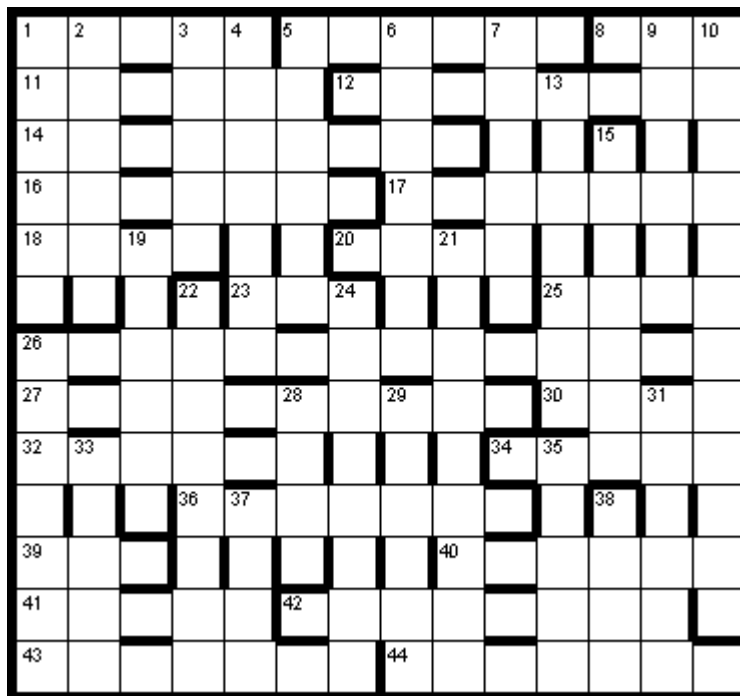


26 Across phonetically describes what gets added to make some answers fit the grid.

**Across**

- 1 One involved with fat Scottish landowner
- 5 Tree finally turns brownish-purple, with a trace of red
- 8 Official landfill isn't opened
- 11 Complex dream I regard favorably
- 12 Urbane society newcomer making a broadcast
- 14 More unfinished metal shielding spy agency's undertaker
- 16 Black instrument's type of woofer?
- 17 Female's 501 men
- 18 Mr. Asner's got new goals
- 20 Spot embroidery's primary sewer, perhaps
- 23 The French island's floral ring
- 25 Suffers from taking time for roles
- 26 *See instructions*
- 27 In parting, mended one's ways and sang again
- 30 Bit of zinc ore reflected nothing
- 32 Sorted ten out, really
- 34 One admitting end of law in backwards Nevada city
- 36 Trio of freshmen extremely eager and less inhibited
- 39 For the most part, focus on out-of-control situation
- 40 City worker unendingly recalled song
- 41 Gives out, short time back
- 42 Film honcho and I had returned with clergyman
- 43 Naps give energy to ladies in the 'hood
- 44 A certain Boss's suit material

**Down**

- 1 Gave birth on the farm and fled hastily, reportedly
- 2 Dresses up and fusses about nurse
- 3 Discussed privileges and ceremonies
- 4 Drunk idler catching some z's in light rain
- 5 Ranked player ultimately dove, taking \$100 to withdraw
- 6 Without hesitation, trust accepts foreign aid
- 7 Amazingly score point at last; it ties things up?
- 9 MIT hosting San Francisco *Independent*, a bad match
- 10 Scholarly publicity of gas company upset liar
- 13 Part of celebration at Christmas, of course
- 15 Wrap protects skin of childlike Syrian nomad
- 19 Share scuba outing taking one day
- 21 Between gym classes, soccer legend starting to watch cartoon skunk (2 wds)
- 22 Profits from wagers thwarted by fine, unfortunately
- 24 One is seen around Arles, surprisingly, with certain Mideasterners
- 26 Recalled worker taking interest in side dish
- 28 Does funny poems
- 29 Austrian composer's "Fantasy Land" in store
- 31 Hook up again with wife; splitting, note anger
- 33 I lament backing up singer Judd
- 35 Penned "Collapsing Tower"
- 37 Remainder set off after leader, eventually
- 38 Movie "Greek" mostly rejected former Yugoslavian ruler