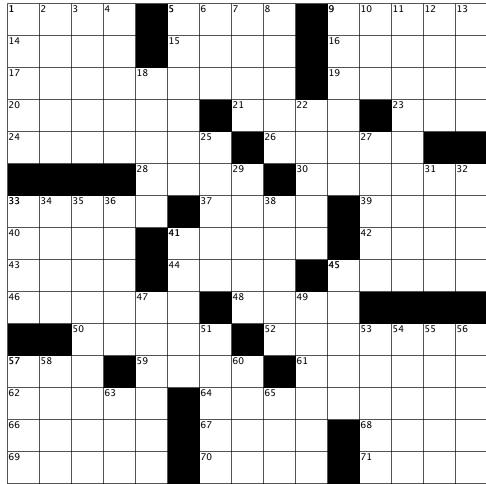
Self-Centered

ACROSS

- 1. Don't get an F
- 5. Mertz or Flintstone (fictionally), Astaire or Armisen (really)
- 9. Close attention
- 14. First-rate
- 15. Ear part
- 16. Olfactory emanation
- 17. Jewish Joel Chandler Harris character?*
- 19. Zest source
- **20.** Theatrical settings
- **21.** Caledonian
- 23. _ out a living
- 24. Make a choice at the sushi bar?*
- **26.** Fix textually
- 28. Dermatological issue
- 30. " for real?"
- 33. Retrieve
- 37. "Yay me!" to me
- **39.** Sound of a very slowly deflating tire, or a very angry snake
- 40. Female French friend
- **41.** Answer to this puzzle's repeated questions, and hint to its starred entries
- **42.** Times Sq. booth selling admission to Broadway shows at a discount (in happier days)
- 43. Pickle flavoring
- 44. "Yay me!" to Caesar
- 45. Willow twig
- **46.** Sailor's patron
- 48. Jazz singer James or Jones
- **50.** Entry providers
- **52.** Tax enforcer's German car?*
- **57.** Hairy beast
- **59.** Bluish ink-cartridge color
- 61. Spa offering
- 62. Dismal
- 64. Perfume labels?*

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- 66. Pigeon hangout, often
- **67.** Letter-ending abbr.
- **68.** Nota
- **69.** Made less difficult
- **71.** Has been activated

DOWN

- 1. "Blue Ribbon" beer brand
- 2. Main artery
- 3. Behave slvlv
- 4. Suit material
- 5. Ostentatious
- **6.** Plunder
- 7. Wanes
- 8. Remove frost from
- **9.** Fail to remain steadfast
- **10.** Miner's material
- **11.** Wintertime mountainside resort entertainment?*

- 12. "Well, if you say so"
- 13. Not crazv
- 18. Arrive at
- 22. Certain sultan's subject
- **70.** Experiences visually **25.** Question about this puzzle's starred entries
 - 27. Makes a home in the trees
 - 29. How many times the same question (about those starred entries) is asked in this puzzle
 - **31.** Bone: prefix
 - 32. Bygone nat.
 - 33. Objects of temporary popularity
 - **34.** Give off
 - 35. Mosaic masterpieces?*

- **36.** String quartet auarter
- 38. Ouestion about this puzzle's starred entries
- **41.** Off-white color
- 45. Desert hallucination image
- 47. Made fun of
- 49. Ogre cousins
- 51. Preserves
- **53.** Defense lawyer's narrative
- **54.** Yens
- 55. "Beats me!"
- 56. "Peer Gynt" playwright
- **57.** Competent
- 58. "Not quilty," for one
- **60.** Thrice three
- **63.** Get older
- 65. King beater