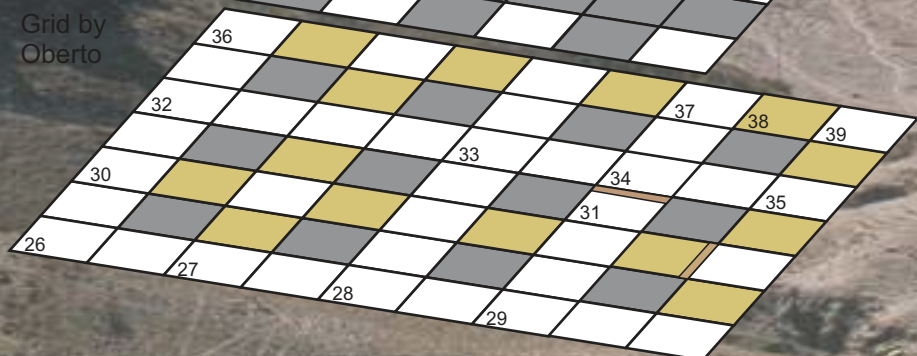
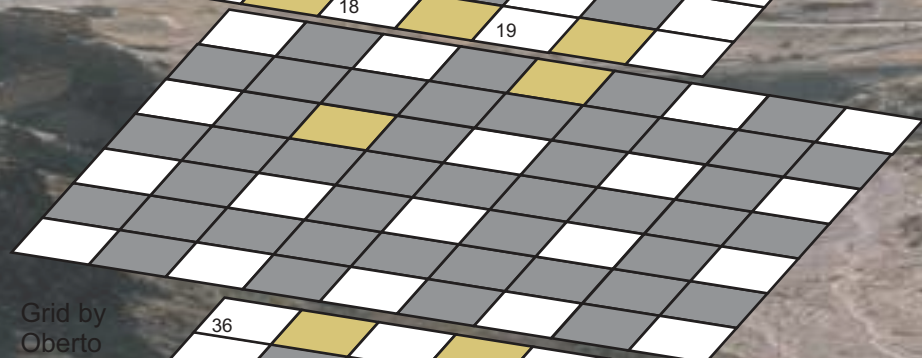
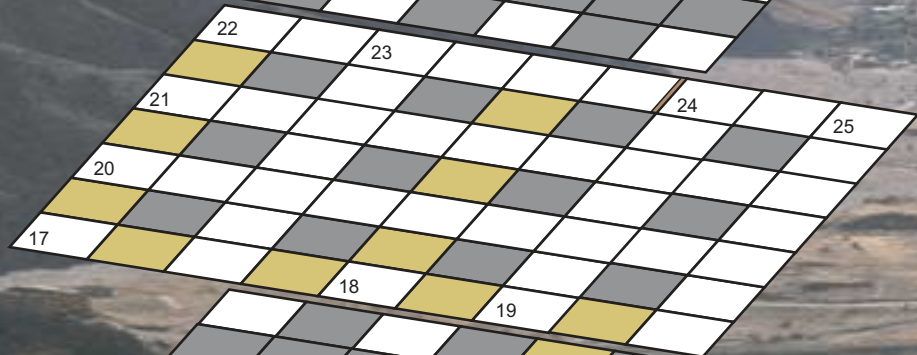
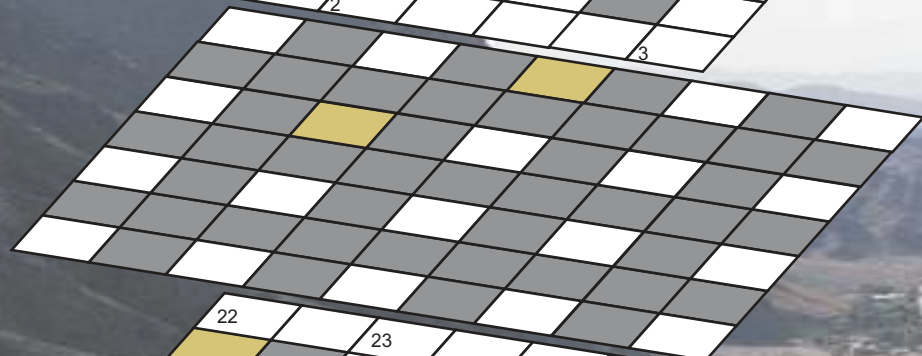
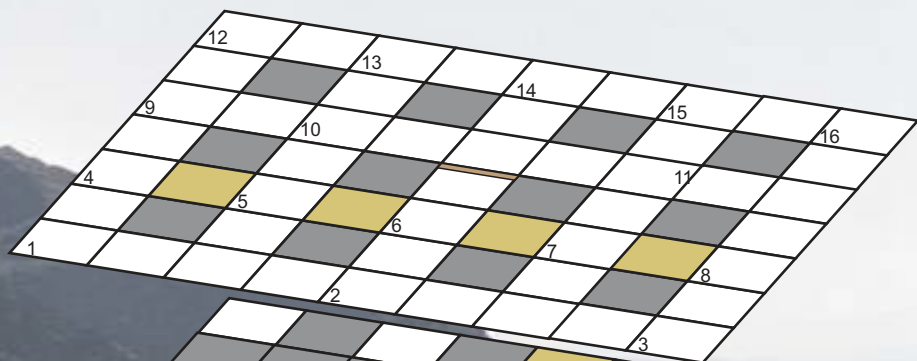


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This puzzle notes the 90th anniversary of a birth. Yellow highlights are to be found in nine thematic solutions which are not clued. One of these nine solutions combines with seven of the remaining thematic solutions. One of the nine solutions is a snake (36ac,39to).

