Level Up #09

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4 *-entries are 'level up'-related idioms

ACROSS

- 1 "Little Women" author
- 7 Diver Louganis or actor Kinnear
- 11 Comfort from mom, briefly
- **14** "O, that this___ solid flesh would melt" (Hemlet); overly
- 15 Folk knowledge
- 16 Thermal prefix meaning "world"
- 17 *Advance successfully into a new area
- 19 Hilton Garden or Stratford, e.g.
- 20 What the nose knows
- 21 It's my least favorite
- 23 Be in charge
- 25 Lowlife
- 26 *Run the entire race
- 32 Degree awarding inst. in Ashland
- 34 Acted as an usher (2 words)
- 35 Atlanta university
- 36 Not of the clergy
- 38 Huge celebration (2 words)
- 40 Estrella, in English
- 41 Ayn Rand's "___ Shrugged"
- 43 "Bull" word form (Lat.)
- **45** Word on a dollar or penny
- 46 *Traits considered necessary to excel; Tom Wolfe book about astronauts
- **49** Gentry's "___ to Billie Joe" or Neruda's "___ to Wine"
- 50 "Wizard of Oz" pooch
- 51 Recuperate; improve
- **56** Actor Jimmy of "The West Wing" and "NYPD Blue"
- **60** "Much ___ About Nothing" (Shak. comedy)
- **61** *Win a competition -- originally, an army battle; tote 24 hours?
- 63 ___ and tonic
- 64 Lively (abbr.) on scores; like a toon
- 65 Bygone Seattle team; certain drive-ins
- 66 Mess metaphor
- 67 Song for a sitar
- 68 Affirm as true

DOWN

- 1 Cash dispensers
- 2 Rich soil
- 3 Rum mixer

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- 4 Desdemona's love, in opera
- 5 Rest stop facilities
- 6 Huge amount
- 7 Latch (onto), slangily
- 8 Horse color
- 9 Hosp. triage specialists
- **10** Develop in the womb
- 11 "The weekend at last!" (abbr.)
- 12 "Chocolat" actress or singer Horne
- 13 It's south of Mass.
- 18 Accompany in a car
- 22 President ___; peak in the Cascades
- 24 Melville captain
- **26** Deviousness
- 27 Try to unearth
- 28 Manufacturing; Utah's motto
- 29 "___ This Earth": sci-fi film ("Mr. Johnson" is from the planet Davanna)
- 30 Ocean Spray drink starter
- 31 Literary governess's surname

- 32 Fence piece or blind strip
- 33 Swearing-in custom
- 37 Chocolate substitute
- **39** "___ take Arms against a Sea of troubles" (Hamlet)
- 42 Brandy cocktail or Harley hookup
- 44 Bested at basketball
- 47 Ace the exam, say
- 48 Instigate, provoke
- 51 Jokes
- 52 Move text around
- 53 2014 award to OSF for "All the Way"
- 54 H.S. math class
- 55 Humor writer Bombeck
- **57** "This'll be the day that ___" (final words in "American Pie")
- **58** Tic ___ (mints)
- 59 The "S" in GPS or OS
- 62 Screeners at MFR