

## Crypto Acrostic

**THIS ISSUE'S PUZZLE** was created by Bob Fink and Jerry Miccolis, two of my regular test solvers. For this one, Eric Klis and I served as test solvers, and we made some editorial suggestions.

For the most part this is a standard double acrostic puzzle, with all the clues being cryptic clues. Once complete, the grid will spell out a Presidential quotation. The first letter of each clue answer, when read top to bottom, will spell out the name of the speaker and the source of the quotation. There are no proper nouns, uncommon words, or variant spellings, and all words are playable in Scrabble. As always, beware of punctuation in the clues, which may be misleading.

There is, however, a wrinkle. There is one extra letter space in the set of letter spaces following each clue. These extraneous spaces, each of which occurs immediately following the first vowel (a, e, i, o, u, or y if used as a vowel) in each clue answer, correspond to grid squares which should be blackened-in; doing so will reveal an image relevant to the quotation. Note that these blackened-in grid squares serve no other purpose and may interrupt words in the quotation.

Should you need them, you will find two hints following the clues. The first hint provides the length of each word in the quotation (which may be useful for double-acrostic solving), and the second provides the grid location of each of the extraneous, blackened-in grid squares.

A Chewed up kishka is several shades of yellowish brown

53 94 41 115 21 156 129

B Dave confronted Ed face-to-face and got away

31 139 168 8 119 22 101

C Denim blend camouflages expert

5 112 137 51 16 58 153

D Party girl, not yielding at first, puts out after speed

166 15 127 7 109 27 50

E Wiped out after losing lead, Jeff served a winner

84 114 106 130 95 30 44 159

F Medium, caught between dance club and citadel, exhibits embarrassment

148 77 32 160 132 99 13 61 88 110 42

G Nary a Hoosier hides hayseed

169 4 136 76 105 64

H Fill in messy adhesive after he leaves

162 85 100 146 60 120 17

I "Isn't corruption?"

163 14 111 47 78 133

1	P	2	J	3	S	4	G	5	C	6	W	7	D	8	B	9	M	10	L	11	N	12	V	13	F
14	I	15	D	16	C	17	H	18	P	19	K	20	Q	21	A	22	B	23	V	24	U	25	R	26	T
27	D	28	K	29	P	30	E	31	B	32	F	33	U	34	N	35	L	36	J	37	S	38	M	39	O
40	K	41	A	42	F	43	J	44	E	45	Q	46	S	47	I	48	O	49	T	50	D	51	C	52	W
53	A	54	V	55	M	56	S	57	U	58	C	59	R	60	H	61	F	62	N	63	Q	64	G	65	J
66	L	67	S	68	R	69	T	70	U	71	V	72	L	73	O	74	N	75	P	76	G	77	F	78	I
79	K	80	U	81	J	82	R	83	O	84	E	85	H	86	V	87	S	88	F	89	P	90	Q	91	M
92	L	93	J	94	A	95	E	96	N	97	S	98	W	99	F	100	H	101	B	102	K	103	M	104	Q
105	G	106	E	107	P	108	U	109	D	110	F	111	I	112	C	113	R	114	E	115	A	116	U	117	S
118	W	119	B	120	H	121	M	122	T	123	Q	124	O	125	V	126	J	127	D	128	L	129	A	130	E
131	N	132	F	133	I	134	P	135	V	136	G	137	C	138	K	139	B	140	M	141	W	142	R	143	U
144	S	145	O	146	H	147	Q	148	F	149	T	150	W	151	P	152	U	153	C	154	R	155	L	156	A
157	U	158	T	159	E	160	F	161	S	162	H	163	I	164	J	165	N	166	D	167	O	168	B	169	G

J Dig up nuts near hut

36 126 2 164 81 65 93 43

K Chic in concert for emir

19 40 102 138 28 79

L Bonehead twin fractured that thing

155 128 72 66 10 92 35

M With extremities severed, many howl indiscriminately

103 121 9 38 55 140 91

N Kyoto consort, appearing in mirage, is hallucinatory

96 62 34 74 165 11 131

O Bonus for sketch artist returned

145 73 124 39 167 83 48

P Gets around edges of Atlas Mountains

18 107 151 75 1 134 89 29

Q Waddle awkwardly and get no place fast

90 123 20 63 45 104 147

**HINTS**  
 1. The lengths of the words in the quote are (in order): 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 2, 5, 2, 4, 7, 4, 2, 3, 2, 4, 3, 4, 10, 1, 5, 3, 7, 4, 1, 4, 4, 2, 5, 3, 12, 1, 6, 2, 3, 6, 6, 4  
 2. The 23 unused grid squares are: 20, 32, 34, 46, 59, 72, 85, 98, 107, 108, 111, 114, 115, 121, 122, 124, 126, 127, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139

R Take it easy, Duane. Wait, Ned's taking seconds

154 59 82 68 142 25 113

S Crazy iPod hater is wasted

117 46 161 37 97 87 67 56 144 3

T IT reversed the tax

49 149 122 26 69 158

U Malevolence without facade produces irritation

70 108 157 80 152 24 33 116 143 57

V Senior is most frigid after commencement

12 135 71 23 54 86 125

W Ann is in New York to become an au pair

150 52 98 141 118 6

## Previous Issue's Puzzle—Six and One

### Across

#### First row:

- EMBARKS—EM (“Between the third and the sixth of November”) + BARKS (“tree parts”)
- SUCCEED—C (“average”) inside “deuces” scrambled

#### Second row:

- RELIANT—Anagram of “in later”
- HAL—HAL(L) (“Shorter corridor”)

#### Third row:

- TEASERS—Anagram of “a steer’s”
- RAILWAY—Homophonic pun on RAY’LL WEIGH (“Charles’ll consider”)

#### Fourth row:

- RIG—Inside “trigonometry”
- ASS—Three letters from ASSIGNATIONS (“Trysts”)
- HCL—Inside “Meth clients”

#### Fifth row:

- NUTLIKE—Double definition
- LEANING—Anagram of “angle in”

#### Sixth row:

- DOE—Homophone of DOUGH (“money”)
- DREADER—Pun on D-READER rather than E-READER (“earlier version of Kindle, perhaps?”)

#### Seventh row:

- DRESSES—DR (“Doctor”) + ESSES (“twists”)
- SERVERS—SEVERS (“Cuts”) around R (“resistance”)

### Down

#### First column

- ERRANDS—ERR (“make mistakes”) + AND + S (“confess, at last”)
- SETTLED—Outside “Seattle’s embattled”

#### Second column

- MEASURE—Anagram of “A résumé”

#### Third column

- BLISTER—Pun on B-LISTER (“Person overlooked”)
- CHARADE—Outside “Charlotte’s promenade”

#### Fourth column

- LAV—Reversal of “Val”
- CASINOS—Anagram of “Caisson”
- AIL—(M)AIL (“deliveries arriving late”)

#### Fifth column

- ELEGIES—Homophonic pun of ELLA Gs (“Fitzgerald’s notes”)
- RAWHIDE—RAW (“war turned”) + HIDE (“coverup”)

#### Sixth column

- KNACKER—Last letters of “took in a classic mink one winter”)

#### Seventh column

- DESIGNS—Pun on DE-SIGNS (“Removes billboards”)
- STYLERS—STY (“Messy place”) + first letters of “look elegant, really” and “sumptuous”

### Solvers

Very few solvers used the hints, so I’m not showing the breakdown.

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9	L	E	A	N	I	N	G				
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11	D	R	E	S	S	E	S				

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12	N	U	T	L	I	K	E						
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15	S	E	R	V	E	R	S						

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