

Tunnel Vision Weekly

YOUR (currently) (bi)weekly source on the tech dumps and RPI tunnels (and RPI, sometimes) for the past 10 issues!

10 issues, wowie!

-By I

Hooray! We made it to the 10th issue! Truly an exciting milestone for us here! Now we can set our sights for the 100th issue, in... let me do some math... just over 6 years.. yeah, maybe that one's a bit too far down the road for now. Still exciting, though!

We've got some goodies in store this time to commemorate the 10th. The first thing you may have noticed was the old logo, a throwback to the first issue, which, granted, only 5 of you will get the reference (though you can see the archives online), I figured it'd be cool to pay homage to it anyway.

In terms of actual special features we're testing the waters with stickers, **PLUS** we made a browser-based game to commemorate the tech dumps!

Thank you all again for taking and reading our issues, we wouldn't be here right now if it wasn't for this, so thank you all so much for sticking with us all this time.

Hope you enjoy this fortnight's Tunnel Vision!!

Tunnel Vision: Out of the Tunnel:

-by West Virginia

Right so, imagine the worst day you could possibly have at RPI

...Read more on Page 4

What's new in the box(es):

Free software with select Issues! Also on website!

-By I

Over the past 2 weeks, we were hard at work, and I (me, I) has been working hard to get you all a copy of the last game you'll ever need, made by yours truly! Be sure to grab your copy physically here, or on our website, linked at the bottom of the page!

In other news, the tech dumps have been solid these past two weeks, with this period starting out with some fun stuff in the DCC. Plus, we're bringing back a find of the week from a past issue... I wonder what it is?

...Read more on page 2!

State of the Art:

Doodle book at Starbucks! RPI Statue Blings Out

-By I

Over the past 2 weeks, even the statues have been celebrating TVW #10. J. Erik Jonsson, the guy who the JEC is named after, that one statue, has gotten some bling over the past 2 weeks.

Plus, there's still a source for doodles on campus! Let us know what you think and if you're interested in coverage here!

...Read more on page 3!

Geologic Fever

-by S. S. Illite

An important milestone for any young paper. How exciting! The number 10 has a large presence in scientific history. Not only does its convenience run rampant through almost any calculation, but geologists have many references to it in their analyses of materials; the simplest being the Mohs Hardness Scale!

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Subterranean Homesick Blues

-By π

You ever been too depressed to leave your dorm but can't get a funky bass line out of your head? Me Too! Wipe the tear stains from your eyes and read my review of LCD Soundsystems' "Sound of Silver".

. . . Find the bells on Page 7!



WHAT'S NEW IN THE BOX(ES): 10TH ISSUE-I-VERSARY EDITION

-by I

It's been a weird 2 weeks. A relatively slow week for finds, unless, again, I've been checking at the wrong times. What was interesting though was a second box in Cogswell, and a *complete* clear of the LOW tech dump area! I feel like I've never seen that hallway so empty.

Besides that, some interesting things here and there, read more about it here, on What's new in the box(es)!!

PLUS: To commemorate the 10th issue-i-versary, we released a special Tech Dump Simulator to you all! If you don't find a physical copy (floppy disk) check out website! Read more on page 7!

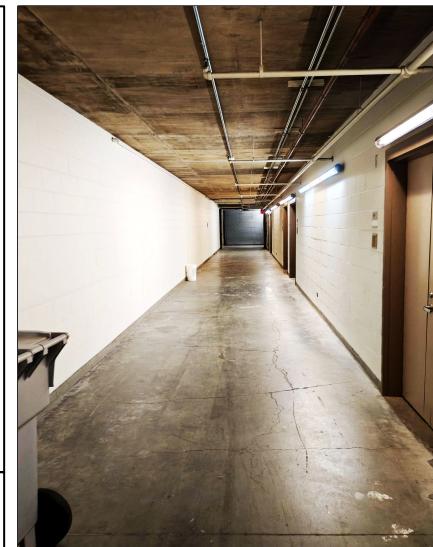
FINDS OF THE WEEK: SPIKY CAR AND OLD POSTERS

The find of the week this week was a set of ancient safety posters, framed in glass, in the JEC. Never saw anything that looked this old in/around the dumps, so that was pretty cool! Note this was found next to the boxes, so not necessarily for the taking, except with eyes.

