In the August 1994 *Word Ways* I challenged readers to find the smallest rectangle in which one can pack the 37 different US presidential surnames with at least one name in each of the eight possible directions (but connectivity not required). My answer to this challenge is shown below, an 18x12 = 216 rectangle in which FILLMORE does not connect to any other; each diagonal direction has a single representative.

A true search-a-word (square format, with at least three and at most six surnames in each of the eight directions) can be placed in a 15x15 = 225 square. Letters shared by two presidents are capitalized, and by three (K,J,R) in holdface. The span is 11, from MONROE to PIERCE, FORD or VAN BUREN, and there is one cycle (WILSON, EISENHOWER, COOLIDGE, MCKINLEY) in the graph. All names are connected.

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**CHEAT**

WALTER F. BLUE不大明白，想请人讲一讲。这概念是这种字谜的名称。这些字谜的构造者是来自爱荷华州的白人和印第安人。

蓝色的“更多人”至少得有l0个人。西班牙语占主导地位的地区，这种字谜常以某种方式出现。例如，在这个字谜中，MUREBA、MURRAJ和MURREA是西班牙语中的等价词，但它们在实际使用中并不常见。

“DROWNING”意味着“淹死”，而“MEANS”意味着“手段”。这个字谜中，K、J、R通常不单独出现，但YO和YOY是常见的词。

“TO MY”和“AND MY”经常出现在字谜中。还有一个词，虽然它很常见，但没有直接的同义词。“MEANING”的另一个同义词是“意义”或“目的”。

另一个词是“START”，它没有直接的同义词。这个字谜中，每个词都有一个同义词。读者可以尝试找出这些同义词。Replies