**"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
2. Streetwise sights during move-out week
3. “Let’s make like a banana and ___ ___” (bad breakup line)
4. Greek wedding expression
5. A poacher getting eaten by a lion, e.g.
6. Wake up
7. Book of plants compiled by 59-Across when she wasn’t writing
8. Squid Game setting
9. Major in astronomy?
10. Figure (out)
11. Chris Coons ’83, e.g.
12. Tote bag of the home of 59-Across, now a museum
13. Toy from France?
14. Amherst’s own Catherine Sanderson, e.g.
15. Court with willing participants?
16. First name on The View
17. Professor Kierkegaard
18. Put six feet under
19. Fancy restaurant offerings
20. Ron Johnson is an adherent of it
21. Radioshow frontman Yorke
22. Andy’s goal in The Shawshank Redemption
23. Technique used by 59-Across… and visually represented three times in this puzzle
24. Make a move on eBay
25. Folk musician Ochs
26. Prepare, as duck breast
27. 61-Across, celebrated Amherst native…
28. …who is the theme of this puzzle
29. It’s a shocker
30. Like the campus in January
31. Hosp. areas
32. “Gesundheit” elicits
33. Who thinks Williams College
34. The F in T.G.I.F. (Abbr.)
35. Not exactly rolling on the floor laughing
36. Grandfather of 59-Across and builder of the house on 24-Across
37. No amateur
38. Little ___ Fumitory
39. “Ah, that makes sense.”
40. The Mammoths, for one
41. Prohibit
42. Fret
43. Defeat by a country mile
44. Little kid
45. Fish eggs
46. Pay (up)
47. Italian flatbread
48. Unlocks, in verse
49. Lawyer’s employer
50. Quiet attention getter
51. Type of IRA
52. Cookie you can dip in milk using a fork
53. Smile in a big way
54. Job fair booth worker
55. Help ___ (office hours appointment)
56. Evidence of a spring break vacation
57. Make a selection
58. Just barely made it home, say
59. Three-color cat
60. Channel fully devoted to ads
61. Affirmatives
62. One of New Zealand’s official languages
63. Labusch, classical Hollywood director
64. Ruggy development phase
65. Safari runner
66. Spell it ten
67. Person with a burning desire?
68. Author Tolstoy
69. One half of a noted union merger
70. Actor Jeong of Community

### DOWN
1. A real snoozer (unlike this puzzle, I hope!)
2. The Marx Brothers’ A Night at the
3. Asclepias bones
4. Jamaican genre
5. Implement for a crew member

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