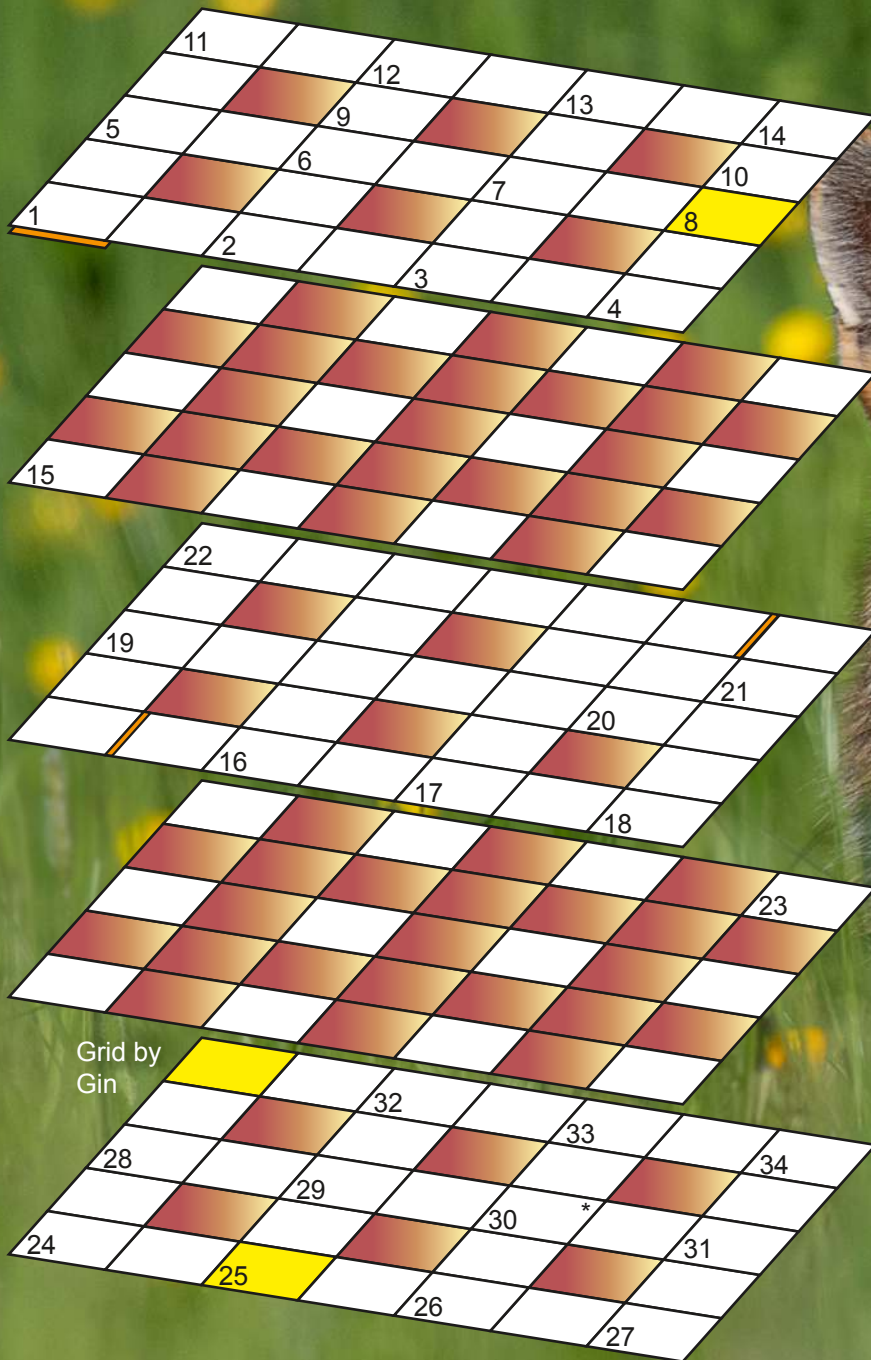


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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1 <sup>19aw,22ac-6</sup>  What's vague <i>and</i> clear? This one has us puzzling! (8)	2 <sup>2aw</sup>  Maybe drones register electromotive force (5)	3 <sup>2d</sup>  Whodunnit game finishes early — Pickles did it! (5)	4 <sup>25ba,24aw-3</sup>  Retreating, bachelor avoids spiteful woman (5)
5 <sup>5d</sup>  Reggae singer Desmond in audition for record label (5)	6 <sup>8ba</sup> Complicated feud seemed explosive — diplomatic overtures calmed the situation down (7)	7 <sup>26up</sup>  Losing head in panic's a mistake (5)	8 <sup>7d,30ba,28aw,19ac</sup>  Somehow hint of a pithy charade's virtues (5,4,3,7)	9 <sup>34to,27ba-2</sup>  Dirk and George showing amiability? (6)	10 <sup>23up</sup>  Richard Tiffany's stuff used in <i>The Faerie Queene</i> (4)	11 <sup>10aw,14ba-3</sup>  Reviewing less than a third of the letters, steganographer sees the meaning (4)
12 <sup>34ba</sup>  What the board did when provided with excessive catering? (7)	13 <sup>30ac,31up-3</sup>  There's no positive in artificial sweetener (5)	14 <sup>22to</sup>  Parisian trick cyclist jumping canal (5)	15 <sup>21ba,20aw</sup>  Phi's one compiler needing no introduction, following debut in <i>Listener</i> (6)	16 <sup>33to</sup>  Coach-horse oddly lacking pigment (5)	17 <sup>11d</sup>  Searched online without success, and looked like a goat (5)	18 <sup>29aw,32up</sup>  Hardship for writer with just over 50% of advance (7)
19 <sup>29to,25ac-4</sup>  Bit of Yorkshire pud knocked back, aye (6)	20 <sup>17aw</sup>  Author called for side dish in Indian restaurant (5)	21 <sup>1ac</sup>  Memories of 45, etc. (7)	22 <sup>1aw,11ac-3,8d-3</sup>  See <i>Dandy</i> or other comics fundraising (3,4,3)	23 <sup>15d</sup>  Wordplay's not fully discernible? Definition's 19ac, which might help! (4)	24 <sup>3aw</sup>  King of crosswords? (5)	25 <sup>4aw</sup>  Papyrus maybe bearing crest (5)
26 <sup>13d</sup>  Something Hungarian army kept on heads (5)	27 <sup>18ba</sup>  August author, our most brilliant star? (6)	28 <sup>4d</sup>  A portion of beans is a legitimate source of fibre (5)	29 <sup>6d</sup>  Tramp ignores rule with singular character (5)	30 <sup>18aw</sup>  Old writer leaves America and adopts English manner of expression (5)	31 <sup>9aw,12ac-3</sup>  Sat struggling with Enigmatist's opener? Get some refreshments! (4)	32 <sup>16aw</sup>  Bolt upright at the start, Pickles regularly lays back down at the end (5)
Day 12, 34ba (7)  A larger drawing can be found on the inside back cover.						

