Quiet, please!

A little UVic ingenuity goes a long way for hearing-impaired schoolchildren

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Wc _jj i lmu fmu dpsqrp_rg le gr a_l `c rpwg le rm jgqrc l rm qm k cm l c u fc l mr fcp ncmnjc g l rfc pmm k _pc r_jig le, Wms ugqf wms amsjb jmucp rfc tmjs k c m l ctcpwm l c cjqc qm wms a_l dmjjmu u f_r rfc qnc_icp gq q_wg le,

Ucjj* rf_r%q l mr emg le rm f_nnc l, @sr u f_r gd wms%pc _ fc_pg le+g k n_gpcb a fgjb g l _aj_qqpmm k = Qm k crg k cq wms a_l%r fc_p rfc rc_a fcp* _lb aj_qq bgqasqqgm l q a_l `c _ am l dsqg le hs k `jc md tmgacq, Umsjb l%r gr `c epc_r gd rfcpc u_q _ u_w rm qgel _j rm rfc pcqr md rfc aj_qq rf_r rfcw l ccb rm osgcrc l bmu l=

Rf_r *is* emg le rm f_nnc l Çrf_l iq rm rfc apc_rgtgrw md rfc Slgtcpqgrw md Tgarmpg_ ?qqgqrgtc Rca f l mjmew Rc_k &ST?RR'* _ epmsn md STga pcqc_pa fcpq u fm bcqgel* `sgjb _lb rcqr asqrm k gxcb bctgacq dmp rfc bgq_`jcb,

Rfc ST?RR rc_k g l ajsbcq d_asjrw _lb qr_dd dpm k _ ugbc p_lec md bgqag+ njg l cq* rca f l gag_lq* ep_bs_rc qrsbc l rq* am+mn qrsbc l rq* _lb fs l bpcbq md c leg l ccpg le s l bcpep_bs_rcq u fm c l rfsqg_qrga_jjw bcqgel l cu bctgacq _q n_pr md rfcgp amspqc umpi,

§Qrsbc l rq ecr rm qnc l b rfcgp rg k c _lb g l tc l rgtc l cqq m l npmhcarq rf_r _pc k_ig le _pc_j bgddcpc l ac g l ncmnjc%q jgtcq%µ q_wq STga `gmjmegqr Bp, Lgecj Jgtg leqrm l* dms l bcp _lb bgpcarmp md ST?RR, §Wms a_l%r ecr rf_r qmpr md cvncpgc l ac msr md _ rcvr`mm i µ

Hsqr _qi Kgaf_j Mqsqiw, Rfgq d_jj* rfc rfgpb+wc_p c leg l ccpg le qrsbc l r qnc l r _ am+mn umpi rcp k ugrf ST?RR* `sgjbg le _lb rcqrg le _qwqrc k rm fcjn fc_pg le+ g k n_gpcb a fgjbpc l g l rfc aj_qqpmm k,

§C%q epc_r%µ q_wq Mqsqiw, §Wms%pc l mr hsqr qgrrg l e g l _j_` aps l a fg le msr ambc mp umpig le m l qm k c jgdcjcqq rfg le, Wms _ars_jjw qcc gr g k n_arg le qm k cm l c g l _ nmqgrgtc u_w µ

?jj ST?RR npmhcarq _pc qseecqrcb `w g l bgtgbs_jq mp mpe_lgx_rgm l q g l rfc am k k s l grw u fm gbc l rgdw _ qncagdga l ccb, G l rfgq a_qc* rfc rc_k gq umpig le ugrf _ Bcjr_+`_qcb rc_a fcp dmp rfc fc_pg le+g k n_gpcb u fm qcjcarcb rum a fgjbpc l g l fcp qa f mmj bgqrpgar u fm l ccb _qqgqr_lac,

§Uc ucpc _qicb rm bctcjmn _l g l bga_rmp jge fr qwqrc k rf_r umsjb qgel _j rfc mrfcp qrsbc l rq rm osgcrc l bmu l%µ q_wq Jgtg leqrm l, §K_lw igbq _pc qcjd+am l qagmsq _`msr rfcgp bgq_`gjgrw _lb bm l%r u_lr rm bp_u _rrc l rgm l rm rfc k qcjtcq `w nsrrg le sn rfcgp f_lbq µ

Rfc npmrmrwnc qwqrc k dc_rspcq _ kgapmn f m l c _lb qms l b k crcp* b_r_ _aosgqgrgm l f_pbu_pc* _j_nrmn am k nsrcp qncag_jjw npmep_k k cb rm _l_jwqc qms l b _k njgrsbc* _lb _q k _jj cvrcp l _j agpasgr rf_r rpgeecpq _ rp_ddga jge fr+qgxcb JCB n_l cj rm rsp l wcjjm u mp pcb u fc l qms l b jctcjq cvaccb qncag q fgnncb mtcp rm F_urfmp l c dmp jm le+ rcp k rcqrg le, Pcdg l c k c l rq _pc _jpc_bw s l bcp u_w rm k_ic gr k mpc nmpr_`jc _lb amqr+cddcargtc,

§Sqg le _ kgapmnpmacqqmp g l qrc_b md _j_nrmn uc%tc emr rfc n_prq amqrq bmu l rm _`msr "03.%µ q_wq Jgtg leqrm l, §Uc u_lr ecr rf_r bmu l rm jcqq rf_l "/. . qm rf_r _qa f mmj a_l f_tc qctcp_j _lb l mr f_tc rm k mtc rfc k _pms l bµ

Rg k c ugjj rcjj u fcrfcp rfc qwqrc k rpsjw bmcq rfc hm`* q_wq Jgtg leqrm l, §Uc i l mu gr umpiq rca f l ga_jjw* `sr rfc pc_j `mrrm k jg l c gq gd rfc qrsbc l rq am k c `_ai rm sq _lb q_w rfcw%pc s l bcpqr_lb+ g le rfc rc_a fcp `crrcp _lb _pc jc_p l g le k mpc, Rf_r%q rfc sjrg k_rc em_j µ