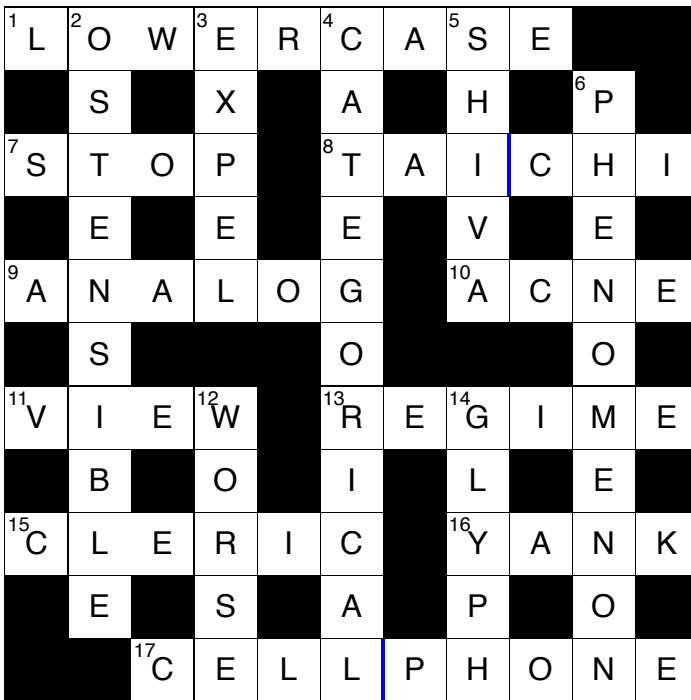


Loplop Cryptic #005 [11x]

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Across

- 1 assembled oracles: "we like this sentence" (9) **LOWERCASE.**
(ORACLES WE)*
- 7 Put an end to street operation (4) **STOP.** ST + OP
- 8 Mix it with chai for stress reducer (3,3) **TAI CHI.** (CHAI + IT)*

- 9 With two hands, write following two articles? (6) **ANALOG.** AN + A + LOG
- 10 At first, all creative new endeavors face problems (4) **ACNE.** All Creative New Endeavors
- 11 We turned around after six for scenery (4) **VIEW.** VI + (WE)<
- 13 Government upsets émigré (6) **REGIME.** (EMIGRE)*
- 15 Minister's corrupt circle (6) **CLERIC.** (CIRCLE)*
- 16 Pull hairy ox around back of caravan (4) **YANK.** YAK containing [carava]N
- 17 Mobile recording of when you play yourself (4,5) **CELL PHONE.** "self own"

Down

- 2 Seeming doable without leader taking ten (10) **OSTENSIBLE.**
[p]OSSIBLE containing TEN
- 3 Boot something shocking with old version of Windows (5) **EXPEL.** E(XP)EL
- 4 Without reservations of a sort (11) **CATEGORICAL.** Double definition
- 5 Period of mourning after death of deity (5) **SHIVA.** Double definition
- 6 Astonished: "oh, Penn to host Nome's remarkable event" (10) **PHENOMENON.** (OH PENN)* containing NOME
- 12 Residents on the perimeter in distress: not so good (5) **WORSE.**
R[esident]S contained in WOE
- 14 Part of ugly pharaoh character (5) **GLYPH.** uGLY PHaraoh