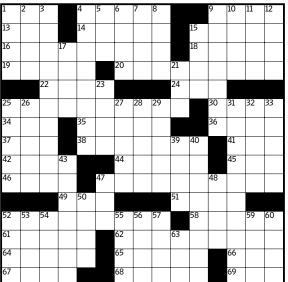
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PLAY GROUNDS | By Marie Kelly

The answer to this week's contest crossword is a kind of competition.

Across

- 1 Olive family tree
- 4 Balance units
- 9 Thick cut
- 13 Emulating
- 14 Canon
- competitor 15 Not quite right, perhaps
- 16 *Didn't stoop to
- 18 List lead-in
- Week"
- 20 *Adolescent growth
- 19 "Washington broadcaster

- 22 Been recumbent
- 24 Bunny boss, familiarly
- 25 *Bright-colored dishes
- 30 Gone from the
- hase 34 Landon who lost
- in a landslide
- 35 "Witness" group
- 36 Unexciting
- 37 Drink made with cassis
- 38 *Evening shows
- 41 Constant critic
- 42 Seller of Sandbacken
- sofas
- 44 Raison

- 45 Crime lab specimen
- 46 Roger of "Cheers"
- 47 *American rabbit
- 49 Herring home
- 51 Tarbell and Wells
- 52 *Cereal promoted by a
 - cowboy prairie dog in the early 1960s
- 58 Orange ghost in Pac-Man games
- 61 Breath (smallest amount of wind) 62 *Many an Aussie
- cattle rancher 64 Cereal servings
- 65 Petitions

- 67 Petitions
- 68 Golfer Viiav
- disclaimer

Down

- 2 Problematic roomie
- 3 Simple
- 4 Dianified
- 6 Rent-

- 9 Pooh-pooh
- 11 Full range
- 12 Auto pioneer Karl
- 15 Post-scrimmage woe
- **17 HHH**
- 21 Compadre of Fidel
- 23 First killer whale trained to perform
- 25 Religious mendicant
- 26 Start of a 1950s
- campaign slogan 27 Jazz saxophonist
- Garv 28 Useful skill

- 66 Giant Manning
- 69 Bracketed

- 1 Advocacy group for seniors

- solemnity
- 5 Vault part
- (security worker) 7 "Outta my way!"
- 8 Stadium
 - demolished in 2008-09
 - 43 Lashes into 47 Mushroom
- 10 Humdinger
 - feature 48 Greasy mineral
 - 50 Makes mistakes

29 Butler on a

31 Comic who

House

Dinner

for one

33 Sanctioned

Picard

39 Counselor to

40 Many bills advise

vou not to do it

plantation

headlined the

Correspondents'

bin Said Al Said.

2009 White

32 Sultan Oaboos

- 52 Nipponese
- noodles
- 53 Eerie hoverers
- 54 Stare stupidly
- 55 Klutz's comment 56 Dog with a
- corded coat 57 Submachine gun
- of WWII 59 Supermarket section
- 60 Brother of Ivanka and Donald Jr.
- 63 Hefty item

Previous Puzzle's Solution

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