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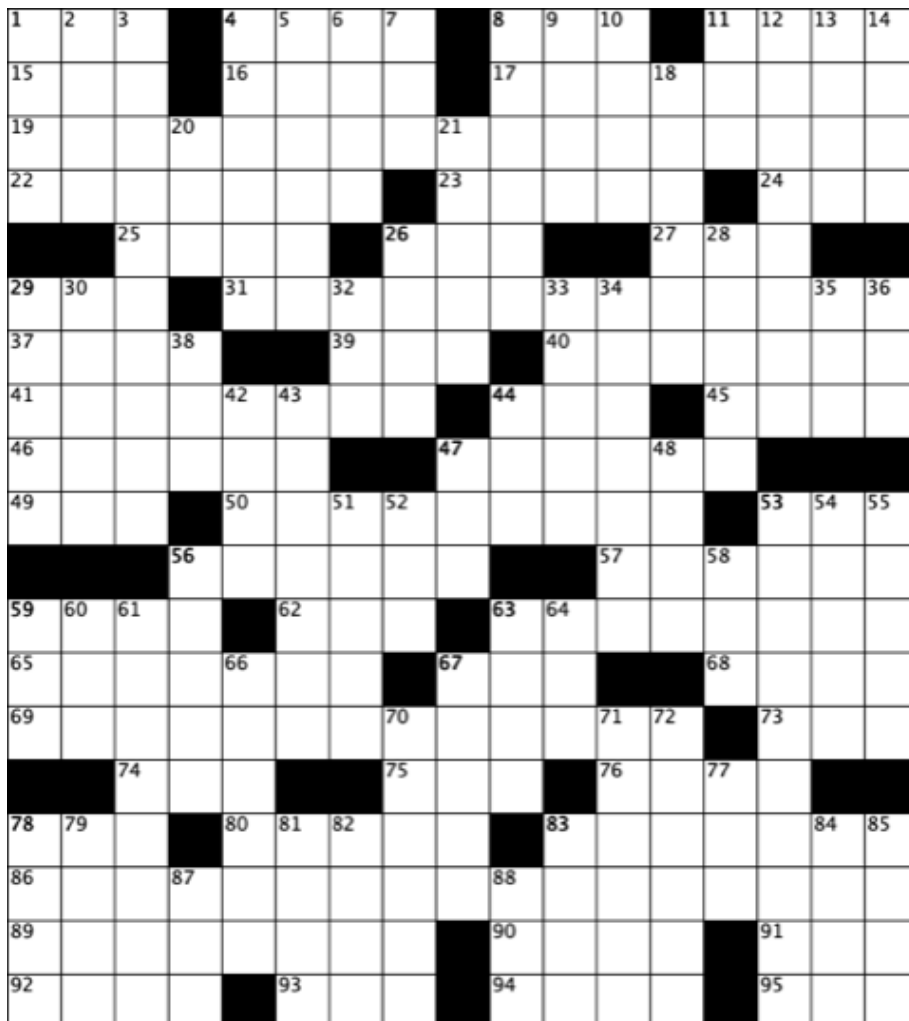
# AMERICANA

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## Come On, Baby...

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The teenager delighted customers at the market with songs and jokes — so much that his boss got a friend to arrange an audition with a music impresario. And the rest, as they say, is history!



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## ACROSS

1 Panhandle  
4 Dachshund's floppers  
8 Some party hires, briefly  
11 Wolfgang's "one"  
15 Gold, in Guatemala  
16 Pre-Communist leader  
17 Took back to the lab  
19 *Where 31-Across grew up and got "discovered"*  
22 Dress policy at some clubs and restaurants  
23 Blazing  
24 Category  
25 French friends  
26 Qt. or pt.  
27 Beaujolais, par exemple  
29 Field with many partners  
31 *Recording artist born Ernest Evans on October 3, 1941*  
37 Lingering sound  
39 "For \_\_\_ a jolly good..."  
40 Lincoln-esque quality  
41 *#1 hit for 31-Across (in 1960) that begins, "Come on, baby..."*  
44 Word after "olive" or "bottomless"  
45 Took transportation  
46 Use as a rendezvous point  
47 Grilling spots  
49 Non-native speaker's subj.  
50 *He recorded a demo by 31-Across ("The Class") in 1958 and sent it to friends as his 69-Across*  
53 Castro comrade  
56 Fits together  
57 Sharpshooter Annie  
59 St. Petersburg's river  
62 Pester  
63 *The second #1 hit for 31-Across, peaking in February 1961*  
65 Sound setups  
67 Always, in verse  
68 Petulant state  
69 *See 50-Across*  
73 Diminutive Italian suffix

74 Big mouth, informally  
75 Dollar divisions: abbr.  
76 Campus military grp.  
78 Drag behind  
80 Believer in Jah  
83 Martin Luther King's minister daughter  
86 *41-Across became a hit on this show*  
89 Empathize with  
90 Woodworker's groove  
91 Homer's TV neighbor  
92 Exclusively  
93 Drops on the lawn?  
94 Crafting projects, e.g.  
95 Messy digs

## DOWN

1 Cap'n's aide  
2 Suffix with switch or stink  
3 Large, red-waxed item on a cheese tray  
4 Of a particular cultural group  
5 Venomously biting  
6 Obama chief-of-staff Emanuel  
7 \_\_\_ Lanka  
8 Poorly insulated, maybe  
9 Lightsaber wielder  
10 Ending for young or hip  
11 Seer's "gift"  
12 "That's how it looks to me"  
13 Singer Diamond  
14 Nebr. neighbor  
18 Second-highest Monopoly roll  
20 President pro \_\_\_  
21 Symbols of gentleness  
26 Illegally assist  
28 Bakery specialists  
29 "I wanna try it!"  
30 Balm targets  
32 Hesitating sounds  
33 Tony winner Rivera  
34 Wrinkle remover  
35 Takeoff guess: abbr.  
36 Whiskey grain  
38 Baseball great Mel  
42 Get one's feet wet  
43 Emphatic denial  
44 Buddy

47 Mac alternatives  
48 "Sounds good"  
51 Deep gorge  
52 Party purchase, maybe  
53 Doctors who treat patients  
54 Strategically confine  
55 With an \_\_\_ the future  
56 Shriver or Sharapova  
58 Gold units: abbr.  
59 President's foreign policy advisory grp.  
60 Biblical verb ending  
61 "All right then..."  
63 Coat rack pieces  
64 "...\_\_ quit!"  
66 Group enthusiasm  
67 Cornerstone abbr.  
70 "Don't delay! Buy while supplies last!"  
71 Elm Street terrorizer  
72 Sculptor's trunks  
77 Blasting letters  
78 Poi source  
79 Eerie sign  
81 Scored perfectly on  
82 Fill to the gills  
83 \_\_\_ B'rith  
84 Tech news website  
85 Little whirlpool  
87 Sunbeam  
88 Throw in