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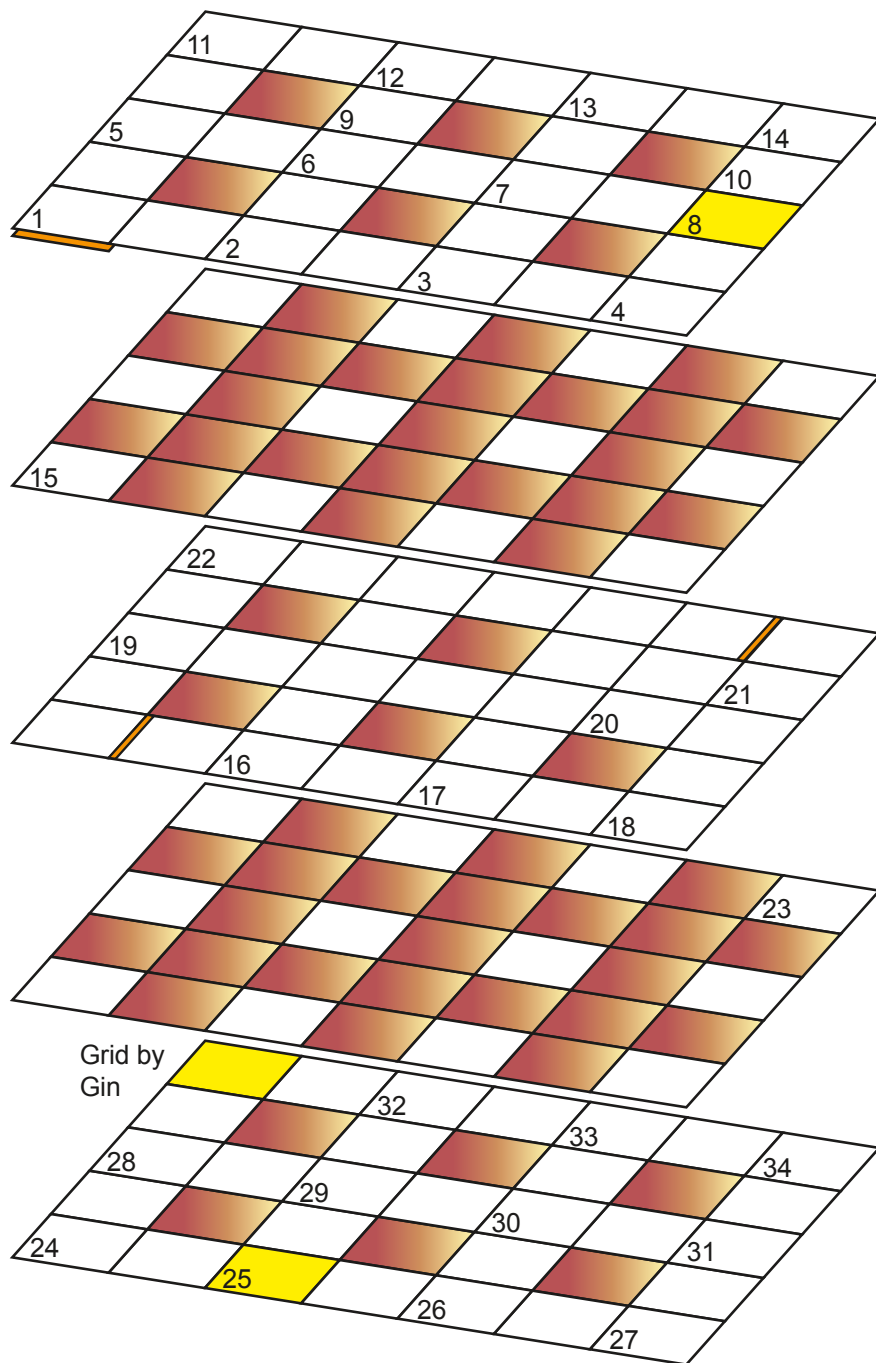
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