A second find was an interesting small car that had lots of screws sticking out of its wheels, perfect for making swiss cheese out of almost anything, or more likely just for all-terrain traversing. Must've taken a while to put so many screws in there, there must've been at least 30.

WHAT'S ACTUALLY NEW IN BOX(ES)

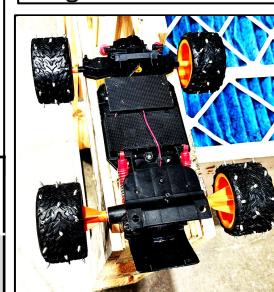
LOW	DCC
'Liquid injector'-s, plus a monitor and desk printer. Full clear of the tunnel leading up to the tech dumps! The walls are so white I thought I was in the Apple store for a second.	A bunch of landline wires and adapters, plus a Thinkpad T60 (quite broken), a projector, and a computer mouse. Plus some floppy discs of unordered Microsoft Office 4.2 for McIntosh, though these were all blank when checked.
JEC	Other
A huge flatscreen TV, unknown if working, a spiky-tired RC car, still a bunch of stripped PCs, and assorted circuit boards and stuff.	VCC: Not much so far, no action for weeks at this point. Except for a UPS backup power thing. <u>Sage/West/MRC/Cogswell:</u> No changes either, though the MRC has an extra box?! (the MRC has also been cleared)



It's so.. clean?! The LOW hallway is almost completely empty. What a sight to behold.



Find of the week! It's always cool to see posters that are that yellow with that particular font. Plus, now you know how to be safe with a drill press!



Find of the week 3: Spiky car! Wouldn't wanna step on that one.. ouch.



Another find of the week! Assorted Microsoft Office 4.2 setup floppy disks. Not even close to being in order, but floppy disks are a rare sighting here!



When was the last time Cogswell had 2 boxes? Even with this new box there has not even been one thing put in there AFAIK.



Thinkpad T60... with the advertising still there! That's (almost) a 20 year old sticker.



2 Find cool stuff in the tech dumps? Let us know via the QR code!
Keep up with the tech dumps at tunnelvisionweekly.neocities.org!

STATE OF THE ART - STARBUCKS EDITION: STARBUCKS DOODLE BOOK, STATUE GETS BLINGED OUT

-By I

Ahh, I've missed this. A new source for drawings has been found for the time being! The Starbucks in the DCC has added a notebook in which people can freedraw! This is a pilot week for this new source of drawings, so let us know via the google form (QR code) whether you're interested in continuing coverage on these drawings!

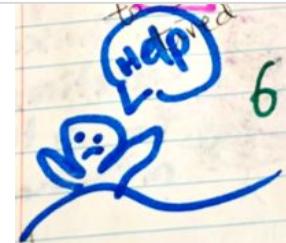
Plus, for a bit of a tunnel update, looking in the tunnels during these past 2 weeks almost nothing new has been seen. A few bits of text here and there, but not much. Cameras are still very much there. Avoiding drawing is still advised.

As a final nugget of news, you can read about the statue that put on some bling at the start of last week!

Hope you enjoy this week's State of the Art, finally some hand-drawn art once more!



This just in, the potentially distant cousin of stoned cat has been found, cat with eyebrows!



"Help," says the person appearing to be drowning. They say they're still waving their arms to this day.

Got art you made or want to share? Unhappy with our coverage? Find something interesting we should report on here? Use the google form on the right (QR code) to submit art, comments, and/or news!



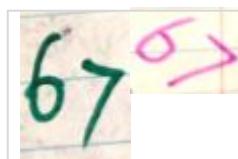
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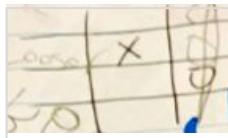
The among us-es never fail to show up, do they?



"Spread love," someone says. I <3 PSYCH(opaths), someone replies.



There's so many '67's you could almost say there's... 6 or 7...(okay I'll see myself out now)



BREAKING: Another idiot loses at Tic-Tac-Toe! Could it be the same person as before?



A stunning self portrait that was drawn in. It's like they're really there!

Plus... someone wanted others to add them on Roblox, some cats, a dog with a guitar, and more! If you're interested, have a look on our website for a full image!



