

# It's Not Odd, True

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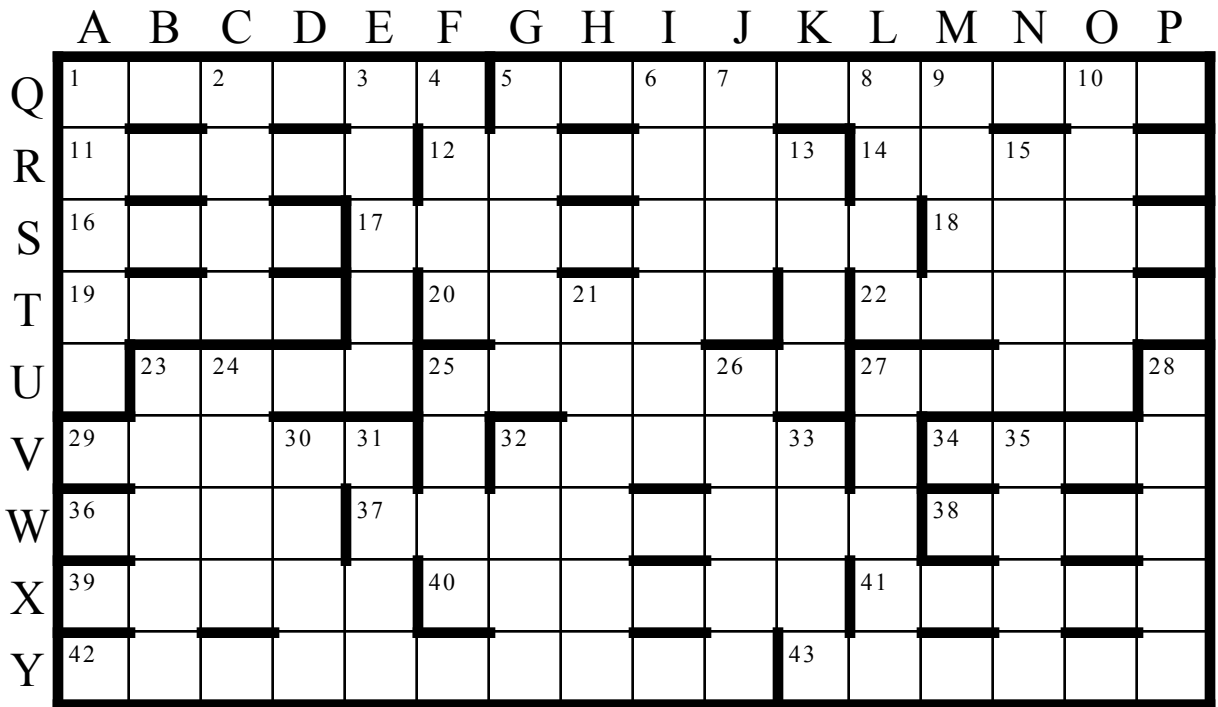
A certain event will take place in the new year. To reflect this fact, in all but seven Across clues and all but seven Down clues, the sequence of letters the cryptic part yields has one letter incorrect. If you take the incorrect letter and correct letter in each case as a pair of grid coordinates, and shade the grid square at those coordinates (this will cause each

row to contain either seven shaded squares or none) you will get an image that, although it does visually depict the event in the new year, leaves the identity of this event entirely unknown.

However, if you read the letters in the shaded squares, they will tell you what additional squares to shade in to produce an important piece of information about this event. The top row will show how to read this item; the bottom row will express the item in a different way, and also supply another piece of information. The initial letters of the seven exceptional Across clues, in clue order, will tell you how to break up the bottom row into these two items; the initial letters of the seven exceptional Down clues will say what these two items signify with regard to me and this event.

## ACROSS

1. Spielberg movie clip initially contains raw language (6)
5. Vietnamese essentially telegraph code designer at MIT about font (5 5)
11. Less humid Sumerian city that is east of Ur (5)
12. Poll about pitcher Young's gamete-producing cell (6)
14. Unfortunately, it ran further down the page (5)
16. TV's Griffith, along with 25% of y'all (4)
17. Sped by audibly as a couple of hotties inside slammed, perhaps (8)
18. Audience with old money in France and Germany (4)
19. Erode iron with argon (4)
20. Heard tidbit for jackass, creep, and first looys (1-4)
22. Error's perhaps in literary composition (5)
23. Arrangement of hair atop feathers (4)
25. Medical records of 100 strumpets (6)
27. Drunkard returning second green coat (4)
29. Naughty behavior outside of Crete, as . . . (5)
32. . . . louse recklessly mixed SO<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (5)
34. First pair of entrees in 2000-dish list (4)
36. Rotated centerless eating utensil (4)



37. *X Files* agent Scully topped Lady Florence or Sydney the wrong way — using pure logic (8)
38. Wildly laud painter Salvador (4)
39. Is a boat that goes under water and an ancient town in Asia Minor (5)
40. Director Spielberg's superficially sweet paradise (6)
41. File off the end of one brick of gold (5)
42. In front, tyre inscribed with almost all of the next clue (5-5)
43. Dozen that, ultimately, we left with the author (6)

## DOWN

1. Antsy Wanda, experiencing sunrise poetically (5) [NI2]
2. Altos claiming it is a Verdi opera (4)
3. I shower with the Crocodile Hunter (5)
4. Go, "Oh, what a cute little baby eating hot salmon" (4)
5. Footwear has to start being part of gear (5)
6. Eros turned up south of my state in India (6)
7. English tellies showing characters from *Beowulf* (4)
8. Make fun of real first-person nominative pronouns (4)
9. Individuals love Homer's neighbor Flanders (4)
10. Actress Fawcett almost lifted up tapestry (5)
13. Pinnipeds eviscerated snakelike fish (4)
15. Ado over small vehicle resembling a station wagon (4)
21. Pianist/songwriter Fats re-embracing singer Fitzgerald after reversal (6)
23. Dunks the head of one souse (5)
24. Burden on gutless fops (4)
25. Avoid involving yours truly in, say, Penny's scams (4)
26. In France, you and I will meet excellent student (5)
27. One that parrots Apple and Volkswagen (5)
28. Immoral activity involving uranium and electricity (5)
30. The king after Ethelred could not use this at first (4)
31. Each (gevalt!) is promiscuous (4)
32. Swearword seen in body art on Henry (4)
33. Establishment that makes money from herb (4)
35. Nobleman berserkly striking the odd characters (4)