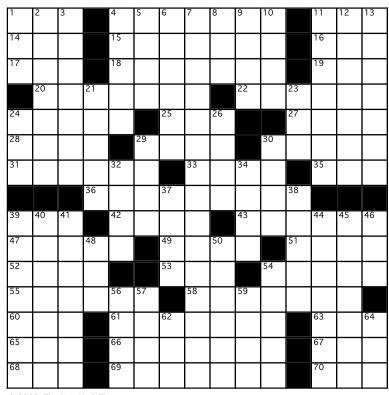
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ACROSS

- 1 Your role in this puzzle [the asterisked clues will help you crack the case]
- 4 *Suspected means of entry
- 11 No Miss America
- 14 Org. in Langley, Va.
- 15 Finders' fees
- 16 Chemical suffix
- 17 Done with a wink
- 18 Period in human development
- 19 Regular guy
- 20 American Beauty growth
- 22 Not real
- 24 Storage facilities
- 25 Big: Abbr.
- 27 Cause for an aspirin
- 28 New York cardinal
- 29 Major oil port
- 30 "Wild" one
- 31 Italian town with Giotto frescoes
- 33 Meat seasoning
- 35 Namesake makers: Abbr.
- 36 *When the break-in occurred
- 39 Copycat
- 42 This, in España
- 43 Stop for the night
- 47 Asian assassin
- 49 Garden with a snake
- 51 NASA's ____ Research Center
- 52 Garr of "Young Frankenstein"
- 53 Bag thickness
- 54 Port in western France
- 55 Nukes
- 58 Roofers, often
- 60 Lo-___
- 61 Site of an unwanted duty
- 63 Three on a clock
- 65 Suffering
- 66 Adjusts
- 67 Elevator ____
- 68 Person who does a lot of cleaning: Abbr.
- 69 *What the intruder accidentally left behind
- 70 What you may say when you crack the case



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DOWN

- 1 Syringe amt.
- 2 Offshore workplaces
- 3 Commercial bribes
- 4 "Hurray!" and "Oh, no!"
- 5 33-Across, e.g.
- 6 "If asked, yes"
- 7 *Eyewitness's description of the intruder
- 8 1930's program, for short
- 9 Ragged part
- 10 Belgian river
- 11 Takes by force
- 12 Bar order
- 13 Old dogs
- 21 Kind of boom
- 23 ___ Paulo
- 24 Marine
- 26 Little biter
- 29 What a snob might put on

- 30 Shepherd who wrote "The Ferrari in the Bedroom"
- 32 Flushing site
- 34 Feds
- 37 Some thing
- 38 Startle
- 39 It may settle things
- 40 Spotted, as a horse
- 41 Matriculates
- 44 Its third verse begins "Let music swell the breeze"
- 45 Handel work
- 46 L.A. setting
- 48 "Treasure Island" boy
- 50 "Seinfeld" pal
- 54 "God ____"
- 56 Convention group
- 57 Indian garb
- 59 Like some verbs: Abbr.
- 62 Bolivian export
- 64 Kind of contribution