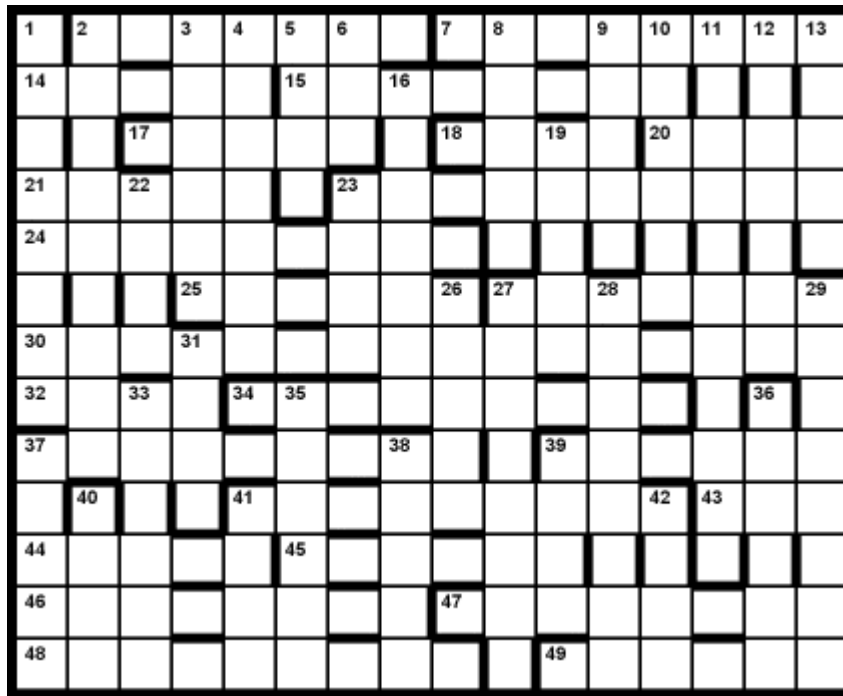


Eleven answers get modified a la 30 Across before entry.

**Across**

- 2 Cutting engine noise involves string (7)  
 7 Unlikely winner Chaney's on a roll, receiving \$1,000 (4,4)  
 14 Record company and Lincoln splitting 50-50 (5)  
 15 Uttered expression meant to frighten Indian wood shop (8)  
 17 Tracks errant salvo (5)  
 18 Partially tear opening cord (4)  
 20 Greek character rejecting the first nine letters (4)  
 21 Admitting one sets back construction areas (5)  
 23 Crass, perky Dotty's tall building (10)  
 24 Poisonous arachnids in crops so disastrous (9)  
 25 Lucille returning to vote (6)  
 27 Travel westward with son in Arab boat for kennel club presentation (3,4)  
 30 *See instructions*  
 32 Exercise system withdrawn in the past year (4)  
 34 Having good judgment, ref easing off (9)  
 37 More bashful about blemish and having a darker complexion (9)  
 39 Decay seen in repulsive conservative R&D (3,3)  
 41 Used a film about medieval European society (9)  
 43 Expel all but the third caught off base, perhaps (3)  
 44 Charge large honey badger (5)  
 45 Excellent nurse corrected guarantee (6)  
 46 Cover more distance than couple from Utah wearing orange (8)  
 47 Pack animal driver arrived with smirk (8)  
 48 Rev. Spooner's wagered best Boston team's cable TV equipment (3-3,3)  
 49 "Playboy" stereotypically features allegedly aphrodisiac seafood (6)

**Down**

- 1 Maiden from Cover Girl provided, at last, money order (8)  
 2 Pat, Knicks' center, welcomes three-man band inspired by love of country (9)  
 3 Note action word "echo" (6)  
 4 Actress Hagen in mountains, climbing with utensil (7)  
 5 Egyptian flower's unusual line (4)  
 6 Starts to include questionable statistics for measures of brightness? (3)  
 8 Bums trimming high reeds (5)  
 9 Overheard suspected visitor (5)  
 10 Clings to the hinterland (6)  
 11 Excessive adulation for people who perish or stray (4,7)  
 12 Little books Avon's releasing new after October (7)  
 13 Catches Spanish craft heading north (5)  
 16 A bit of reverse twist on knuckles separates laces (7)  
 19 Nothing in college educator's mathematical demonstration (5)  
 22 Got up around noon to grab some ice (4)  
 23 Colosseum recalled hosting individual performance (4)  
 26 Measure of heat in the empty room (5)  
 27 Government agent, returning armed, is paid (8)  
 28 Soldier can finally drink before my card game (3,5)  
 29 Cleaner hugs upstanding Lt. Carver (8)  
 31 Extremely small degree of hot air (4)  
 33 Hospital within reach for poor section of city (6)  
 35 Actress Dahl is surprisingly leaner (6)  
 36 Sheet of solidified lava unskilled Chinese laborer described (6)  
 37 Quit holding red leather band (5)  
 38 A second complete collection is a desirable thing to own (5)  
 39 Heard prized forest animals (4)  
 40 Give a nickname containing a smear (4)  
 41 Dinner course nearly upended, sadly (4)  
 42 Performs with females (4)