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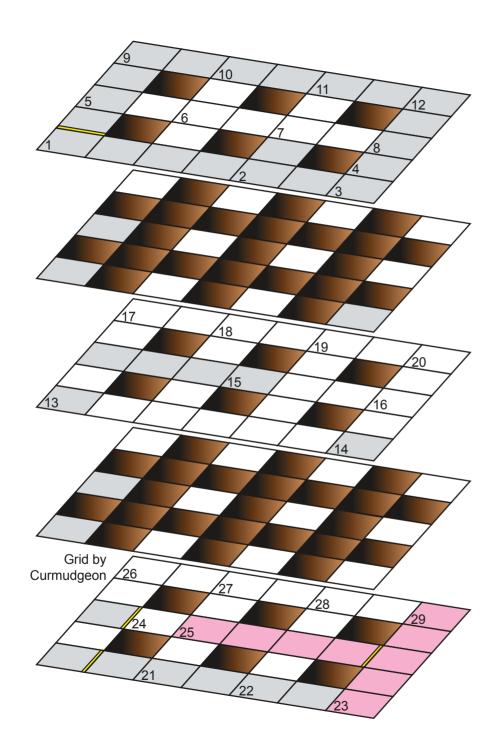
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1 11to	2 _{13aw}	3 1d,23ba	4 1ac	5 23up
		Atomic base underway (5)	Senior associate in Spain and France ultimately (5)	Support during freakishly mad period (5,6)	With heart reconstructed be about to draw in air (7)	Extremely dire enemy for writer (5)
6 4aw	7 _{28up}	8 6d	9 _{17ac}	10 10to	11 29ba	12 _{14ba}
Part of shred is key thematic item (4)	A northern sign of approval raised for a southern lady (5)	Decline of upset, unproductive holding essentially (5)	Eastern female to shut out international title of respect (7)	Give ability to suffer patiently without resistance (5)	France adores silly hats (7)	Parasitic worms almost completely occupy a drowned valley (7)
13 18to	14 _{29up}	15 _{21aw}	16 21up	17 20to	18 8d	19 _{22aw}
Upper covering put up round large platform (5)	Frolicsome movement following danger (5)	Primate in good primarily remote perch (5)	Stab with piercing thing including tip of spiny shrub (5)	Striking error of characters in main office (5)	Peeled firs, oaks now and then, and heart of box tree (5)	Object, we're told, excavated (5)
20 5ac	21 _{5d}	22 _{22up}	23 _{19to}	24 _{16ba}	25 _{7d}	26 _{27up}
These axes, sent out, can create demolitions (7)	Brief time not once essentially praying for cash (5)	Swindle of mass cult running amok (5)	Intermittently on hold, sadly, like a knotty thing (5)	Finished printing system in quarterly decline, perhaps (3.4)	Former lecturer in ordinary study (5)	Plunder firearm (5)
27 _{26to}	28 _{24ac}	29 _{9to}	30 _{9d}	31	Day 27 26to (5)	
Child nursing a yen for old sleeveless jacket (5)	Singular rose-coloured bird in the country (5)	Hour trio meet regularly (4)	Very small lock (5)			
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