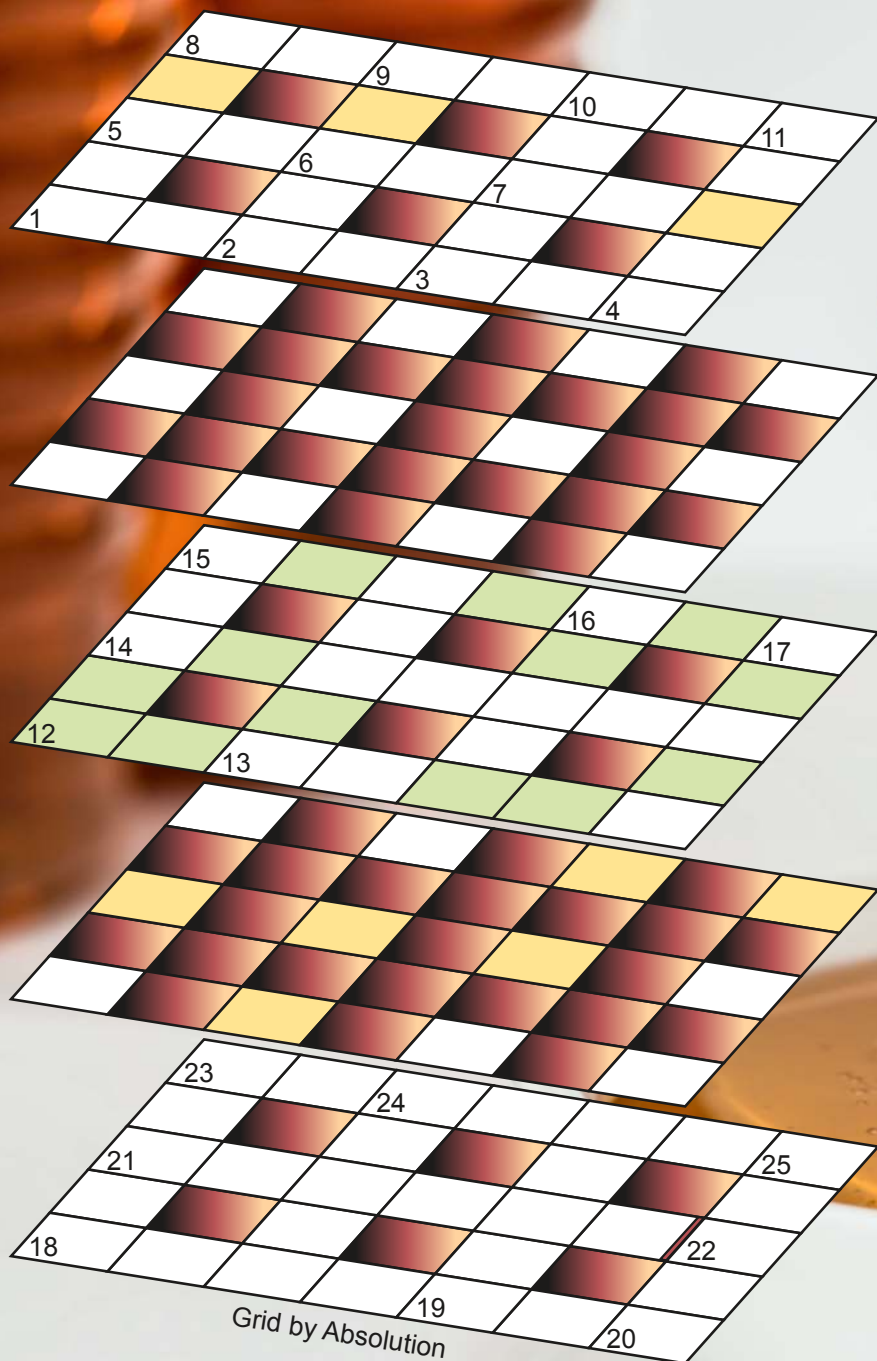


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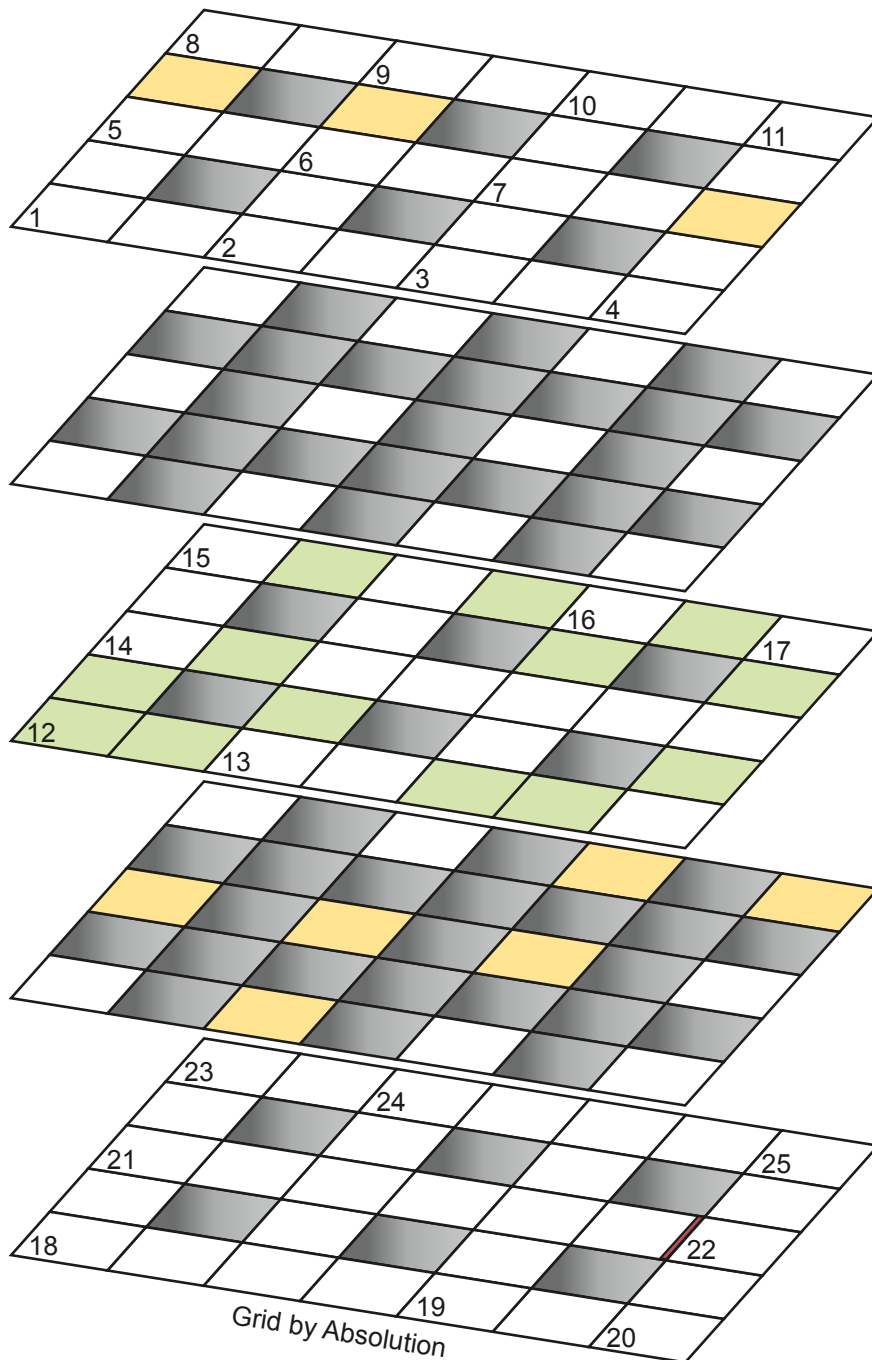
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>1</b> <sup>9to</sup> Badly made piano made louder (5)	<b>2</b> <sup>5ac</sup> Brief announcement of an Oscar, for example (7)	<b>3</b> <sup>24up</sup> Cold one, a son of Zophah (5)	<b>4</b> <sup>8d</sup> Note insect that's been swatted by one's ear? (1-4)	<b>5</b> <sup>8to</sup> Windsor has gagged the ultimate in royal gossips (5)	<b>6</b> <sup>8ac,1ac</sup> Feature behind incinerators? (7,7)	<b>7</b> <sup>2d</sup> Sections of newspaper, Daily Express supplements kinda salacious, originally (5)
<b>8</b> <sup>14ac</sup> Funny character recalled, father has left me a novel (7)	<b>9</b> <sup>25up</sup> Oscar, say, one snaffled – for taking the piss? (5)	<b>10</b> <sup>11to</sup> Imagine beer, but no pub (5)	<b>11</b> <sup>18ac</sup> Word on introduction to book – or play? (7)	<b>12</b> <sup>18up</sup> In speech, German scientist proves offensive? (5)	<b>13</b> <sup>17ba</sup> Bedridden? Wonder about medicine initially when tucked in – no need for that, setter declares! (1,2,4)	<b>14</b> <sup>10d</sup> Muscular hero discovered chained by two feet (5)
