

ACROSS

- 1. Locale for this puzzle's starred clues
- 4. The M of MTV
- 9. Tactically wait, as with time
- 13. ___ Scarlet of hit anime Fairy Tail
- 15. Elgort of Hollywood
- 16. Agitate
- 17. *When I walked in, two big cats splitting a meal occupied almost all of the feline exhibit...
- 19. "Used to be..."
- 20. Yankee legend "___ Baseball"
- 21. On a hot streak?
- 23. "Slippery as ___"
- 24. Blue pill?
- 27. *At the avian exhibit, an employee discreetly whispered to me that a new chick had hatched...
- 32. Tennis legend Nadal, to fans
- 36. Summer dessert drink whose straw has a spoon at the end
- 37. She came after Hillary and before Michelle
- 38. Notifies
- 40. Key daal ingredient
- 41. Step
- 42. Backside of Britain?
- 45. Record for later viewing
- 46. *At some point, a large mammal had been in the area, but I'd been too busy joking around to catch a glimpse...
- 49. Jake of CNN
- 50. Within: prefix
- 55. Up and down state?
- 58. Orchestral compositions
- 59. Just a tad
- 60. *As I was leaving, a fowl escaped its cage and landed near me, but I got too scared to approach it...
- 64. Revealing tic, in poker
- 65. Southeastern Asian capital home to French colonial architecture
- 66. Domed church recess

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- 67. Natural soothing agent
- 68. Most populous Middle-Eastern country
- 69. Suffix with election or rocket
- 12. If's algorithmic partner
- 14. Auntie of pretzel fame
- 18. Perch outside a window
- 22. It's sold over 5 billion copies
- 24. List ender: abbr.
- 25. 4G: abbr.
- 26. Word after pale or ginger
- 28. Juniors
- 29. Scandinavian root vegetable, with "baga"
- 30. Leak slowly
- 31. Nick Carraway or Tom Buchanan alma mater
- 32. Reaction revealed as a reddened or raised region
- 33. Instrument for Charlie Parker or Johnny Hodges
- 34. The only thing to be afraid of, according to Roosevelt
- 35. Philosophical forefather with an eponymous "tradition"
- 39. Gift, or to gift
- 40. Men's name that doubles as a popular Excel function
- 42. Dadaist Jean
- 43. Sushi topper
- 44. "Big" state park with a winding beachside highway
- 47. Southwestern tribe
- 48. Cubes, or to cube
- 51. Deca- minus mono-
- 52. Damsel in distress or wise old man, for example
- 53. Second pillar of an eco-friendly mantra
- 54. Purple perennial
- 55. Information
- 56. Biblical shepherd slain by his brother
- 57. Prefix used 1,000 times?
- 58. One of many in an SNL episode
- 61. Witch
- 62. T-Shirt letters with a heart in the middle
- 63. Ticket issuer, informally

DOWN

- 1. "Legendary" video game sold almost 20 million times
- 2. Standout stars?
- 3. Atmospheric layer
- 4. Late 90's rapper homophonous with tear gas
- 5. World's largest healthcare conglomerate, on Wall Street
- 6. Notable F.D.R. achievement
- 7. Comparative suffix
- 8. Bisect
- 9. Exceptionally bright, as a light or student
- 10. Its caucus generated \$44 million in 2020 ad revenue
- 11. Cameron of "Charlie's Angels"