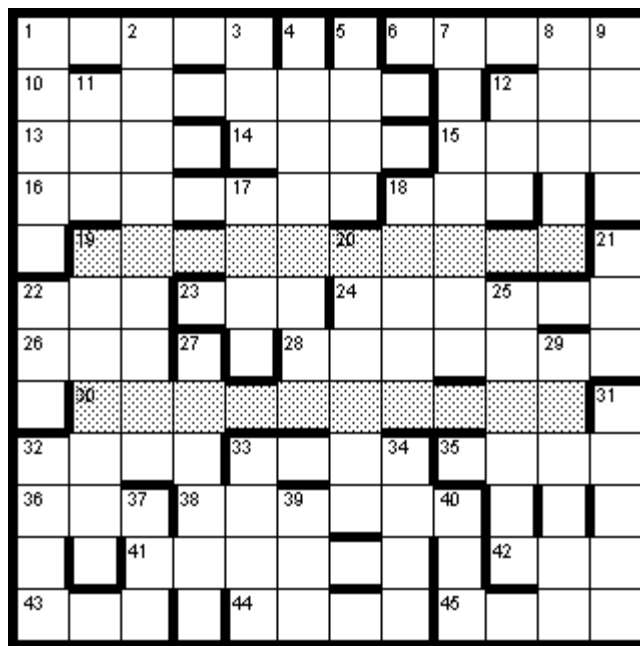


27 answers become new words before entry, as indicated by the seven-word phrase 19A 30A. 24A and 32D are variant spellings.



Across

- 1** In one's dotage, Italy backs direct links between systems (2 wds)
6 Terribly evil toad broke the law
10 Arcane, bizarre coteries
12 Spelunker carrying Spot's body
13 Country singer McEntire's gray apartment's entrance
14 Related to liberal Democrat
15 Outfit's price at first upset me
16 Track actor Liotta having trouble, starting to worry
18 Slightly adjust time for financial estimates
19 *See instructions*
22 One died, too
23 Period I'm ultimately liable to be locked up (2 wds)
24 Put in office with Stalin, unfortunately
26 Niece agitated after babysitter's first admonition to act politely (2 wds)
28 Displaying arms, else vessel destroyed
30 *See instructions*
32 Reddish clay dish described
33 Unexcited maestro primarily follows large stringed instrument conflict
35 Lyra's brightest star gave out
36 Prepare a room
38 Ring one-time robber
41 Get excited, for the most part, about horseshoe of gold
42 Herb, sitting in, proposes a meeting
43 Quiet! Listen, Dotty...
44 Territories mostly process French wine internally
45 Covered and cared about animal companion

Down

- 1** Wintergreen beer? Try a shot
2 Idol began cavorting; nothing to worry about (3 wds)
3 Mark hired Red
4 Most favorable, taking road having the most lanes, perhaps
5 Lie about new friend directly
7 Founding father Ben left out strange scene in "A Wise Man's Gift"
8 Large measures of electricity and lights
9 Recalling one time zone
11 "Once and Again" star initially lit out away from shore
12 Soft bed plaything containing last of lotion
17 Poachers essentially involved in attempt to capture waterfowl and groundhog
18 Having an effect, catching thief
19 Certain newsmen crash on broadcast
20 Choice word in gentle reference to an English nobleman
21 Regards with wonder crazy males commandeering RV
22 Mongrel with tail cut short
25 Went back around 5 on Saturday for certain show (2 wds)
27 Eventually solve picture puzzle with Greek god
29 More nervous from wild ride, e.g
31 With the lights off, made certain repairs around outskirts of Knoxville
32 Sane job, playing musical instruments
33 Distort "White Rap" badly
34 Prayer books and weapons discussed
37 Female guard running behind out-of-control tram
39 Starts to notice one really negative conjunction
40 From one's parents, get nice complex