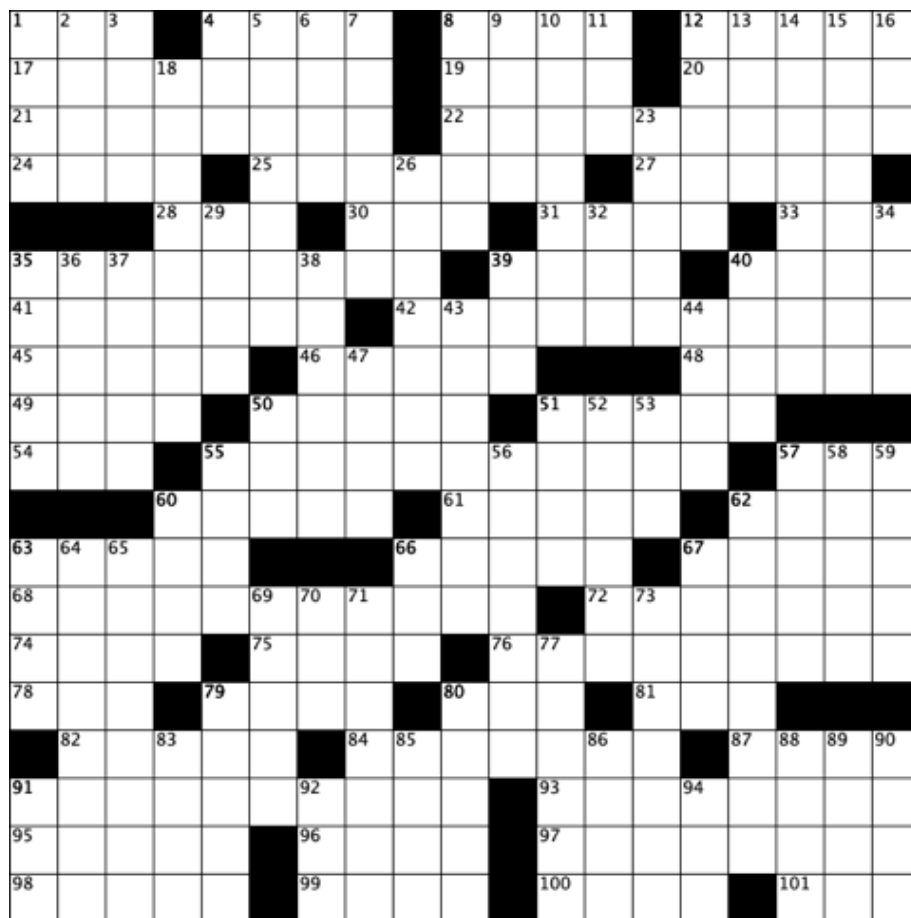


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Born amidst the already intense struggle over slavery, this territory joined the Union on August 10, 1821. Yours truly hails from this place, but even I learned new fun facts about my home. For instance, until the 1920s this was the nation's second largest producer of wine, in an area settled by Germans and called Rhineland. It's still recovering from Prohibition...



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ACROSS

1 Mischief-maker
4 Gush forth
8 Mount near Olympus
12 Relief from the sun
17 Strike a chord (with)
19 Betting group
20 Corkscrew shape
21 *It joined the Union on August 10, 1821*
22 *With 21-Across, federal legislation that allowed Maine and 21-Across to move forward with statehood*
24 Crafts' partner
25 Volcanic glass used in gardening
27 Sailor's "Stop!"
28 1950s prez
30 "Net" or "com" preceder
31 "Garfield" dog
33 Bar bill
35 *He spearheaded 76/93-Across and 21-Across's capital (with "City") is named for him*
39 Yoko and Sean
40 Actress Headey or singer Horne
41 Sun block?
42 *Landmark that commemorates 21-Across as the starting point for the Pony Express, Santa Fe Trail and Oregon Trail*
45 Messy winter forecast
46 Second or sixth president
48 Beginning
49 Back talk
50 Embellish
51 Love, to Luigi
54 Biblical verb ending
55 *Primary nickname of 22-Across*
57 Pas' partners
60 Straighten
61 Took badly?
62 Like bucks and bulls
63 Watchdog org.?
66 City southeast of Tampa

67 Majestic bird
68 *The only American president born in 21-Across*
72 Flattery, Irish-style
74 Suit to ___
75 Flashy promotion
76 *With 93-Across, this 1803 event included 21-Across*
78 Mooch
79 Cambodian cash
80 French salt
81 Arthur of "Maude"
82 Suitor's dozen
84 TV exec Roone who created "20/20" and "Nightline"
87 All hands on deck
91 *Besides 68-Across, perhaps the most famous native of 21-Across*
93 See 76-Across
95 Part of a flight
96 "___ delighted!"
97 Least likely to need irrigation
98 Seinfeld or Lewis
99 Bolshevik's foe
100 Arab League member
101 Desperate signal

DOWN

1 Rombauer of cookbook fame
2 Israel's Golda
3 Attention-getting whisper
4 ___-cone
5 Penniless ones
6 To be, in Bordeaux
7 Odd duck
8 Reference to a prior ref.
9 Santa's laundry challenge
10 Unspecified individual
11 Mont Blanc, e.g.
12 Powerful push
13 Blood: prefix
14 Most-coveted invitees
15 From here to there, say
16 PC file suffix
18 Hardens to bone
23 Mrs. Gorbachev
26 The law's "limb"
29 Didn't toss

32 Business index, with "the"
34 Thai money
35 Wrestler-turned-governor Ventura
36 Razzle-dazzle
37 Edible part of a fruit
38 Old salt
39 Fifth qtrs.
40 Bowler's assignment
43 Jason Bourne's malady
44 Days long past
47 This answer's direction
50 Yellowfin tuna
51 One tiny bit
52 California beach city
53 Suffix with Capri
55 Dispatch, as a dragon
56 Comic book legend
57 ___ Carta
58 Patriot Ethan
59 "Later!"
60 Land unit
62 Mexican band member
63 "Moby-Dick" captain
64 Thoroughly soak
65 Tooth next to a canine
66 Mrs. in Marseilles
67 Effortlessness
69 *NSYNC hit "___ Promise You"
70 Reuben bread
71 High ground
73 Country settled by freed American slaves
77 Seasoned expert
79 Towel off again
80 More wily
83 Brouhaha
85 Country star McEntire
86 U.S. territory east of Manila
88 Actresses Charlotte and Issa
89 Classic gas station brand
90 Moistens
91 Paper with NYSE news
92 Take a load off
94 Current events TV channel

