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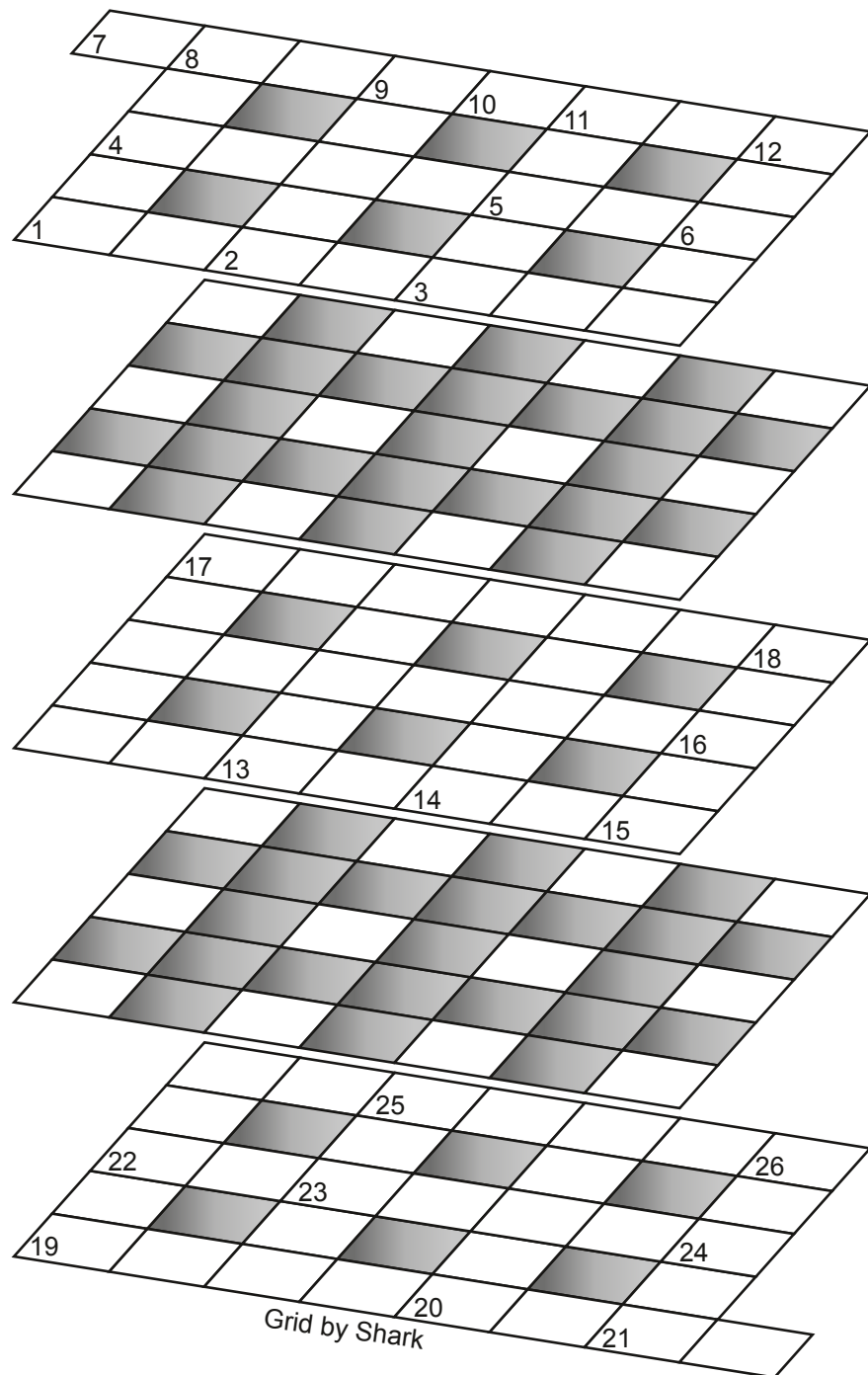
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Grid by Shark



| MON  | TUE  | WED   | THU  | FRI   | SAT   | SUN  |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|--|
|  |  | <b>1</b> <sub>13aw</sub><br><br>Defence from boxer swinging both ways? (5)                                    | <b>2</b> <sub>25up</sub><br><br>Celebrities regularly in tabloids etc. (1-4)           | <b>3</b> <sub>25to</sub><br><br>Retrograde moon orbiting finally in reverse (5) | <b>4</b> <sub>5d</sub><br><br>Old man cracks trick piecemeal (5)  | <b>5</b> <sub>10ac-2,11d</sub><br><br>It's excellent quality in Derby? (6)                     |
| <b>6</b> <sub>21aw</sub><br><br>No need to copy most paltry casket (5)                                       | <b>7</b> <sub>21up</sub><br><br>Some acres scrapped this salad plant (5)                               | <b>8</b> <sub>2d</sub><br><br>Message me back before trouble follows (5)                                      | <b>9</b> <sub>15ba</sub><br><br>Space over the moon to house nuclear region (7)        | <b>10</b> <sub>14aw</sub><br><br>Barrier is to include right grid! (5)          | <b>11</b> <sub>8d</sub><br><br>Man finds edge of lush area ... runs next to railway (5)                         | <b>12</b> <sub>8to</sub><br><br>Hospital trusts finally accepting whistle-blower's hunches (5) |
| <b>13</b> <sub>4ac</sub><br><br>Dames (before classically) raving mad? (7)                                   | <b>14</b> <sub>4d</sub><br><br>Margaret perhaps interrupts servant (5)                                 | <b>15</b> <sub>22ac,24aw-2</sub><br><br>Times Square is all square (8)  | <b>16</b> <sub>23up</sub><br><br>Flair surrounding the face of Ivanisevic's racket (5) | <b>17</b> <sub>19aw</sub><br><br>US prison finds state copper (5)               | <b>18</b> <sub>19ac</sub><br><br>Diplomacy cutting impudence in hot topics (8)                                  | <b>19</b> <sub>18ba</sub><br><br>Support to embrace formerly rad PM (7)                        |
| <b>20</b> <sub>19up</sub><br><br>One royal tracking sweet deer (5)   | <b>21</b> <sub>18to</sub><br><br>Completely overlooked university beating (5)                          | <b>22</b> <sub>12to</sub><br><br>Unable to find the top, reaches a high point and recharges the batteries (5) | <b>23</b> <sub>17to</sub><br><br>Strict saint from Ireland (not Britain) (5)           | <b>24</b> <sub>1ac</sub><br><br>Hustles out in shadows (7)                      | <b>25</b> <sub>6d</sub><br><br>Find answer to one taking on board five (5)                                      | <b>26</b> <sub>26up</sub><br><br>Almost video single river beast (5)                           |
| <b>27</b> <sub>9to</sub><br><br>Subject matter's primarily tricky having encountered misleading entries! (5) | <b>28</b> <sub>26ba</sub><br><br>Remedial action from people in authority limiting criminal charge (7) | <b>29</b> <sub>3d</sub><br><br>Close game with high tension (5)   | <b>30</b> <sub>20aw</sub><br><br>Let it turn into Dame or Baroness? (5)                | <b>31</b> <sub>3aw</sub><br><br>Outbreak connected to Thailand is nonsense (5)  | Day 20<br>19up (5)<br><br> |  |
|  |  |   |  |   | Drawing by Frank Paul   |  |
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