

### CRYPTIC CRISPR

16 answers are too long for their allotted grid spaces. Resolve the issue by entering 2, 3 or 4 letters in a single cell. The same cell will also receive 2 or more letters from its crossing entry. As a result, 8 cells will contain 5, 6 or 7 letters. Gene-editing will explain each cell's contents. *Constructed in 2020. Squeezing 7 letters into a square may have been too big an ask.*

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**Across**

- 1 Underwrite Rev. Spooner's stinking New Year's Day event
- 7 NBA superstar Antetokounmpo's moniker is misspelled in a sign
- 11 John and Paul's first band
- 12 Killer whale's spotted in harbor, caught
- 13 A diamond or sapphire ring from the Orient, the last in a series
- 14 Star flower is \$1,000
- 15 Take after this lady, a law-enforcement officer
- 17 Deplorable one-time President Mubarak succeeded
- 18 Camp-stove fuel: only one type's right
- 20 Rail about currency replaced by the Euro
- 22 The milk counter offers fruit
- 23 A chaotic situation resulting from broken skate pin
- 25 Takes over resident-owned apartments surrounding Central Station (hyph.)

- 28 Column claiming Utah is useless
- 29 Lucerne is home to Europe's nuclear research agency
- 31 Nurses might check these short-term employees
- 32 Actor Kevin's last in work queue
- 34 Seized general, irritated
- 38 Deplore modus operandi adopted by Judge Roy
- 39 Chose wrong depot
- 40 Actor/director Orson's sources named
- 41 Spokane, Washington's crossing over
- 42 Influences in small respects
- 43 Dylan tees off with Becker and Fagen's group (2 wds.)

**Down**

- 1 Removing last of tomato, bolts sandwiches
- 2 Alaska town's troll called out
- 3 Father Rousseau's stern with each indigent
- 4 Organization that is famous, ultimately, for wild parties
- 5 Wastes time with 50 knuckleheads
- 6 Brochure with the French Air Force charter
- 7 Rumor is GOP's struggling
- 8 10-teaspoon portion of anything's a tiny amount
- 9 Reverse a debit and redirect bucks
- 10 Government charges Tesla's misportrayed fires (2 wds.)
- 16 Horsing around, dye hair for a farm-country social event
- 18 Redwings in West Berlin don't have raised silver spot
- 19 Gas station's closing forever
- 20 Be untruthful about failing Animation
- 21 Give a new form to Hespera's dancing
- 24 Libations appropriate for toasting Victor and Agnes
- 25 America almost bombed the peninsula Russia annexed in 2014
- 26 Canoes sailing the seven seas
- 27 Basic document binder
- 30 He wrote rhyme "rime"
- 33 Vociferous, heartless and intrusive
- 35 STEM lecture after school
- 36 Program's introduction and conclusion remain undecided
- 37 Dow Jones's midpoint is in the red