

These stories are from pages 7, 8 and 9 of *First News*. Read the stories, and then try the puzzle. To help you, we have underlined the answers to the crossword puzzle clues in the stories – but you will need to match the correct word with each clue!



## WORLD NEWS

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### USA



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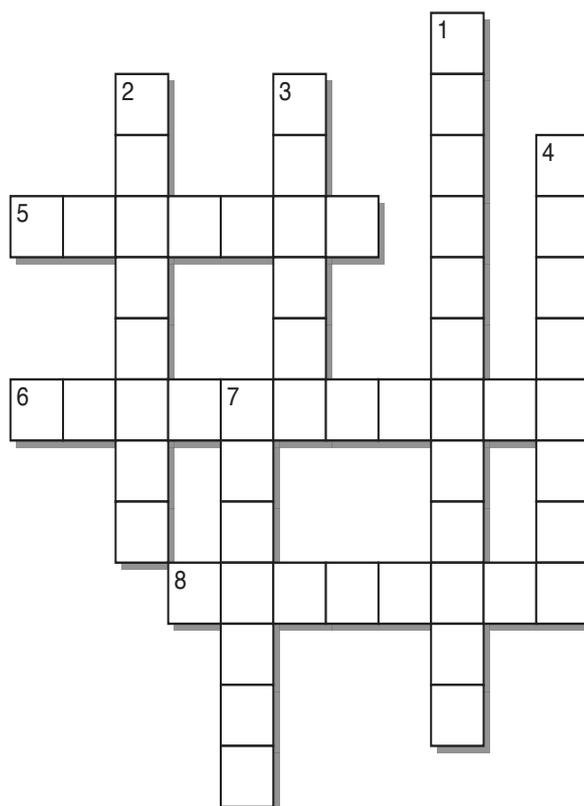


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- 2) Nutrients that are made up of many amino acids joined together. These are essential for normal cell structure and function (plural noun 8)
- 3) The liquid element of blood that carries cells and proteins throughout the body (noun 6)
- 4) **And 5 across.** A process through which scientists help living things to create offspring in order to help save the species (noun 8, 7)
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