<b>15</b> <sup>17to</sup> State where I was prepared to do some gardening, shortly? (5)	<b>16</b> <sup>7d</sup> Live wires unintentionally grasped when thrown over (2,3)	<b>17</b> <sup>15to</sup> Collins Stevedore eventually crossing the Atlantic, reportedly? (5)	<b>18</b> <sup>3d</sup> Stone wall: it holds bricks in (5)	<b>19</b> <sup>3aw</sup> Plumber animated, finding urine well behind toilet, did you say? (5)	<b>20</b> <sup>16to</sup> Increase indefinite number in trap that's not closed (5)	<b>21</b> <sup>19aw</sup> Daggers drawn? (5)
<b>22</b> <sup>6d</sup> Cherished item, ring adorning finger, finally (5)	<b>23</b> <sup>12ac</sup> Italian dish of ravioli unpacked below for the pizzaiolo? (7)	<b>24</b> <sup>4d</sup> White supremacists' ovation – socko show – Broadway couldn't go lower? (5)	<b>25</b> <sup>13aw,24to</sup> Yogurt appears in this capacity with nuts (10)	<b>26</b> <sup>23ac</sup> Proposal has Bill married to Heather (7)	<b>27</b> <sup>23to</sup> A very hot, wrinkly Jewish actor's nickname (5)	<b>28</b> <sup>22up</sup> Ruling Britain a struggle in the extreme (5)
<b>29</b> <sup>21ac</sup> He knows picture's worth viewing, firstly – and what's to be recast, as a rule (6)	<b>30</b> <sup>21up</sup> Clear spirit that has one out of it? (5)	<b>31</b> <sup>20aw</sup> Decrepit guy? No – far from it! (5)	Day 27 23to (5) Drawing by Frank Paul	BLOOMING  HECK!		

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Collector of disused parts (12): .....