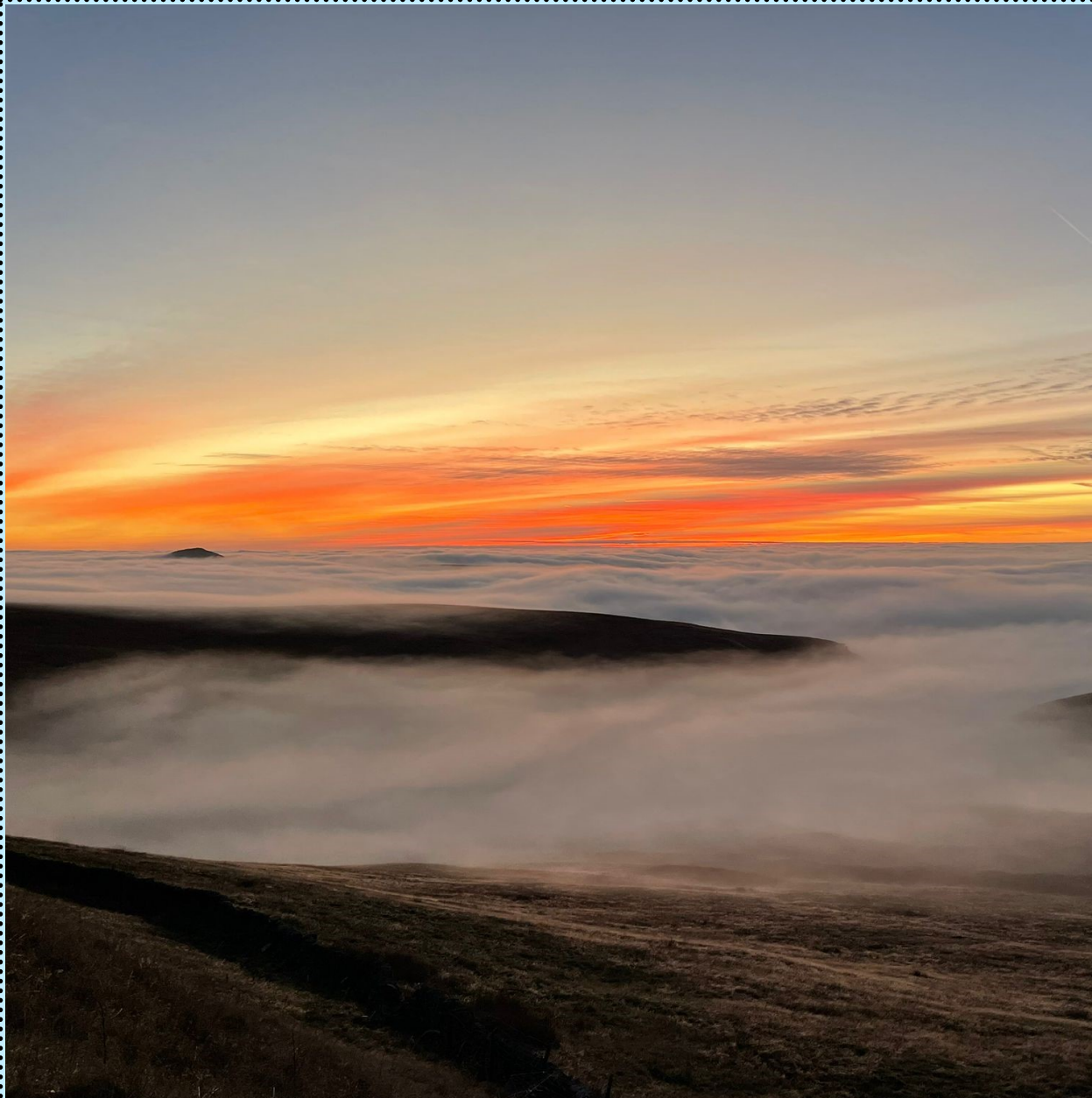




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The New Monarch

By: Tom Crispin

As of Queen Elizabeth II's death on the 8th of September, we have a new King in the form of Charles III. Charles was the longest-serving heir to the throne and has become the oldest person to ascend to the throne of the UK at 73.

