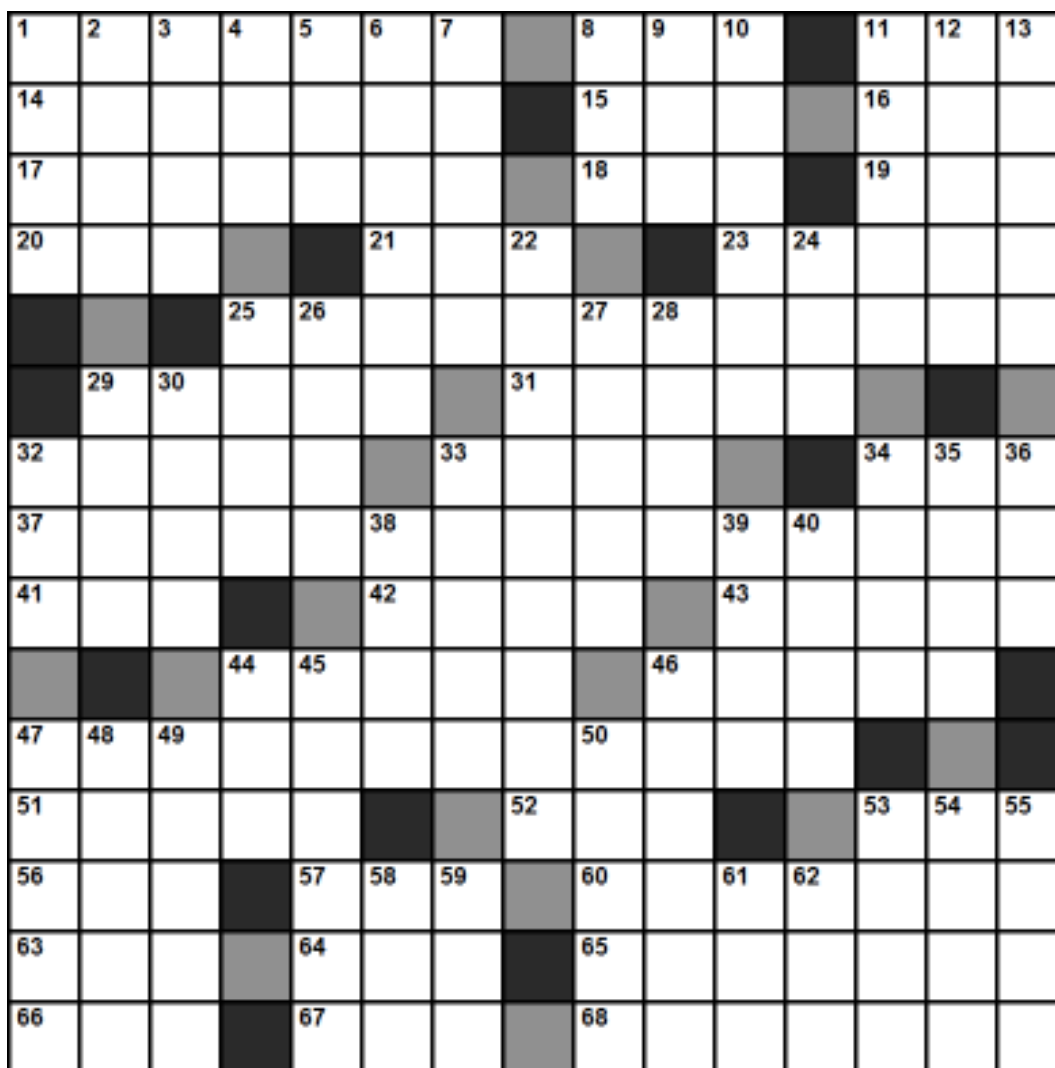


# Inside Joke

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The five theme entries in this puzzle contain the first part of a joke by Mitch Hedberg. Can you find the punchline?



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## **ACROSS**

1. Hired gun
8. Fruity English muffin topper
11. Faux \_\_\_\_
14. **BEGINNING OF QUOTE**
15. Fury
16. "Old MacDonald Had a Farm"  
sound
17. Like an alpha male
18. Gibson of *Braveheart*
19. JFK alternative in NYC
20. \_\_\_\_ Lanka
21. Helpful hint
23. Shoreline indentation
25. **PART 2 OF QUOTE**
29. Abacus activity
31. Fido's collar attachment
32. Cupcake topper
33. Nickname for Dallas, Tex.
34. Portfolio options, briefly
37. **PART 3 OF QUOTE**
41. Lowest card in a royal flush
42. What actors have to learn
43. Intellectual show-off
44. Knight's mount
46. Unhappy spectators
47. **PART 4 OF QUOTE**
51. Insurance company with a  
reptilian mascot
52. \_\_\_\_ pal (girlfriend)
53. Candy in a collectible dispenser
56. Chick's mom
57. Expert
60. Coca of *Your Show of Shows*
63. Slight advantage
64. Long, long time
65. **END OF QUOTE**
66. Sourdough alternative
67. X-ray vision stopper
68. Hand over with confidence

## **DOWN**

1. Lends a hand
2. Like court testimony
3. Freight hauler
4. Folk singer DiFranco
5. Railroad stop: Abbr.
6. \_\_\_\_ Island
7. Greek column style
8. Guitar hero Hendrix
9. "Right you \_\_\_\_!"
10. Singer Etheridge or Manchester
11. Word with talk or fight
12. Tick off
13. Practice axels, say
22. Four-legged member of a K-9 unit
24. To the \_\_\_\_ degree
25. Lacked, briefly
26. Fixes, as an election
27. Philbin of TV
28. Baby's first word, maybe
29. Post-workout feeling
30. Former Princess of Wales
32. Hairy *Addams Family* cousin
33. "John Brown's Body" poet
34. Former Russian ruler
35. Slow-witted
36. Type of prof.
38. Did cloak-and-dagger work
39. Revolutionary Trotsky
40. Picked out of a lineup
44. Anatomical pouch
45. Bricklayer's tool
46. Petroleum execs
47. More lofty
48. Far from affluent
49. Door hardware
50. Laissez-\_\_\_\_
53. Lima's country
54. Nips in the bud
55. Citrus shaving
58. Long-handled garden tool
59. Funny Fey
61. World Series mo., traditionally
62. Dr. Frankenstein's assistant