

# Crossword

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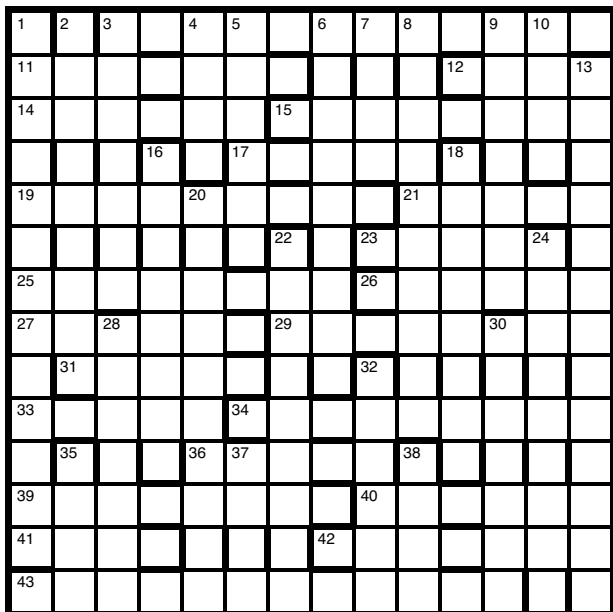
### Mastermind

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Two of the unclued entries combine to form a name (three words) responsible for the other unclued entries (one of three words, two of two words, and two of which combine to form a two-word name).

#### Across

- 11 Custom IO outlaw, hiding books for islander (7)
- 12 They must cool down the crowd (4)
- 14 Cast spell over snake in *Paradise Lost*? (6)
- 15 Natal piece, that is ejected somehow (8)
- 17 Fruit is cut back (5)
- 19 Things a man hates terribly (9)
- 21 The wrong tribe ultimately settled in Nevada desert (5)
- 23 I was a boss and had nothing to do (5)
- 25 Songbird's attempt to conceal guano in retreat (8)
- 26 Laurel's base said to be in ME capital (6)
- 27 Composed Home Counties girlfriend (6)
- 31 Hal backed out of ME capital with branches (5)
- 33 I prepare the ground in soft state (5)
- 34 Using French, I trade in odd ME capital (9)
- 36 Secretive type keeps nothing in pots locally (5)
- 39 Former province getting island city out of nothing (2,6)
- 40 Angler's fly to cast reel (6)
- 41 Care about ruined person losing weight (4)
- 42 Coped with a name? (7)
- 43 Plagiariser caught cheating in deserted stock? (4-8)



#### Down

- 2 Someone inclined to accept loan for one finishing paper (9)
- 3 Olivia's excited to eat cold chicken (7)
- 4 One's waiting for these dumps? (4)
- 5 Artist went fast and was grating (6)
- 6 A bull violently breaking fancy vase and other such items? (9)
- 7 One governed ME country (4)
- 8 Forebears like central impressions (10)
- 9 President (America) backed sacking a governor (7)
- 10 Pay to play in Brazilian team (4)
- 16 Most read novel ranged around the countryside (8)
- 18 Solar area penetrating like a screw (8)
- 20 Informed sailor having style of management by 7 (10)
- 22 Destroyed all morale with certain projections (9)
- 24 Local clothes shops dug into passes (9)

- 30 Currency protects city that can be governed (7)
- 32 City dam almost clear of water (6)
- 35 Cut length for jump (4)

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