Climate Change

Back in 1969, the young Prince of Wales wrote a letter to Prime Minister Harold Wilson about the decline of salmon stocks in the Scottish rivers. 'People are notoriously short-sighted when it comes to questions of wildlife,' he wrote. This set the precedent for many decades of environmental campaigning. During his time as a Prince, King Charles used his position to champion positive change, spearheading numerous initiatives for the planet – and most recently standing as a key figure during COP26. He has also launched several initiatives on his Gloucestershire estate, the farm produce of which is sold in the Duchy range in Waitrose.

Religion

Queen Elizabeth II was a strong Christian who always expressed her faith in public. She led the church of England with the title 'Defender of the Faith': a title which Charles now inherits. As head of the church of England, Charles will be responsible for attending important ceremonies around the UK and the General Synod meetings every two years.

Title Changes

As of Charles' ascension, there have been a few changes to the royal titles.

- Camilla has become Queen Consort
- Prince William and Princess Kate become the Prince and Princess of Wales. They still retain their titles of Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.
- Because he is the Prince of Wales, Prince William's children can now add 'of Wales' to their titles as well as his descendants
- Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's children are technically a prince and princess, though their new titles have not been announced by the monarchy.
- Prince Edward may become the Duke of Edinburgh

The Politics Roundup

By: Haydn Smith

Its been a busy few weeks in politics. Lets round up.

- Rishi Sunak was appointed as the new British Prime Minister after Liz Truss's resignation
- Then the striking begins. Throughout the whole of December at least one industry or company will go on strike. Including continuing strikes from RMT with Network Rail and the Communications Workers Union with Royal Mail in a very, very long running dispute over pay not being inline with the UK's economy and cost of living and working conditions.
- Also announced striking is the Royal Collage of Nursing, the first time they have been on strike since they were founded in 1916. This in a dispute over pay. Nurses have not received a pay increase in a while and with the Cost of Living Crisis they feel its time their pay was increased in line with inflation
- NHS Nurses in Northern Ireland have also gone on strike, however their pay is controlled by the Northern Ireland Executive (Government) but due to an argument between the Democratic Unionist Party (UK Supporting) and Sinn Fein (Ireland Supporting) over Brexit, there is no functioning government in Northern Ireland. (Power Sharing Agreements, its confusing). As a result nurses in Northern Ireland will have to wait longer for a pay increase unless Westminster steps in.

Nuclear Fusion Power

By: Luke Adkins

For more than 60 years, scientists have pursued one of the toughest physics challenges ever: harnessing nuclear fusion, the power source of the stars, to generate abundant clean energy here on Earth. On December 6th, researchers announced a milestone in this effort. For the first time, a fusion reactor has produced more energy than was used to trigger the reaction. On December 5, an array of lasers at the National Ignition Facility (NIF), part of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, fired 2.05 megajoules of energy at a tiny cylinder holding a pellet of frozen deuterium and tritium, heavier forms of hydrogen. The pellet compressed and generated temperatures and pressures intense enough to cause the hydrogen inside it to fuse. In a tiny blaze lasting less than a billionth of a second, the fusing atomic nuclei released 3.15 megajoules of energy—about 50 percent more than had been used to heat the pellet. This is significant because this could (not confirmed) mean that clean nuclear energy is a lot easier and now we know how to create it, it can be duplicated in the future. This article was a little different because after black Friday, tech companies don't tend to release any new Hardware/Software.

