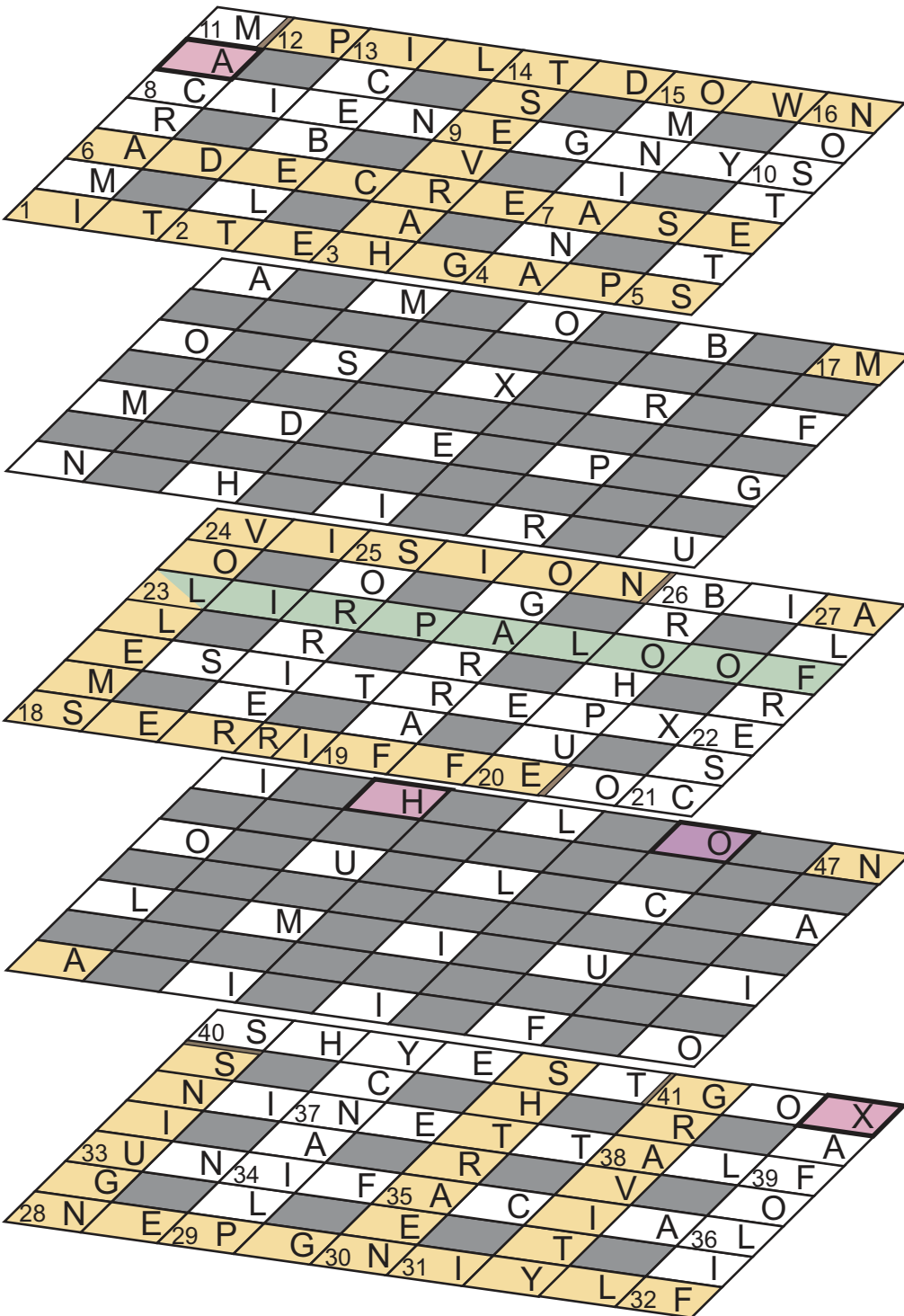


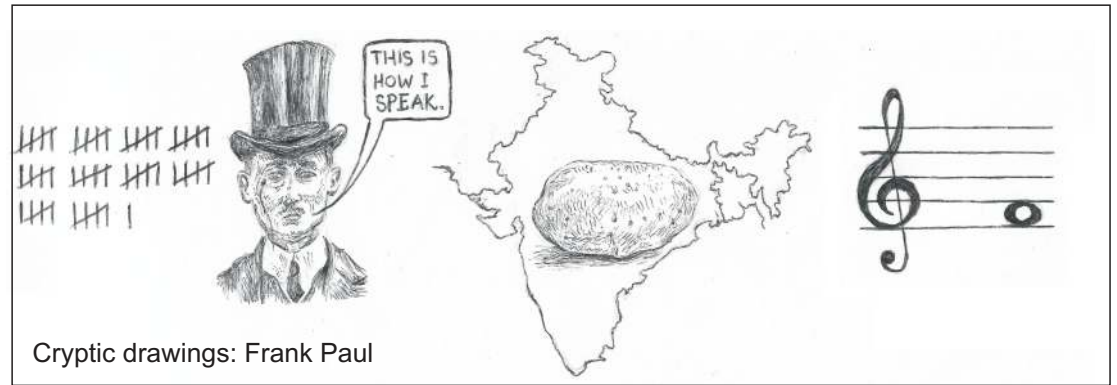
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: The theme is based on famous historical April Fool spoofs. There are 6 spoofs incorporated into the crossword. Five of these are April Fool's jokes that have appeared in the press or on the television (spaghetti harvest, San Serriffe island, flying penguins, a decrease in the Earth's gravity and smell-o-vision) and one 'Pitdown Man' is incorporated as an additional twist as a non April Fool hoax. The yellow highlights are the six spoofs, the green highlight reveals in a disguised form 'April Fool' and the four ringed letters are an anagram of 'Hoax' As an aid to solvers I suggest that the dates on which the the six spoofs were perpetrated be listed but not specifically linked.



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LIRPA LOOF:
LI (51 in Roman numerals); RP (received pronunciation);
ALOO (potato, in Indian cookery); and the note F.