

2018/03/02:
 Canal View (Variation) by Prasanna Seshadri
 Theme: Birthday Surprise
 27 years from 03-02-1991 to 03-02-2018

Rules: Standard “Canal View” rules. Shade some empty cells black to create a single connected group. Cells with numbers cannot be shaded, and the shaded cells cannot form a 2x2 square anywhere in the grid. Each numbered cell indicates the total count of shaded cells connected vertically and horizontally to that numbered cell.

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| | 5 | | | | 2 | | |
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| | 5 | | | | 2 | | |
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| | 3 | | | | | | |
| | | 5 | | | | | 3 |

Also: the clues outside the grid on the top and left indicate the difference in lengths of the largest and smallest shaded groups in that row/column (the smallest group must be >0 cells in size and there must be at least two groups in that row/column). The clues outside the grid on the bottom and right indicate the number of shaded groups in that row/column.

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| | 5 | | | | 2 | | |
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| | 3 | | | | | | |
| | | 5 | | | | | 3 |

1 3 2 3

0 0

2
1

3 2 3 1

All ? clues must stand for prime numbers (2, 3, 5, 7, ...).

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difference of
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smallest
groups

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| | | 1 | 9 | | 9 | 1 | | | 2 | 0 | | 1 | 8 | |
| A | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 0 | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | ? | |
| | 3 | | | 2 | | | 7 | | | | | | | |
| B | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ? |
| | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | 2 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 7 | | | 7 | | ? |
| | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 2 | | | 2 | | | | | | | ? |
| | | | | 7 | | | 7 | | | | | | | |
| C | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ? |
| | 0 | | | | | | | | | 7 | | ? | | |
| | 2 | ? | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | |
| D | | | | | | | | | | | | ? | | |
| | | 2 | | | | | ? | | | | | | 2 | # of groups |