



**Vision Quest** | a cryptic puzzle by Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon

The object of this puzzle's quest is a vision revealing what lies ahead. The vision will appear in the shaded squares, reading clockwise from the upper left. Each of twelve grid entries has its first or last letter in a shaded square; those entries are clued in random order under the heading "Quest." They may be placed with the help of normal Across and Down answers. Now, begin your quest!

**Across**

- 1 Modest piece of luck seen in vision (6)
- 4 Excellent grass seed brought back (6)
- 8 They dread wild preserve, in a way (9)
- 9 Came across one retrospective article (4)
- 10 Pair of participants scatter rice dish (6)
- 11 Match in cooler hue (3,5)
- 18 Hotel shop pierced by scream (8)
- 19 Hockey team revealing message by visitor from afar (6)
- 20 Where you might place a mobile call initially with kid (4)
- 21 Error in electing bum attractive to viewers (9)

- 22 Senator goes around unified country with a king (6)
- 23 Aircraft girl maneuvered around Delaware (6)

**Down**

- 1 Going the wrong way, trainees make a mistake (4,2)
- 2 Following friend from side to side (9)
- 3 Models disturbed ladies (6)
- 5 Set recycled paper next to some wine (8)
- 6 In audible version, follow story (4)
- 7 Glistening white phosphorus in the hours before dawn (6)
- 12 Climber receiving a spotted card from an admirer (9)
- 13 Taking in Rhode Island, said "Groovy" (8)
- 14 Wildlife area entered in records (6)
- 15 Made fast time, ultimately, in low road (6)
- 16 Tossed a burnt backpacking snack (3,3)

- 17 Beer put outside by trucker's bar? (4)

**Quest**

- a Be behind time with one form of public transportation (5)
- b Snack in a pub over gym (5)
- c Tent accommodating 50 from the East, for sure (5)
- d Put away spruce after the first (5)
- e Cast finished in the audience (5)
- f Carelessly reveal obscure front of thigh (5)
- g Using a computer, write excellent Polynesian adventure story (5)
- h Fey appearing in self-interest (5)
- i You guys land on the Red Sea (5)
- j Boy with one returning tennis champ (5)
- k Squeeze piece of jewelry in the ear (5)
- l Learn about true courage (5)

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