Sports from the BCSPress

By: Jonny

Body

Update on Ukraine

By: Haydn Smith

A lot has happened in the past months since our feature on Ukraine. So lets do a summary of the most recent events:

- Russia has announced the creation of a “front-line creative brigade” which will consist of volunteer musicians and recruits which will be sent to the front line in an attempt to boost morale.
- Kharkiv and Kherson is without power after a wave of missile strikes from Russia as they target power supplies
- A US national captured by Russia, Suedi Murekezi was let go in a deal that saw 64 Ukrainian troops released.
- UK businesses are collapsing after the drying up of trade from Russia as a result of the war. Duplop has had to shut a factory in Marfleet, at a lose of 70 jobs as a result of Russia being its largest market.
- Ukraine has chosen their next Eurovision act from a Kyiv metro station and bomb shelter turned into a TV studio
- The Ukrainians have installed a “Christmas Tree of Invincibility” made of camouflage nets which will be donated to soldiers in the new year.

Opinions of the Staff Led Reading

By: Edward King Proudlove

We asked three varied and dynamic correspondents from the diverse selection of BCS students to divulge their thoughts about the staff led reading. They said:

A Student in Year 10 said:

I personally like it because it is a full 25 minutes of reading. I also like it because everyone is reading the same book.

A Student in Year 8 said:

I think it is quite good because all you do is read and I like reading myself. Also, I find it peaceful. But I think that we could vote on the book that we read.

A Student in Year 9 said:

It is alright. It just feels like we are having 6 periods and I can not be bothered to walk home after period 5.

An Interview With...

By: Luke Adkins

Q&A With Mr Warrington (Teacher of History)

What made you go into teaching?

"At school I really enjoyed History and as I enjoyed the subject increasingly, I thought that it would be a good idea to teach it."

What is your favourite topic in history?

"Modern history (1900s onwards) and within that, the making of modern Britain in particular."

What jobs did you have before you became a teacher?

"I worked at a supermarket on the check-out and then I became the supermarket delivery driver."

Have you taught anywhere before?

"No, this is the first school I have ever taught at!"

When did you join the staff here?

"15 years ago, so 2007"

What do you enjoy about being a teacher?

"Every day is different and trying to enthuse people about a subject that I love."

What was your favourite subject when you were at school?

"PE and History"

Where did you go to university?

"Newcastle, I studied History and Politics."

What did you want to be when you were growing up?

"I liked the idea of becoming a lawyer but later I wanted to become a teacher."

What are your hobbies/interests?

"I love football and I have a season ticket to watch Derby County. I also coach my Sons football team."

What does SLR stand for?

"It stands for staff lead reading."

Why did you start SLR?

"As a school we felt that all students should get the opportunity to read more for pleasure and begin to realise the wider benefits of reading. By having a teacher model fluency and discussing key vocabulary and themes within the book, it might give more students the chance to access more academic literature and language."

What are your plans for SLR?

"SLR is a part of bigger plan to get students reading more for pleasure. All students will have read 4 high quality fiction books by the end of each academic year. The more you read, the better you will do in your subjects at school!"

What do you want to see in the long term for SLR?

"More students being able to access the curriculum and their subjects because they are more confident readers, who have a richer and more comprehensive use of vocabulary."

An Interview With...

By: Edward King Proudlove

Q&A With Mrs Pickford (BCS FEST-ive Organiser)

Who helped run the BCS FEST-ive?

“Team BCS, Mrs Flint, Mrs McMillan and Mrs Pickford”

What activities were there?

“There was a bouncy castle for smaller kids, reindeer rodeo and a snowboard simulator.”

What food was there?

“There was a barbecue, popcorn, candyfloss, crisps and hot chocolate.”

Was there live music?

“There was music from Fairfield brass band and students from BCS.”

What are some stalls that were there?

“Santa’s grotto, craft, drama performance, inflatables, music and amazing raffle prizes.”



An Interview With...

By: Finlay Jones

Q&A With Ms Cushine (Head of Drama)

Favourite City/Place?

"It must either be New York or Edinburgh because New York is such an exciting place and I always go to the Edinburgh Fringe – it's my happy place!"

Why did you become a teacher?

