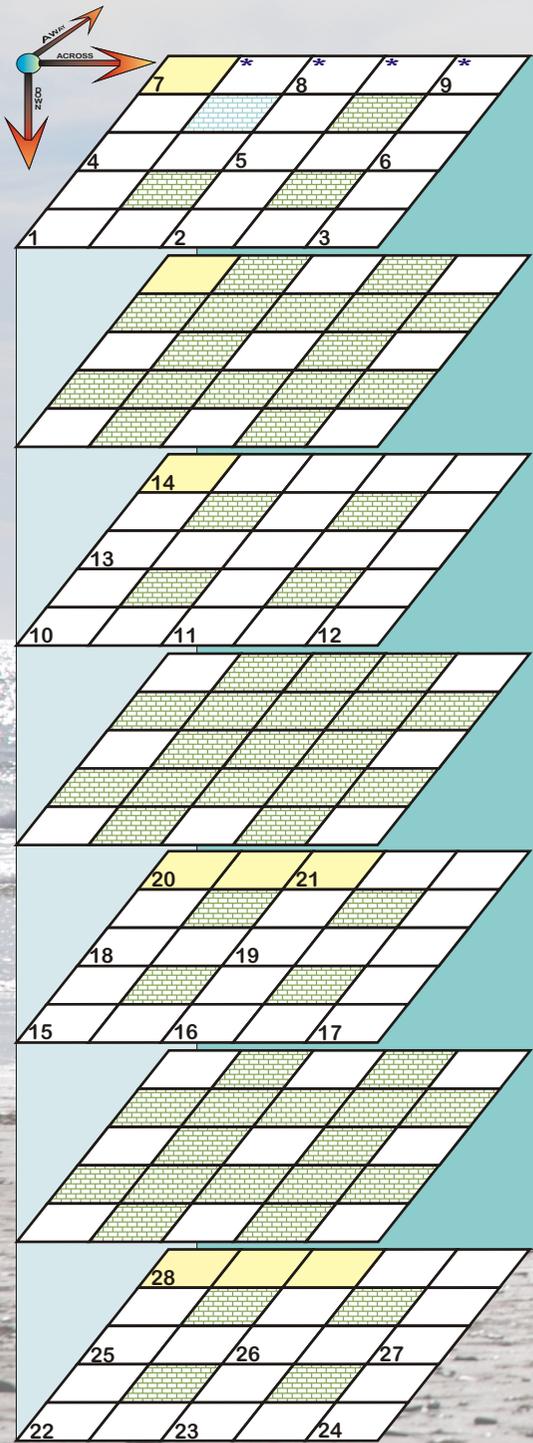


Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
						<p>1 Ac Missing starter, touch on fish</p> <p>Aw Hear about bishop in therapy for alcohol abuse?</p> <p>D Valens hit record, first half I suspect (7)</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Aw Extra trod warily, having lost page</p> <p>D, 23Aw Entirely affectionate letter ending in 'Oh Boy!' (3,2,2,4)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>(Aw see 7Ac)</p> <p>D Tries starters of expensive sports cars</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Ac Ate a tail of eel belonging to a very deep part of the ocean</p> <p>D One knocked over in a bowling alley? (7)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>D Quack in party, Conservative (3)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6D, 27Aw Larger pay, possibly, for search engine co-founder (5,4)</p>	<p>7 Ac, 3Aw He perished in 'American Pie' with friend, girl (5,5)</p> <p>D & 20Ac J P Richardson, great dancer (3,6)</p> <p>D Arthur Crudup's US band (3,4)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>D Duke I married is not clearly remembered (3)</p>
<p>9</p> <p>D Evergreen we're yet to get chopped up (3,4)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Ac Tons left in country's oil centre</p> <p>Aw Nasal tone, Welsh in flavour</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Aw Relief comes as swelling is reduced round middle section of hock</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Aw A quarrel about right marker</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Ac Special correspondent's heavenly body</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Ac Physicist from Georgia's second wife</p>	<p>15 Ac Removes from the board causing fits of anger</p> <p>Aw, 20Ac Devotee of rap music etc, in joint with US artist, Edward (3-6)</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Aw Fret at college, and become confused? (3,2)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Aw The one speaking, for example, with the Queen</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Ac, 28Ac 1950's record say, set by guys abroad in training (5,3)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>D, 26Aw Good to wander in small wood</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Ac see 7D, 15Aw</p>	<p>21</p> <p>D Spotted unfinished baked dish (3)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Ac Male inside cruelly dyes tortoises</p> <p>Aw Crashed sedan belonging to the inebriate woman?</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Aw see 2D</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Aw Put on platform</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Ac A complaint about girl</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Aw see 19D</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Aw see 6D and 24Aw</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Ac Kid taken to court by head of emporium</p>	<p>February 2009</p>



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This puzzle contains snakes. They are quite friendly! Such solutions run continuously round the puzzle, following the arrow directions. There are also blends where a slippery snake slips into another solution. Beware snakes with two heads. Be kind to them. They are there to help. Generally, across and away clues have 5 letter solutions. Downs have 7 letters

You will be aware of the theme as your solving progresses. If this saddens you, as it does me, listen to the music.

