Crossword

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- 1 Gangster's blade
- **5** Datebook entry: Abbr.
- 9 Brief news report
- 14 Prefix with -batic
- 15 Detective's discovery
- 16 Explode
- 17 Flying irritant
- 18 Runners
- 20 Pleasingly drawn
- 22 E.R. personnel
- 23 Tuscan home of St. Catherine
- 24 Last herb in a Simon & Garfunkel title
- 26 Clay, after 1964
- 29 Wildebeest
- 31 Cinderella's accompaniers to the ball
- 33 Caveat emptor phrase

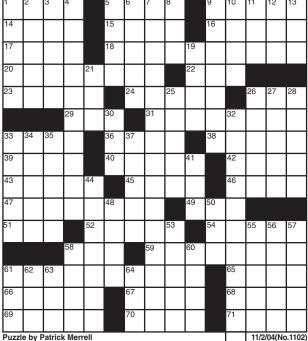
- 36 Loll in a tub
- 38 Skewered food
- 39 Place for a bagel and a schmear
- 40 Binge
- 42 State bird of Hawaii
- 43 Area at a river's mouth
- 45 Having time on one's hands
- 46 Alum
- 47 Zoo baby
- 49 Islands welcome
- 51 Plastic Band
- 52 Half of a 1960's pop quartet
- 54 Cattle breed
- 58 Bobby of hockey
- 59 Desperate final effort
- 61 Where elections are decided
- 65 Marc Antony's love, for short
- 66 Chemist Pasteur

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- 67 Finished second
- 68 Château
- -Brion wine 69 Fathered
- 70 LAX listings: Abbr.
- 71 Wriggly biters

DOWN

- 1 Short stories they're not
- 2 Rousseau or Matisse
- 3 Furious
- 4 Booth, e.g.
- 5 Bank statement no.
- 6 Braid of hair
- 7 Obsolescent election item
- 8 A Kennedy
- 9 Rustic ... and proud of it
- 10 Notable times 11 Scene-ending
- cry 12 Gibbon or
- orangutan
- 13 Scoreboard nos.
- 19 " la Douce"
- 21 Gabriel
- 25 Rube
- 26 Yellow shade
- 27 Hotelier Helmslev
- 28 Under the covers
- 30 Beginning of many ship names
- 32 Potential problem with 7-Down
- 33 Enlarge, as one's lead



- 34 Greet, as a new year
- 35 Volunteer's statement
- 37 Kind of den
- 41 Long fish
- 44 It's often shared in theaters
- 48 Complain
- 50 Have a bite

- 53 Mexican restaurant bowlful
- 55 Inaugural balls
- 56 Deplete
- 57 Dalmatian features
- 58 Perennial battleground state
- 60 Retired Atl. fliers
- 61 Priestly garb
- 62 Bath water tester
- 63 Harbor craft
- **64** Grand ____ Opry

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