"I always liked the idea of teaching - I don't really know why, then I got into Drama and Theatre and loved it! Another reason is that I went to university knowing I wanted to be a teacher partly because I had a brilliant teacher as a child."

Why Drama?

"Well, I didn't come from a family of Theatre lovers I was just obsessed with watching films. One day I was taken to the theatre and knew it was my thing."

What is your favourite food?"

"I really love Indian food because I'm a vegan and had to learn to cook well, I found Indian cuisine the best."

If you couldn't be a Drama Teacher, what would you be?

"A Theatre Director because I like being in charge!"

Plays you would watch repeatedly?

"really enjoy watching the companies: Gecko, RashDash and Middlechild because of the way they perform and the techniques they use."

What is your favourite style of drama?

"Physical theatre because it's a real mix of music, visual and movement techniques with not a lot of talking. I do not like Pantomime though!"

What was your favourite GCSE performance?

"I examined Mrs Reddy's drama Performance when she was a student – and that was great!"

What part of Drama do you enjoy teaching the most?

"I love A level and Physical theatre because you don't have to be a confident actor to perform well in Physical theatre."

Have you ever played in a professional theatre group?

"I've set up a small theatre group with my friend and direct in that, I find you get to be more creative as a director rather than an actor."

History Film Club

History Film Club is on every Friday Lunchtime in D32 and as the name suggests we watch films based on events in History. We have just watched *The Monuments Men*, a film based on the WWII US Army Regiment tasked with protecting art and seizing it back off the Nazis and giving it back into the rightful hands.

In the new year we will start watching. *All Quiet on the Western Front*

Also on a Monday Lunchtime is History Book Club where you can read books of a Historical setting.

History Film Club: Friday Lunchtime D32

thePressPod Issue 2

Please find the link to the most recent addition to thePressPod below:

Use the QR Code to apply to join thePressPod team:



Luke's Lunches

Mince Pies

Welcome to Luke's lunches. The festive season is here, and I just can't wait. We are going to kick off Christmas with an amazing snack which I love. They always go down a treat. Mince pies!

Serves 12

Ingredients

375g/13oz plain flour

250g/9oz butter, softened

125g/4oz caster sugar, plus extra for sprinkling

1 medium free-range egg

2 x 400g/14oz jars mincemeat

2 tangerines, zest grated, and flesh chopped

1 apple, finely diced

Method

Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6. Rub the flour, butter, sugar, and egg together with a splash of cold water until it just comes together as a dough. Do not over work the dough. Wrap the pastry in cling film and set aside to chill in the fridge.

To make the filling, turn the mincemeat out into a bowl, grate the zest of the tangerines into the mincemeat, then peel and chop the fruit. Throw the tangerine and apple pieces into the bowl and blend by hand.

Roll out the pastry to a 3mm/1/8in thickness. With a round pastry cutter, cut out 6 x 9cm/3½in discs of pastry. Press the pastry into the muffin cups and fill each one with a good helping of the mincemeat mixture, so that it reaches three-quarters of the way up the side of the pastry-lined cup.

With a fluted pastry cutter, cut out 6 x 8cm/3¼ in pastry circles for the lids (slightly bigger than the top of the muffin cups). Place a lid on top of each pie and gently push down. Sprinkle with caster sugar.

Bake for 20 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool. Dust with icing sugar and serve warm with fresh cream.

History of Mince Pies

Credit / Sources - Historic UK: www.historic-uk.com BBC: www.bbc.com/future

One of the favourite sweet treats at Christmas is mince pies. This crumbly pastry is filled with fruit, often soaked in brandy, and flavoured with citrus and mild spice. However, the mince pie was originally a Savoury pie – and not even round!

The earliest reference to a small mince pie as a 'minst pye' rather than a chewet occurs in a recipe from 1624, called 'For six Minst Pyes of an Indifferent Bigness'.

