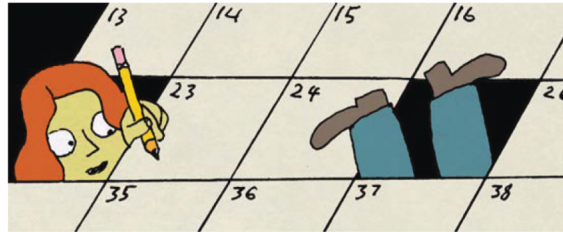


"The Lady Cross, or Not?"

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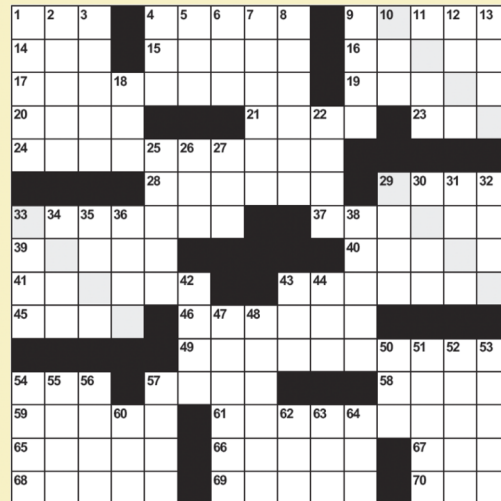
This crossword puzzle offers a decidedly local theme. As you sample *Fancy restaurant offerings* (41-Across) and consider *A poacher*



getting eaten by a lion (15-Across), we hope you'll exclaim, "Ah, that makes sense" (12-Down) while you *Smile in a big way* (36-Down).

ACROSS

- 1 In vogue
- 4 Streetside sights during move-out week
- 9 "Let's make like a banana and ____" (bad breakup line)
- 14 Greek wedding expression
- 15 A poacher getting eaten by a lion, e.g.
- 16 Woke up
- 17 Book of plants compiled by 59-Across when she wasn't writing
- 19 *Squid Game* setting
- 20 Major in astronomy?
- 21 Figure (out)
- 23 Chris Coons '85, e.g.
- 24 Locale of the home of 59-Across, now a museum
- 28 Toy from France?
- 29 Amherst's own Catherine Sanderson, e.g.
- 33 Court with willing participants?
- 37 First name on *The View*
- 39 Philosopher Kierkegaard
- 40 Put six feet under
- 41 Fancy restaurant offerings
- 43 Boris Johnson is an adherent of it
- 45 Radiohead frontman Yorke
- 46 Andy's goal in *The Shawshank Redemption*
- 49 Technique used by 59-Across... and visually represented three times in this puzzle
- 54 Make a move on eBay
- 57 Folk musician Ochs
- 58 Prepare, as duck breast
- 59 With 61-Across, celebrated Amherst native...
- 61 ...who is the theme of this puzzle
- 65 It's a shocker
- 66 Like the campus in January vis-à-vis May
- 67 Hosp. areas
- 68 "Gesundheit" elicitor
- 69 Who thinks Williams College



YOUR CHALLENGE

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- is better than Amherst College
 - 2 The Marx Brothers' *A Night at the* ____
 - 3 Ankle bones
 - 4 Jamaican genre
 - 5 Implement for a crew member
 - 70 Pose for a portrait
- DOWN**
- 1 A real snoozer (unlike this puzzle, I hope!)

- 6 The *F* in T.G.I.F. (Abbr.)
- 7 Not exactly rolling on the floor laughing
- 8 Grandfather of 59-Across and builder of the house on 24-Across
- 9 Major fashion retailer
- 10 No amateur
- 11 *Little* ____ *Fauntleroy*
- 12 "Ah, that makes sense."
- 13 The Mammoths, for one
- 16 Prohibit
- 22 Fret
- 25 Defeat by a country mile
- 26 Little kid
- 27 Fish eggs
- 29 Pay (up)
- 30 Indian flatbread
- 31 Unlocks, in verse
- 32 Lawyer's employer
- 33 Quiet attention-getter
- 34 Type of IRA
- 35 Cookie you can dip in milk using a fork
- 36 Smile in a big way
- 38 Job fair booth worker
- 42 Help ____ (office hours appointment)
- 43 Evidence of a spring break vacation
- 44 Make a selection
- 47 Just barely made it home, say
- 48 Three-color cat
- 50 Channel fully devoted to ads
- 51 Affirmatives
- 52 One of New Zealand's official languages
- 53 ____ Lubitsch, classical Hollywood director
- 54 Buggy development phase
- 55 Safari runner
- 56 Spill the tea
- 57 Person with a burning desire?
- 60 Author Tolstoy
- 62 One half of a noted union merger
- 63 Actor Jeong of *Community*
- 64 Anger

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