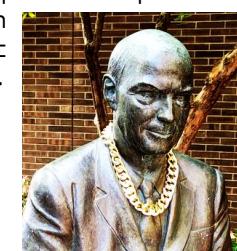
B0RGER - could this be a callback to the Commons burger petition? What does the extra 'o' mean?!

Statue Prepares for Halloween Early

Early in the week of TVW #9's release, the statue of J.E.J by the JEC was found blinged out with a gold chain around his neck. We speculate it has to do with the soon-to-arrive Halloween.

Locals report that the statue may have come alive during the full moon earlier and at that point took a quick trip to Spirit Halloween for the golden chains.

Unfortunately, the chain was gone a few days later.



TUNNEL VISION: OUT OF THE TUNNEL

A NIGHTMARE DAY IN THE LIFE

By WEST VIRGINIA

You wake up drenched in sweat to sound of your roommate's alarm. They won't get out of bed for another hour at least, but nonetheless a new alarm will go off just about every 5 minutes. You roll out of bed and immediately trip over your roommate's shoes which have been left in the middle of the room. It's 9 and have intro to bio at 10, so you decide to stop at commons for a quick bite. You wait in line behind a kid wearing cat ears and a tail for some sausage and soggy eggs. While you're eating you check your CS1 midterm grade: 34%. The average was 52%. Distracted by this news you don't notice it's almost 10. You get coffee to go and hurry off to class. It snowed last night so the steps are extra slippery and you slip almost instantly. You land hard on your ass and the coffee goes flying. The snow soaked through your pants and you're officially late.

Finally, you get to DCC 308 and suddenly remember that today is your group presentation. You're the second group to go, leaving you just enough time to jot down some talking points before it's your turn to go up. Your presentation is on CRISPR. So is the next groups' - theirs was better. You forgot today was Thursday and this week bears and berries is due. You spend the rest of bio trying to fix your buggy code with no luck. The last group finishes their presentation at 11:30 and you think you might get out early so you pack up but the professor holds you till 12, talking about the final.

Your next class is in Pittsburgh. The snow has turned to ice and you start to lose your footing just as a tour group comes out of sage labs. They watch you eat shit for the second time in 3 hours. Once you arrive at the doors you run up to the second floor sweaty and out of breath, only to realise class was canceled - the professor sent out an email at 11:40. Defeated, you sit in the empty room staring at your laptop, partially relieved that you'll have more time to work on your code and partially pissed that you have no excuse not to anymore. Again you try, and fail to fix your buggy code.

It's only been an hour but you're about to smash your thinkpad on the floor so you decide to hike back up to sage, ravenous by the time you arrive. All they have is hotdogs with stale buns. But the waffle making stuff is still out so you try and make a waffle when one of the sage workers comes out and yells at you. She says that waffles are only for breakfast and it's 1pm. She lets you finish making the waffle but you don't even want it anymore. You get a soft serve swirl and eat it shivering as you walk back to your dorm. You decide you're either gonna take a nap or work on your code but you can't do either because your roommate is watching tik tok on full volume. Instead you take a shower and try to clear your head.

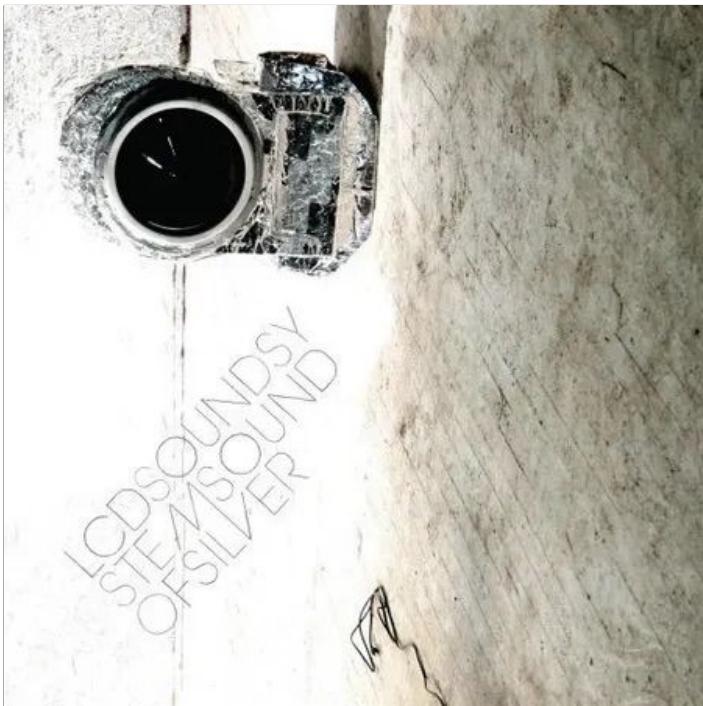
Feeling clean and refreshed you walk to the library to lock in but after searching every floor the only open seat you find is on the first floor in the makeshift classroom area. Just as you set up your laptop, charger, and notebook, students start filing in and you realise a class is about to begin. As the space fills up, you debate staying there while class is in session, but once the professor starts talking, you decide against it. Everyone, including the professor, gives you a weird look as you pack up and leave.

