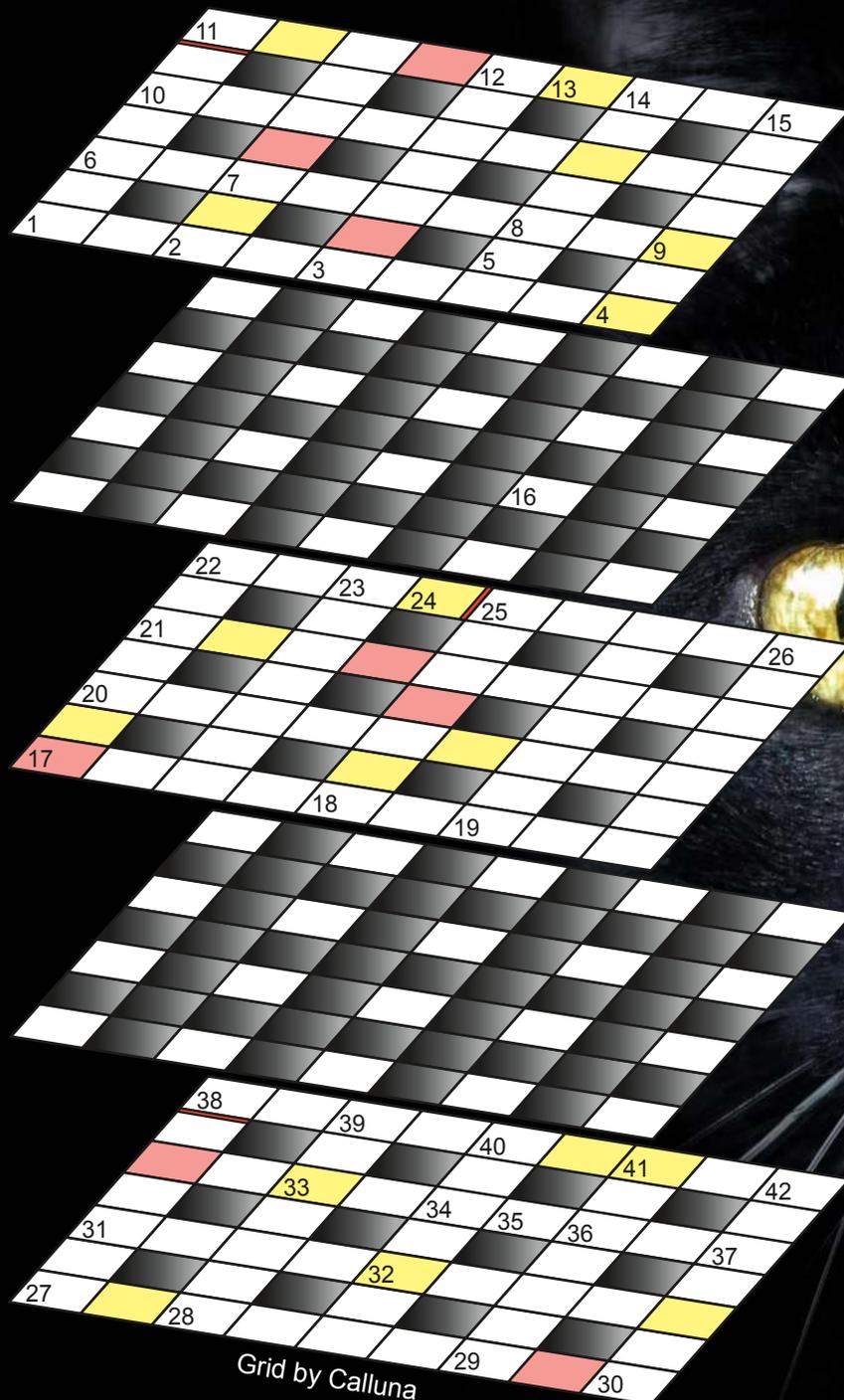


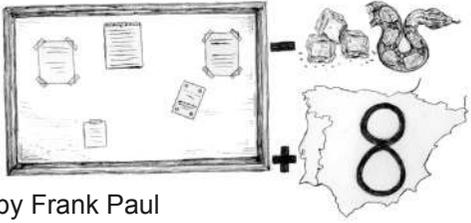
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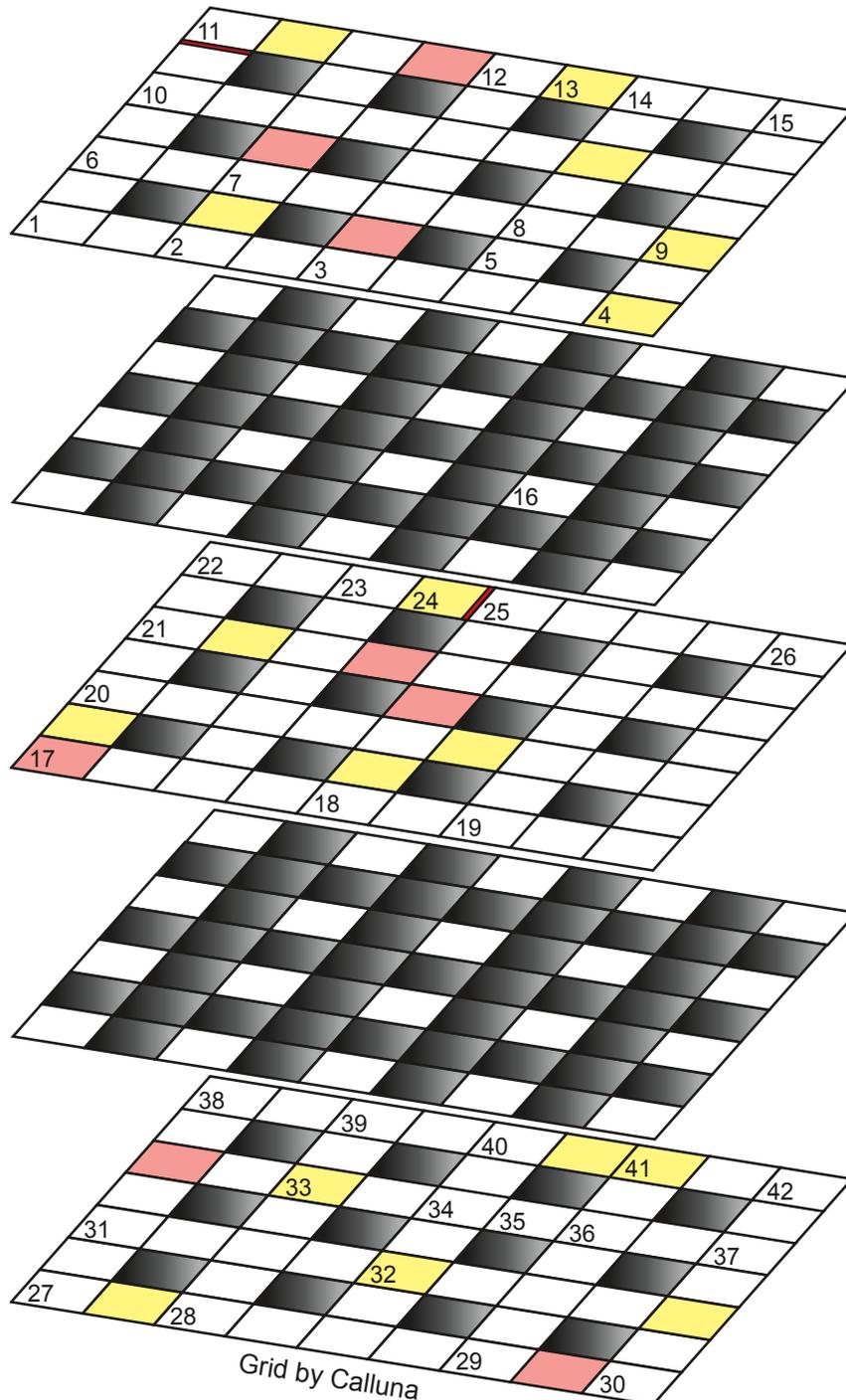
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Day 29 6ac (9)						1 _{4aw} Domestic supporter soon adopts Free Left (7)
2 _{32up} <i>Thematic</i>	3 _{16d,5aw-2,8d} Support for spine as duellists start? (4-2-4)	4 _{24ba,22to} <i>Thematic</i>	5 _{37up} In here's a blackguard, backsliding, plumbing new depths? (5)	6 _{24ba-2,23to} Pub receives TV uniform flier (8)	7 _{27ac} I pass over in black and red, like Alabama's flag (9)	8 _{37ba} Wait to catch opera-singer's weak point (9)
9 _{31ac} Knave who's managing requisitions? (9)	10 _{28aw} Rotten film series altering the bounds of immorality (7)	11 _{18d} Army man's brief depression (3)	12 _{31up} <i>Thematic</i>	13 <i>Thematic</i>	14 _{28up} This is unusual, someone dancing on the sand with copper (5)	15 _{30up,4aw-3} Bids to restructure then split (7)
