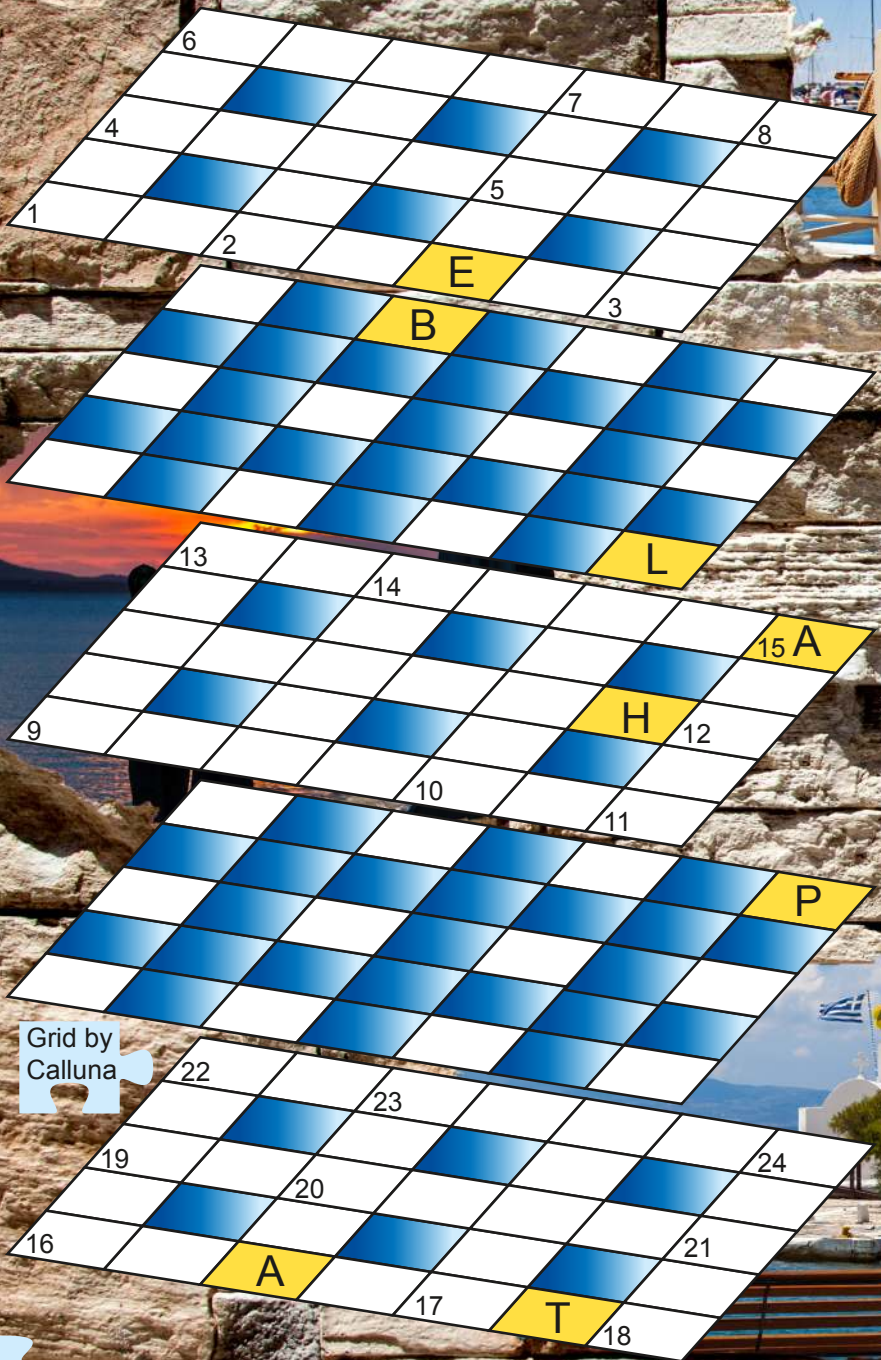


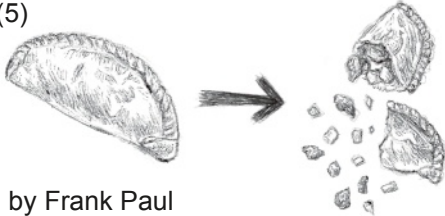
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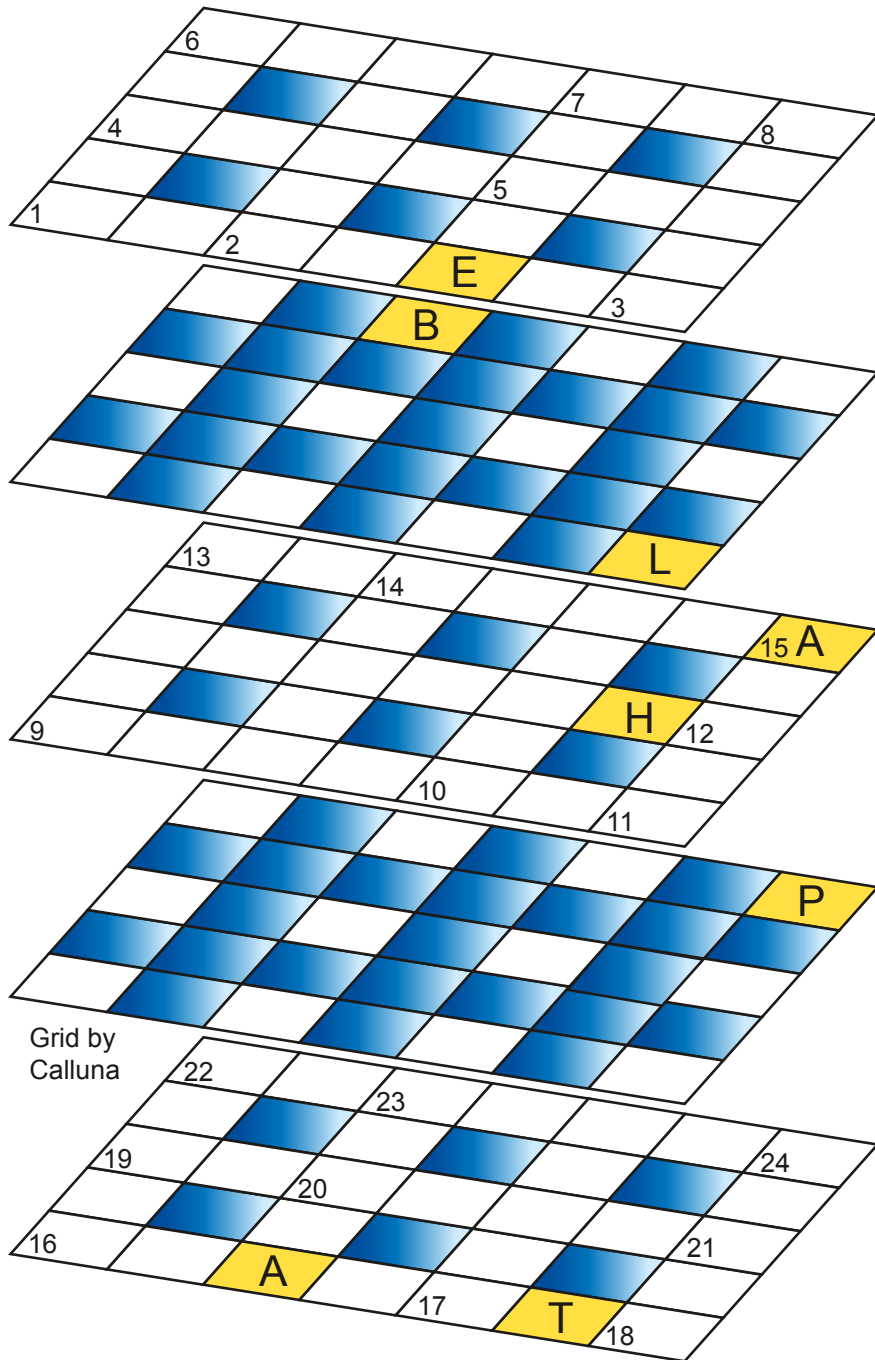
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<p>Day 22 (5)</p>  <p>Drawing by Frank Paul</p>						<p>1^{17aw}</p> <p>Jacket I lost in battle (5)</p>
<p>2^{10aw}</p> <p>Heron found in main road outside school (5)</p>	<p>3^{5d}</p> <p>Funny time to be horrified (5)</p>	<p>4^{2d} Collins</p> <p>Java slightly different — around island it's soulless (5)</p>	<p>5^{15to}</p> <p>One cracking CIA's new code (5)</p>	<p>6^{2aw}</p> <p>Vehicles are driven out slowly at first (5)</p>	<p>7^{17up}</p> <p>Mentally alert unlike its guest of honour? (5)</p>	<p>8^{12ba}</p> <p>Japanese tea ceremony on border of Chengdu (Chinese, you idiot! (7)</p>
<p>9^{20up}</p> <p>Farm bought for coppers in retirement? Not entirely (5)</p>	<p>10^{1aw}</p> <p>Object reserved in short (5)</p>	<p>11^{1d}</p> <p>Locate dog (one departed) in turn (3,2)</p>	<p>12^{3ba}</p> <p>Stone me! There's a headless messenger outside (7)</p>	<p>13^{18up}</p> <p>Expatriate Holly cycling to Spain (5)</p>	<p>14^{13ac}</p> <p>'Strangely interesting things in porn!' That's wrong for rector (7)</p>	<p>15^{9aw}</p> <p>You look over material — it's transparent (5)</p>