CS Office hours are about to start so you get in the queue while you're still in the library and walk over to Lally. There was no one in the queue when you joined so your name had already been called while you weren't there and they skipped over you. By the time you're sitting in Lally with submitty back open there are already 50 people in the queue. After 3 hours a TA calls your name, but you went to the bathroom so they skipped you again. You recognize some kids from your dorm. One of them is already in data structures as a first semester freshman and you wonder what he's doing there. He's in shorts and flipflops even though it's November and only 14 degrees outside. He asks to look at your code and proceeds to explain what you already know - why it's not working - but is unable to actually offer a solution to the problem. Despite this he manages to leave feeling smarter than you and asks why you decided to major in computer science in the first place. You're wondering this yourself as you walk back home in the dark and try to motivate yourself to keep working on this code.

After a few more hours, midnight finally comes and you got 30/100 points but at least you can justify going to bed because you have no more late days!

Subterranean Homesick Blues

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LCD Soundsystem is the musical collective and love child of multi-instrumentalist, singer-songwriter, DJ, and producer James Murphy. On the band's sophomore album *Sound of Silver*, Murphy, along with his tight-knit group of collaborators, builds something that feels both deeply personal yet seeped in Murphy's own influences, like a love letter made of all his favorite records. Murphy has never shied from where he draws his influences from, but his meticulous curation of new wave, funk, punk, and house, or as he calls it "silver music," gives the album its unmistakable pulse. The whole thing is soaked in groovy baselines, wiry distorted synths, and rhythms that sound equally at home on a hi-fi setup in a Brooklyn loft or in a dingy smoke-filled club in Cologne.

There's something almost cruel about how **Sound of Silver** balances irony and sincerity. It's Murphy at his most self-aware, funny, and devastating. The record feels like the hangover at the end of your 30s, the realization that chasing cool doesn't make you feel alive anymore and groovy baselines and driving drums are all that's left to keep you moving.

"Get Innocuous!" opens the record like a trance, all shimmering synths and mechanical pulse, slowly building until it devours all of the space around you. With haunting montras it perfectly sets the tone for the record. "Time to Get Away" and "North American Scum" follow with a sound seeped in Brooklyn bite, songs that sneer at exhaustion and self-doubt but can't quite hide their weariness. A dance through disillusionment.

Then everything softens. **"Someone Great"* is where the record finally cracks open. An ode to his late therapist, a tender steady pulse and soaring synths smother Murphy's vocals, even at its most vulnerable, the album is begging you to dance. James speaks about loss, memory, and the unbearable normalcy of the world moving on. It's one of those songs that always makes me cry, losing the person you were most vulnerable with, and aching for the comfort you can no longer find in them. A nialistic malaise about the world floods your brain, and the simple details of life wash away in irrelevance to the pain your feeling. A personal favorite of mine from Murphy. "The worst is all the lovely weather/ I'm stunned it's not raining/ The coffee isn't even bitter/ Because, what's the difference."

Somehow Murphy keeps this existential danceparty going on **"All My Friends"* which* takes that ache and turns it into something transcendent. A pounding piano, relentless and bright, carries Murphy's voice as he looks back at years spent chasing meaning through noise and movement. It's hopeful and tragic all at once, a song about growing older, losing people, and realizing how rare it is to still feel connected. Another song that will always make me tear up, to Murphy his mistakes, the loss, the pain, was all worth it for his true life passion, Music.