Clues are presented in alphabetical order of their solutions.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 ^{26ac} They agree to alter scorecard (9)	2 ^{6d} Take wrappers off toffee, Japanese delicacy (5)	3 ^{19aw} Fritter time after being acting head of Eton (7)	4 ^{23to} He's enthralled and starts to burble, describing Carry On Jack (7)	5 ^{27up} Cockney geezer leaving Carry On party in American's flat (5)	6 ^{34aw} Study origin of heroic Homeric utterance (3)	7 ^{29up} 28 states are welcoming international jazz composer Blake (5)
8 ^{22ac} They mock people putting runny Brie into empty glass (6)	9 ^{8d} It's played by Bulgarians and gambolling Gauls (5)	10 ^{37up} Miss Jacques dropping one pill with old Bishop of Mainz once (5)	11 ^{21ac} One Look Dictionary Scotsman with narrow, attractive, empty purple shells (9)	12 ^{7d} Anatomical feature of unclothed flunkeys (5)	13 ^{2d} Bresslaw ultimately pulled out of season in Bury (5)	14 ^{2aw} Four seconds of Carry On Henry VIII's terrible Russian equivalent (4)
15 ^{36to} Nanki-Poo's admirer waving at Khasi (7)	16 ^{35up} Weekend indulgence that is about to divide hearts of Julian and Sandy (3-2)	17 ^{9ac} Opera left old female with smirk (9)	18 ^{16to} Anxious at first in rickety German coach (7)	19 ^{16d} Aboriginal nomad's confession retracted (5)	20 ^{20ac} Bah! Sims and me play matrons of the Empire! (9)	21 ^{12to} Type engaged in female work, typical Hawtrey role (7)
22 ^{12ac} Deceive girl briefly at school (9)	23 ^{12d} Grand Old Man upset fine Burmese city (5)	24 ^{14to} Woman of habit going back and forth (3)	25 ^{15to} Reminding one of rower churning up Rio lake (7)	26 ^{33up} Urban Dictionary Heads away from Loch Ken, awesome for da kidz (5)	27 ^{31to} Regularly connected in the past (4)	28 ^{25to} Keep an eye on content of Rumpo verse, editor! (7)
29 ^{1d} Aide with tea for Turkish VIP (5)	30 ^{1ac} Individual entering free port disguised to make a fast buck (9)	31 ^{3d} Right slippery characters in parts of film (5)	32 ^{28aw} Not for the first time, conjure up rear of nurse in lift (2-5)	33 ^{5d} He sang of old cordwangler I'm erelong embracing (5)	34 ^{11d} Bearing old letters from Stalin, perhaps welcoming peacekeepers (5)	35 ^{13d} When retiring, get rid of acoustic unit (5)
36 ^{13to} Ray intermittently leaving Crazy Horse to develop movement (7)	37 ^{4d} Houses kept by housemistresses (5)	38 ^{32ac} Glandular malfunction of hairy dolt (9)	39 ^{32up} Tremulously sing oddly terrible line (5)	40 ^{24ac} Pair rejecting anything northern (3)		