



CREATIVE STRUGGLE

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ACROSS

- 1 Investment options
- 6 Thing shown off in a muscle shirt
- 9 Flimsily made
- 14 Nigeria's capital
- 15 Cost of doing business
- 16 First thing everybody's going to do once we've achieved herd immunity
- 17 Internet tough guy, perjoratively
- 20 Sylvan ____ (electronic pop act)
- 21 Cashmere and angora
- 22 Bonus track on an expanded album reissue, perhaps
- 23 Cuzco 57-Down
- 25 Additional playing periods: Abbr.
- 27 "Last Comic Standing" episodes, e.g.
- 34 Clean up in the tub
- 35 Storting's nat.
- 36 Cancel out
- 38 "The first mistake of ____ is to assume that it's serious" (Lester Bangs)
- 39 At the next available moment
- 42 The Cavaliers of the NCAA
- 43 Element with a silvery-blue appearance
- 45 Wrist action

- 46 Object
- 47 Commercials intended to take out opponents
- 50 MMA decision
- 51 Cabinetmaker's medium
- 53 With 68-Across, observation of the language used by 17-, 27-, and 47-Across
- 60 Mash note verse
- 61 Strictly verboten
- 62 Inarticulate grunt made after a foolish comment
- 64 M portrayer between Robert and Ralph
- 65 Big name in brushes
- 66 "Sounds fun!"
- 67 Record label with a snapping fingers logo
- 68 See 53-Across
- 69 Lines at the casino

DOWN

- 1 Hit the bong
- 2 Titles bestowed by the Queen: Abbr.
- 3 Van ____, CA
- 4 Room with decks
- 5 ____ Tomé and Príncipe
- 6 Haircut fluffed out with a comb
- 7 Mulligan
- 8 Pet kitten whimper
- 9 Lifeguard's qualification, for short

- 10 Two threes, in craps
- 11 The lake in "Mistake By the Lake"
- 12 It gets smashed in a lab
- 13 One with a lighter touch?
- 18 No longer with the company, for short?
- 19 Starting from
- 24 Driving lanes: Abbr.
- 26 Schmuck
- 27 Columnist ____ Weiss
- 28 Directive on an env.
- 29 First name on a bomber

- 30 "America's Drive-In"
- 31 Entrepreneur David who started a vacuum company
- 32 Metal fastener
- 33 Hold onto
- 34 Director Luhrmann
- 37 Sweet potato
- 40 Frequently, in verse
- 41 Jimmy Cliff's genre
- 44 Betty Crocker product
- 46 "What? Are you deaf? Forget it!"
- 48 "Top Chef" judge Colicchio
- 49 Half of an umlaut

- 50 Defender's courtroom opponent
- 52 Hit below the belt, say
- 53 Hype up
- 54 Pack in the overhead bin
- 55 Old West card game
- 56 Letter-shaped construction piece
- 57 Doubloon makeup
- 58 Quoits pegs
- 59 Sheepskin holder
- 60 They're worn while going undercover
- 63 Scoreboard nos.