The album softly closes on **"New York, I Love You but You're Bringing Me Down,"** a bittersweet love ballad to his home NYC with my favorite vocal delivery on the album and a dramatic crescendo of piano, guitar drums and Murphys crooning poetry. A perfect way to end a perfect album.

Sound of Silver is a dance-punk opus that will leave you crying for as long as it keeps you dancing. While its influences from the likes of Eno, Aphex twin, and Talking heads is potent, Murphy's tender lyrics, sassy and ironic delivery, and masterfully composed grooves allow this album to transcend far beyond its roots. While the sound is tinged with silver its core is nothing but gold.

Geologic Fever: Forensic science is not just for the police!

By S. S. Illite

An important topic for an important issue. Welcome to the world of being an earth scientist!

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See here, this is a text version of the scale. On the right is the Mohs numerical value, the middle column compares "everyday items" (let's be real, how many of you are familiar with mica?) to the minerals, which are on the left, different commonly seen minerals create the scale, from talc to diamond, pictured below:

Talc is very soft, and most often called "soapstone". Most diamond you see are cut or otherwise processed, which gives them their



Mineral	Everyday item	Mohs hardness scale
Talc		1
Gypsum	Fingernail	2
Calcite	Mica	2.5
	Copper coin	3
Fluorite		3.2
Apatite	Glass	4
	Knife blade, nail	5
Feldspar		5.5
	Steel file	6
Quartz	Sandpaper	6.5
Topaz		7
Corundum		8
Diamond		9
		10

distinct shapes and defined angles. Like many gemstones, diamond start out rough! These two are harder to tell apart by color, but as any baby earth scientist learns, color is misleading. Things like strength, reaction to hydrochloric acid (HCl), growth patterns, and streak color are much more defining.

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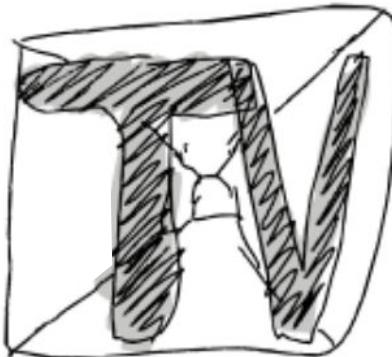
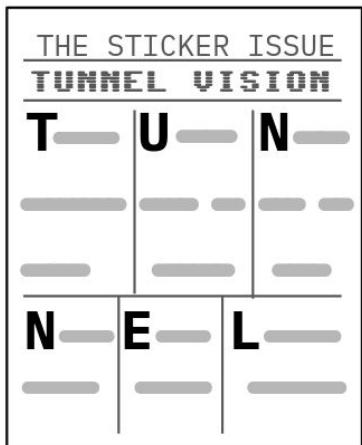


Extra: 10th Issue Special Features

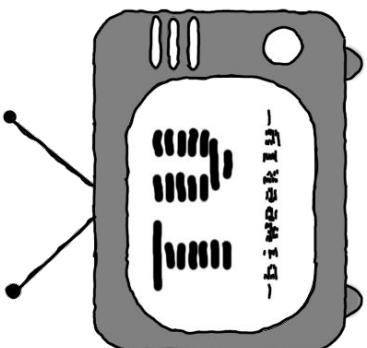
-By I-

Do you like stickers? I sure does! Over the past 2 weeks, we made some rough designs for stickers to commemorate Tunnel Vision #10. 2 of these designs have been printed, hand-cut, and released out into the wild with most issues of TV #10! See if you can find them all!

If you are interested in any of these here, be sure to let us know using the QR code you'll find on the paper! Email us if you'd like a sticker and have not received one, after Wednesday the price will be 50¢ each (coins preferred), the eye and old TV are currently available. If we get enough votes (at least 15), we'll release the next most popular design(s)! Also, if you have a sticker design idea, we'd love to see it! Send it to us via the form or email!



PLUS: Over the past 2 weeks, we were also hard at work on a new game available to you all, either via the physical copy attached to certain Tunnel Visions this week, or online at our website!