16 _{34up} GP behind plan (5)	17 _{9d} Poet's gloomy daughters breed (5)	18 _{30aw} Ends of board with which Laurel almost clobbered Hardy (7)	19 _{42ba} Hunters embattled, holed and sunk (9)	20 _{11ac} <i>Thematic</i>	21 _{17ac} Has scared off difficult folk (4,5)	22 _{33up} Old Brits occupying office nightly (5)
23 _{14to} Down jar after spinning bottles of the Black Stuff (7)	24 _{41up-4} <i>Thematic</i>	25 _{41to,27aw-6,18aw} <i>Thematic</i>	26 _{39up} Expanse of water split kiln leaving one aghast (5)	27 _{35ac-2,36up-4} Reportedly takes a job in Kerry? (5)	28 _{15d} <i>Thematic</i>	29 _{6ac} Forerunner of column, <i>Thunderer</i> has original chapter included in #500 (9)
30 _{40to} Strange, partnerless dance (7)	31 _{2aw} Maximally fertile, burying head – as one does (7)	32 _{12to,3d-2} Stole the show from laid-back couple, maintaining diplomacy and energy (8)	33 _{26ba-5,25d-2} Acid-sweet mixture? Lab's rating down after head of Operations axes me (6)	34 _{26to} Revolutionary soy dressing, oddly secret, banned East Caribbean seafood (7)	35 _{13ba-2,12d} Fruit Mr Gibson's dropping round (6)	36 _{1d} The chap's back in pub, reversing this? (5)

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