

Self-Centered

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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 | 12. "Well, if you say so" | 36. String quartet quarter |
| 67. Letter-ending abbr. | 13. Not crazy | 38. Question about this puzzle's starred entries |
| 68. Nota ___ | 18. Arrive at | 41. Off-white color |
| 69. Made less difficult | 22. Certain sultan's subject | 45. Desert hallucination image |
| 70. Experiences visually | 25. Question about this puzzle's starred entries | 47. Made fun of |
| 71. Has been activated | 27. Makes a home in the trees | 49. Ogre cousins |
| DOWN | 29. How many times the same question (about those starred entries) is asked in this puzzle | 51. Preserves |
| 1. "Blue Ribbon" beer brand | 31. Bone: prefix | 53. Defense lawyer's narrative |
| 2. Main artery | 32. Bygone nat. | 54. Yens |
| 3. Behave slyly | 33. Objects of temporary popularity | 55. "Beats me!" |
| 4. Suit material | 34. Give off | 56. "Peer Gynt" playwright |
| 5. Ostentatious | 35. Mosaic masterpieces?* | 57. Competent |
| 6. Plunder | | 58. "Not guilty," for one |
| 7. Wanes | | 60. Thrice three |
| 8. Remove frost from | | 63. Get older |
| 9. Fail to remain steadfast | | 65. King beater |
| 10. Miner's material | | |
| 11. Wintertime mountainside resort entertainment?* | | |