In the Tudor period they were rectangular, shaped like a manger and often had a pastry baby Jesus on the lid. They were made from 13 ingredients to represent Jesus and his disciples and were all symbolic to the Christmas story. As well as dried fruit such as raisins, prunes, and figs, they included lamb or mutton to represent the shepherds and spices (cinnamon, cloves, and nutmeg) for the Wise Men. It was only later, post Reformation, that the mince pie adopted a round shape.

In the Medieval and Tudor period, the meat of choice for a mince pie was lamb or veal. By the 18th century it was more likely to be tongue or even tripe, and in the 19th century it was minced beef. It was not until the late Victorian period and early 20th Century that mince pies dropped the meat and had all fruit fillings (albeit with suet).

Lastly, it is safe to say that Mince pies are well loved, and we will continue to enjoy them for a long time to come. I mean, even Oliver Cromwell did not ban them.

The Game Review

By: Haydn Smith

Door Kickers 2: Task Force North

Door Kickers 2 is the next game in the Door Kickers franchise from KillHouse Game. You play top-down commanding either US Army Rangers, CIA Tactical Operatives or Local Militia in close quarters combat missions working to take down a terrorist network based in the fictional country of Nowheraki in the Middle-East.

It is a very technical game and requires a bit more skill and calmness as you progress (I have raged a few times playing this).

True to the violent nature of the combat, the game perfectly models threats such as booby traps, suicide bombers, RPGs and concealed insurgents.

With a wide arsenal of weapons and tactics the game is yours to play over and over and over trying different things to achieve the target.

