Fame in 1968.

**100 Meadowsweet** A type of [SPIREA↔](#).

**104 Marbled savory snack from China** This snack is known either as a marble egg or a [TEA EGG↔](#).

## Down

**1 Exploit price differences for profit on Wall St.** This practice is known as [arbitrage↔](#) or ARB for short.

**3 Cardinal letters** That's the *St. Louis* Cardinals or STL.

**61 Collision-repair franchise** The closest [MAACO↔](#) store to us is in Greer, SC.

**118 Alice's chronicler** ARLO Guthrie penned the famous song about [Alice's Restaurant Massacree↔](#).

## Credit

I would like to thank [120 Across](#) [103 Down](#) for her keen interest in [132 Across](#) . . . and for suggesting the theme of this puzzle!

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