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|  |  |  |  | <p>The title, sweetSmash, is a reference to CandyCrush which is a clue to this puzzle's mechanic. In the grid are near-words that can become words by swapping two letters. Similar to CandyCrush, once a swap is made, the now completed word should be removed, and letters above the word should fall down.</p>   |
|  |  |  |  | <p>The puzzle starts with some unfortunate ambiguity on where to start, however AVALANCHE is placed pretty front in center to supply a good starting point. Words continue alphabetically, with the next word being BLIZZARD. Solvers may now think all words are snow-themed, but after removing BLIZZARD, CYCLONE (and EARTHQUAKE) should be near-visible, hopefully leading the solver to narrow down on a word theme of 'Natural Disasters'. Continuing this process leaves the final word to be SEVERE, which is the answer. The puzzle is somewhat resistant to missing words in alphabetical order, so even if the solver were to miss DROUGHT or FLOOD before finding HURRICANE, the puzzle is still solvable.</p> |
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