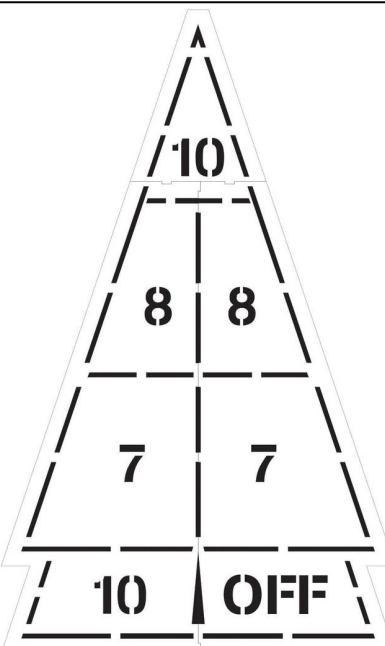


If you've ever wanted to go tech-dumping without actually going to any of the tech dumps, boy do we have the game for you! Tech Dump Simulator, by I, gives you a taste of the thrills of tech dumping in the comfort of your own home, or even on the go!

Find treasures like stripped PCs, meet the boogeyman, destroy the universe, and so much more, in this interactive game you can play right in your browser! No download required.

Thank you for your support for 10 issues so far!!

THE LAST PAGE: PUZZLES N' STUFF



Enjoy the classic game of newspaper shuffleboard above!

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Sudoku courtesy of puzzlegenerators.com/Sudoku.html

Welcome back to the contest box! This time, best answer wins. Imagine this: You've got to cross a 15 ft chasm. If you fall, you die. You have 10 minutes and only have what you can fit in a backpack. What do you do?

We had 2 submissions last week. The winner, submitted on the 7th, wanted you all to know, "Mia is the GOAT" - anonymous

As an honorable mention, the second participant, carnivalesque, was kind enough to submit the mini crossword you see below to us, thank you again for that!

Thank you all for participating, check out the hall of fame on our website!

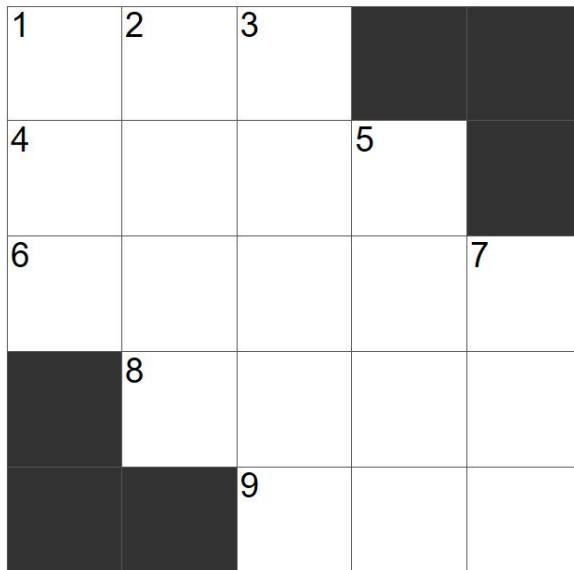
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- 4 Harley Quinn's turning point (2 wds.)
- 6 RPI's second popular major
- 8 Carly and Spencer ___ from iCarly
- 9 Opposite of WSW

DOWN

- 1 Civil engineer's magnum opus
- 2 October or December 31st
- 3 Some computer storage
- 5 Less ___ (<)
- 7 Tunnel Vision logo



What other puzzles (n' stuff) would you like to see here? Submit your suggestions (or in some cases puzzles) to us using the QR code, email, or on our website!

Quick update: This is a reprint on 10/21, with a correction. S.S. Illite's page had cut off text. That should be fixed now!

Thank you very much to carnivalesque for creating this mini crossword!!

Before we go, roll the credits:

- I, 'CEO' of Tunnel Vision Weekly
 - S.S. Illite, The Geologist
 - West Virginia, Tunnel Vision: Out of the Tunnel writer
 - π (Pi), Mediterranean Homesick Blues Writer
 - K and π, Logo design based on logo by I, which was based on a logo by Virginia
- Thank you all for your help!

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Number nonogram #5!

...And that's all, folks! Thank you all so much for reading so far, I'm really glad you picked us to be your source for all news tech dump and RPI! If you missed any past issues, be sure to check out tinyurl.com/tvw-archive, also if you have any stories or want to help with writing articles/sections, contact us at tunnelvisionweekly@proton.me! Want to place an ad? Contact us, and we'll work something out!

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