<p>16^{11ba}</p> <p>Medical scans showing Vlad's past his prime (7)</p>	<p>17^{21ba}</p> <p>A sticky pudding lacks taste (2,5)</p>	<p>18^{21up}</p> <p>Like vindictive female chucking book, causing irritation (5)</p>	<p>19^{4ac} Merriam-Webster</p> <p>Borrower's settlement for Marty and us? (7)</p>	<p>20^{14to}</p> <p>Coins of old I throw back (5)</p>	<p>21^{16ac}</p> <p>Spot vacant apartment coming in — calm down! (7)</p>	<p>22^{16aw} Merriam-Webster</p> <p>Some other snakes like to follow python — not half odd (5)</p>
<p>23^{6ac}</p> <p>Doesn't back down over Sierra — makes renewed attempt to pass (7)</p>	<p>24^{23to}</p> <p>Bones used in Christian rituals (half missing) (5)</p>	<p>25^{7d}</p> <p>Issue over Charlie and current heir (5)</p>	<p>26^{24to}</p> <p>Kidnap from Parisian square (5)</p>	<p>27^{24ba}</p> <p>Wrong taking drugs back into country in bodily cavities (7)</p>	<p>28^{22up}</p> <p>Kinky sex without women, sport — this isn't good for the reputation (5)</p>	<p>29^{23up}</p> <p>Posh types primarily sympathetic to posh people (5)</p>
<p>30^{24up}</p> <p>Government advisers in endless fight with officer from the Met? (5)</p>	<p>31^{7to}</p> <p>Look, part of flight is under discussion (5)</p>	<p>32^{8to}</p> <p>Name of road — see reverse (5)</p>	<p>33^{19up} Collins</p> <p>Why question the writer about wine? (5)</p>			

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