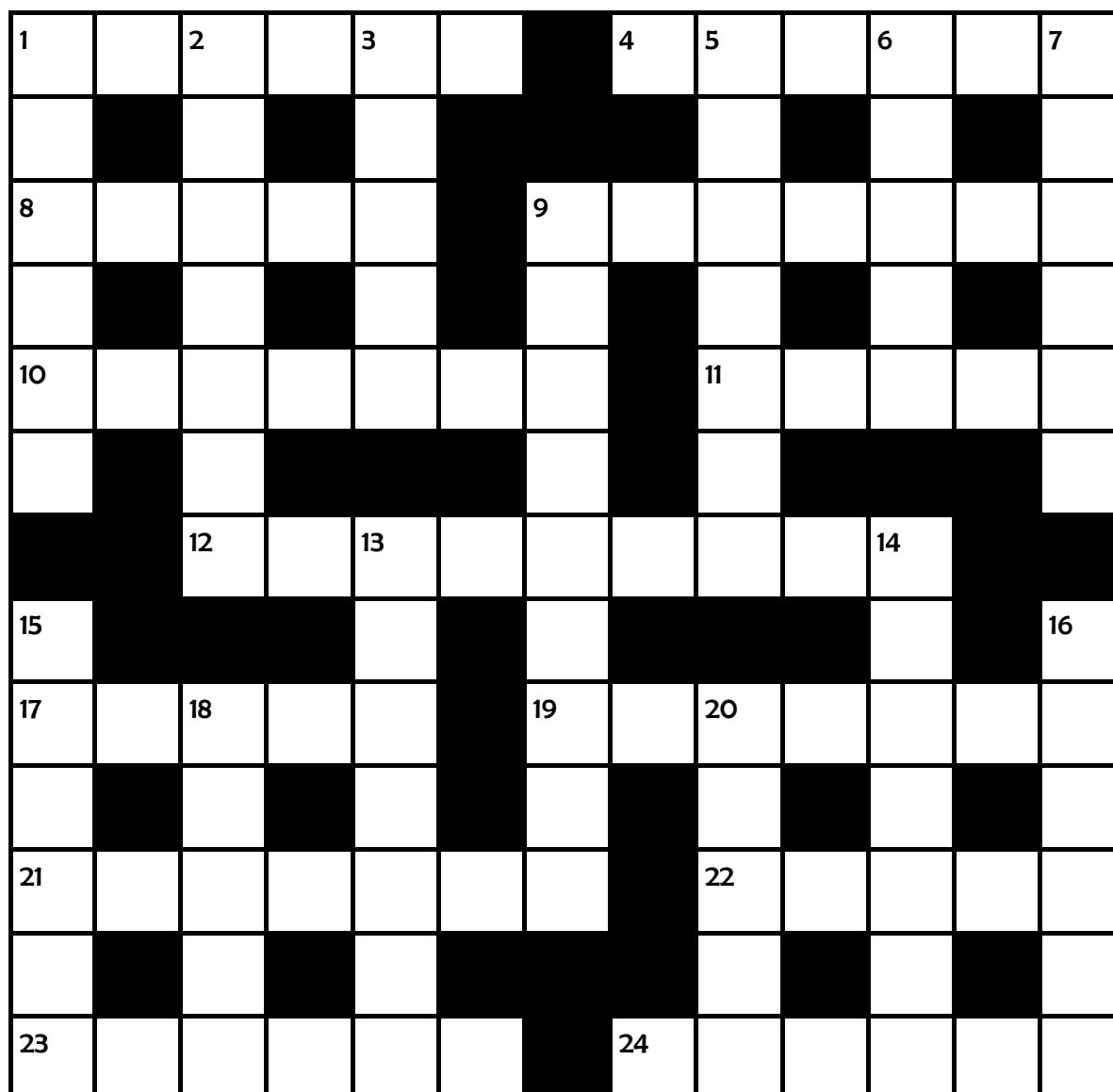
Rating: 5/5

Available on Steam for £20.99



Puzzles

Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Finish a session on a computer (3,3)
- 4 Final result (6)
- 8 Serious — offensive (5)
- 9 Lower (7)
- 10 Carlyle (anag) — evidently (7)
- 11 Furious (5)
- 12 Scribe (9)
- 17 Spanish wine region (5)
- 19 Irreligious (7)
- 21 Pickled cucumber (7)
- 22 Pretend (5)
- 23 Old sixpence (6)
- 24 Showing a fiery glow (3-3)

DOWN

- 1 Craziiness (6)
- 2 First four books of the New Testament (7)
- 3 Handbill (5)
- 5 Spice made with red peppers (7)
- 6 Doglike carrion scavenger (5)
- 7 It gives a flavour of what's to come (6)
- 9 Ticket unsuitable for an overnight stay? (3,6)
- 13 Series of short snapping sounds (7)
- 14 Schlep or klutz, for instance (7)
- 15 Vivid (6)
- 16 Andersen's Ugly Duckling (6)
- 18 A vast amount (5)
- 20 Socially tactless slip (5)

Sudoku

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Christmas Carol Cryptogram

Here is a list of 18 Christmas carols whose titles have all been written in the same secret code. Can you figure out what the titles are?

1. QPQORWYYVRIWFNSJBY
2. AFYRUNUFTSN, SQYVUFTSN
3. IRPZNSRSWYYADFNISMQBTS AQJSQYYV
4. SWXZ!NSRWUTRYAAFUT
5. NSRJFXANUQRY
6. DRDFASVQBWORXXVPSXFANOWA
7. FNPWORBLQUNSR OFIUFTSNPYRWX
8. F' oIXRWOFUTQJWDSFNRP SXFANOWA
9. WDWVFUNSROWUTRX
10. AWUNWPYWBAFAPQOFUTNQNQDU
11. AFYERXMRYA
12. YFNNYRIXBOORXMQV
13. TQIXRANVRORXXVTRUNYRORU
14. XBIQYLSNSRXRIUQARIXRFUIRRX
15. FAWD o o o o VZFAAFUTAWUNWPYWBA
16. KFUTYRMRYA
17. SWERVQBXARYJWORXXVYFNNYRPSXFANOWA
18. QPSXFANOWANXRR

Answers in next issue

Puzzles Answers

See if you got the answers correct from our previous addition

Sudoku

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Crossword

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