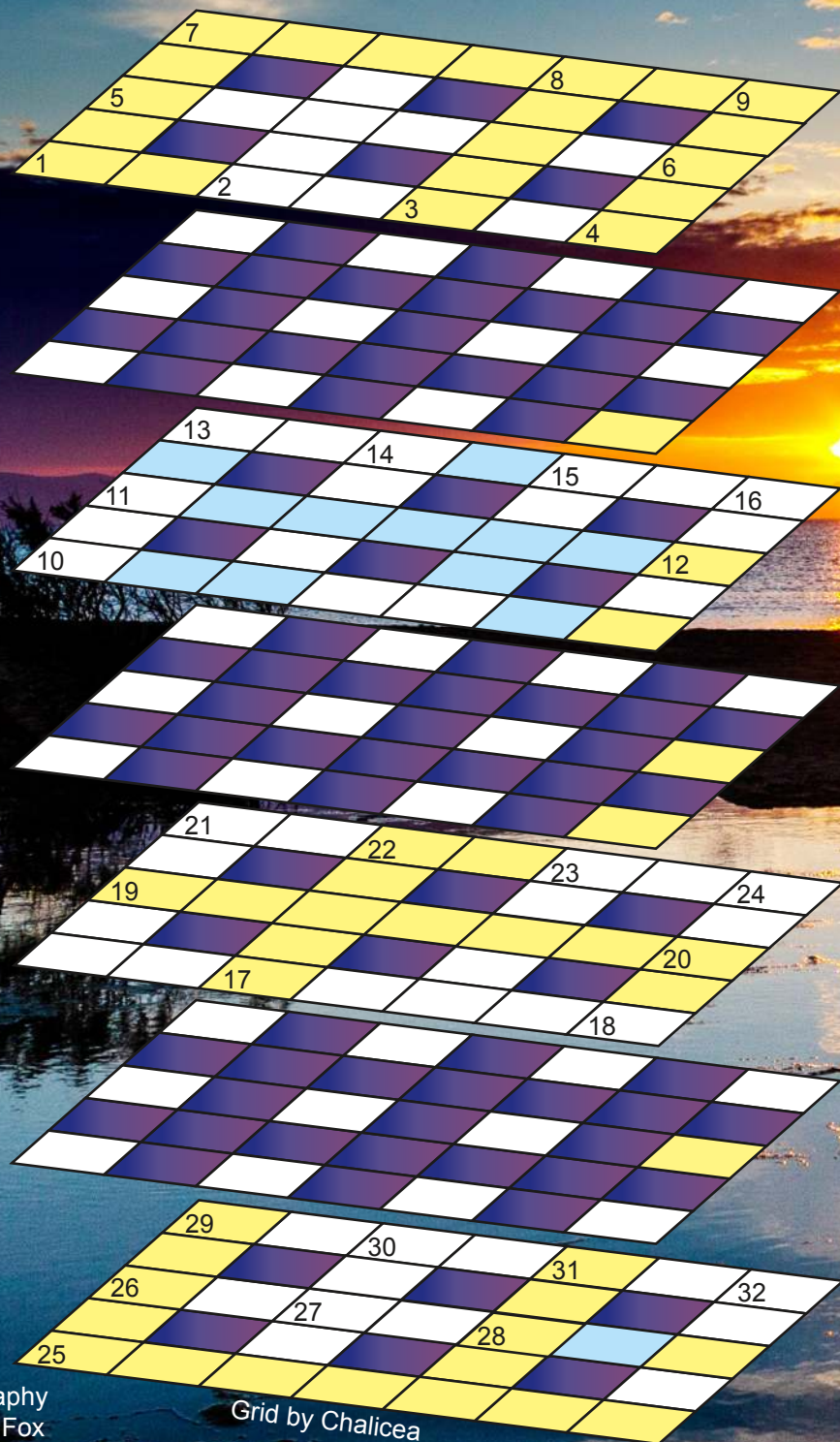


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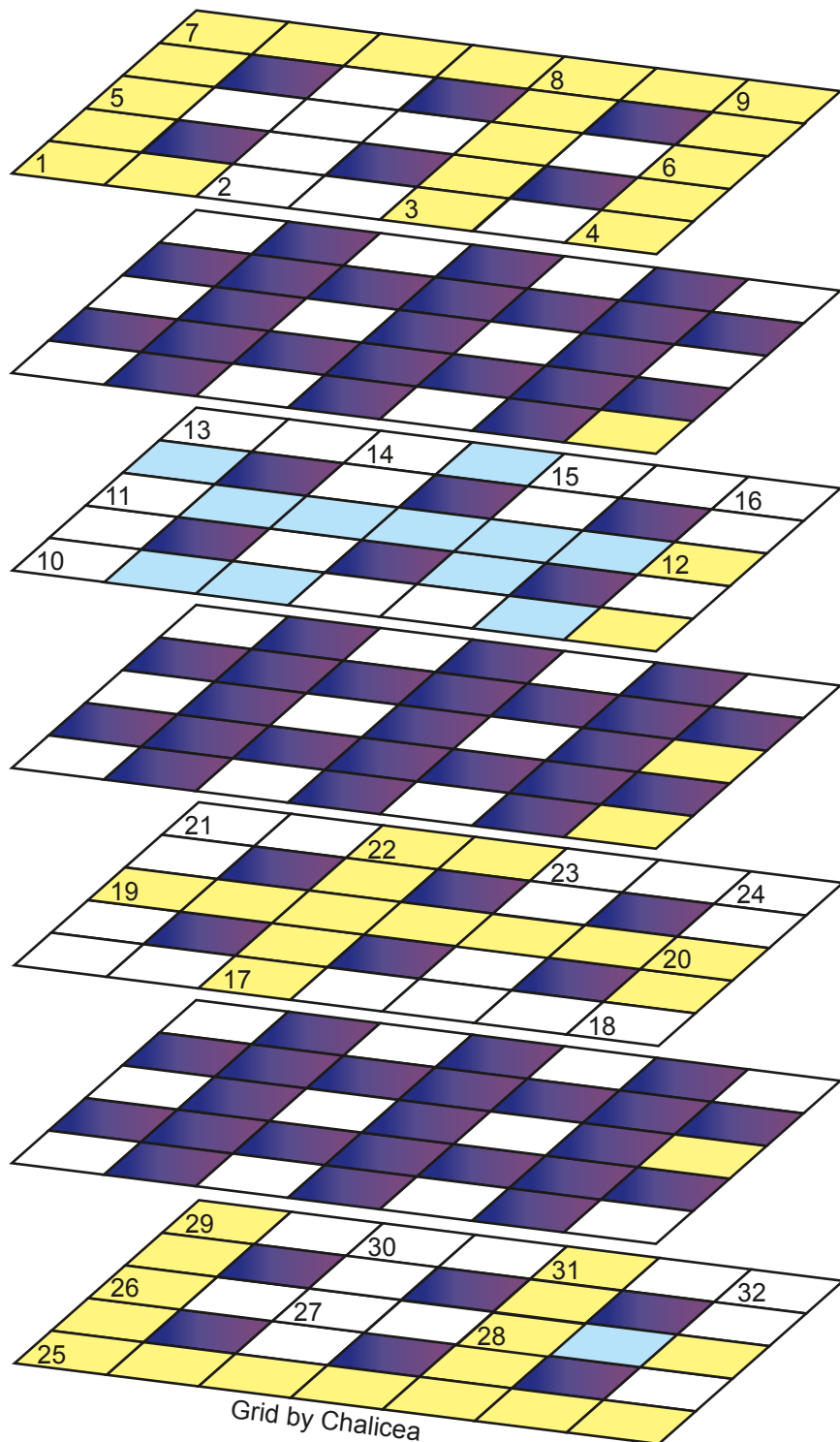
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 ^{28up} Surprisingly ran a hot old alchemist's furnace (7)	2 ^{31up} Drunken rake in backward pub coming apart (5-2)	3 ^{21to} China bringing forward a string of islands (5)	4 ^{21ac} Leader of clan, most aged and most spiritless (7)	5 ^{9d} Many in quaintly pleasing divided skirt (7)	6 ^{2aw} Foppish fellow starts drinking and finishes tiddly (5)	7 ^{2d} In Lanark butted dingy outhouse (7)
8 ^{18ba} During year, the news is worldly? (7)	9 ^{32to} Carefully move front of loose supporting framework (5)	10 ^{29ac} Capable of being battered but not initially fit to be consumed (7)	11 ^{18d} Slippery fellow, devious type with no hint of honesty (3)	12 ^{23to} Number of beheaded male sheep (5)	13 ^{5d} Greek rug's mintmark for life regularly turning up (7)	14 ^{5ac,6d-2} Dismal sport, base — concerning ball, not oddly (8)
15 ^{10aw} Explain away superficial appearance (5)	16 ^{10ac} Vessel, agent of aggressive diplomacy? (7)	17 ^{4ba} Popular drink, we're told, for someone in the know (7)	18 ^{26ac} Strain you originally dealt with where work piles up (2-5)	19 ^{15to} Some token dodges in Japanese ritual swordsmanship (5)	20 ^{16to} Delicate glow (5)	21 ^{11ac} Collins With damaged canoe go back for science of the seas (briefly) (7)
22 ^{14to} Poem having for basis concert hall (5)	23 ^{7d} Extremely large curved implement for cutting, it's said, small bone (7)	24 ^{1d} In genuine container tipple of a queen (7)	25 ^{3d} Thoroughly search earth for source of affliction (7)	26 ^{13ac} For this breathing device, south and north intermittently worry keenly (7)	27 ^{30up} Permit within limits of tolerably greasy (7)	28 ^{24to} Items employed partly for local sieve (5)
29 ^{27up} Dish of youth under twenty embracing sin (7)	30 ^{30to} Carried infant heading off for bed (5)	31	Day 1 28up (7) 			
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