STAFF PHOTOS BY E.J. HARRIS

Mike and Jonette Atkinson listen to Mark Morgan as he presents their business, Atkinson Staffing, with the Bob Severson Rotary Business of the Year award at the Hermiston Distinguished Citizens Award Banquet last Wednesday in Hermiston.

Rep Greg Smith accepts a Noble Laureate award from Eva Swain.

Kent Barnes listens as Interim Hermiston Schools Superintendent Tricia Mooney presents him with the Teacher of the Year award for the Hermiston School District.

Hermiston High School athletic director Larry Usher listens as Interim Hermiston Schools Superintendent Tricia Mooney presents him with the Administrator of the Year award for the Hermiston School District.

Walmart Distribution Center General Manager Josh Burns, second from right, and the members of his leadership team listen while Phil Hamm presents them with a Merit of Honor Award.

HONORING THE BEST

Hermiston recognized some of its best last week at the Greater Hermiston Area Chamber of Commerce's Distinguished Citizens Awards. Roger Bounds was recognized as Man of the Year and Chris Finley as Woman of the Year, while other volunteers, educators and youth were also honored for their contributions to the community. For the full list of awards and a recap of the event, see **Page A1**.

CRYPTOQUIP

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **N** equals **S**

QYVXO Q HSCD PXHQJ PKX VS NSLX ECEVEQH NCQDN, VWX VQEHSO EN OXQPJ VS DS YKHH NXQL QWXQP.

CryptoQuip answer

some initial snags, the tailor is ready to go full seam ahead.

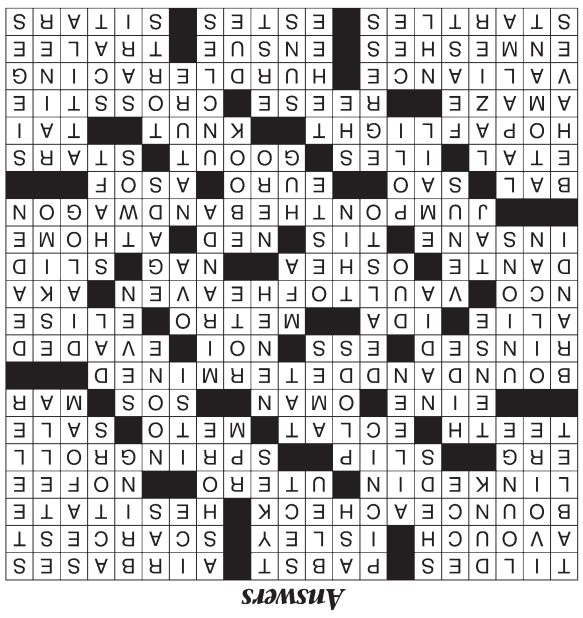
Super Crossword answers

After a long delay due to

SUPER CROSSWORD: IN HONOR OF LEAP YEAR

ACROSS
1 Spanish squiggles
7 Blue Ribbon brewer
12 Places for military craft
20 Declare the truth of
21 — Brothers ("That Lady" R&B group)
22 Most rare
23 Elicit the stamp "NSF"
25 Pause with uncertainty
26 Web site facilitating job-hunting
27 In — (prebirth)
29 Credit card come-on
30 Bit of work
31 Little mistake
33 Chinese appetizer
36 Premolars, e.g.
39 Splendor
42 "Allow — introduce myself"
43 Mall come-on
44 Austrian "a"
46 Nation due south of Iran
48 Maritime plea
50 Put a flaw in
51 Hell-bent
58 Got the soap out of
59 Slalom turn
60 "— won't!" (firm refusal)
61 Gave the slip
65 "That's —!" ("False!")
66 Its cap. is Boise
68 French subway
70 Beethoven's "Für —"
71 Drill sgt., e.g.
72 Sky's high arch, figuratively
76 Abbr. on a rap sheet
77 "Inferno" author
79 Milo of movies
80 Hector
81 Skated
82 Nuts
84 "Whether — nobler ..."
85 Beatty of movies
87 In-house
89 Start following a trend
93 Acct. amount
96 — Paulo, Brazil
97 Spanish coin
98 Starting from
99 List abbr.
101 Lands in the ocean, to Henri
104 Leave the house
106 Sky twinklers
110 Go by plane
113 Bronze coin in Harry Potter books
115 — chi
116 Stupefy
117 Angel player Della
120 Transverse rail support
123 Courage
126 Track-and-field event
128 Tangles
129 Come next
130 Irish city near Killarney
131 Scares
132 — Park, Colorado
133 Indian lutes

DOWN
1 iPad Air, e.g.
2 Côte d'— (country in Afrique)
3 Cocktail bar
4 Flashy hoops shot
5 Latin "Lo!"
6 Tool-holding buildings
7 Lawn lunch
8 Oar wood
9 Sky color, in Cannes
10 Religious branch
11 Rug rats
12 No longer sailing
13 See 73-Down
14 Univ. dorm monitors
15 BYOB part
16 Cast list
17 Froth made by waves
18 Ward of Miss Havisham
19 Pittsburgh footballer
24 Quinn who played Annie
28 Tachometer abbr.
32 Walks laboriously
34 "Who's there?" response
35 Nary a soul
37 Uptight
38 Animal skin
40 City of Iowa
41 Tit for —
45 Gymnast Comaneci
47 Cherry with the 1989 hit "Buffalo Stance"
49 Number of deadly sins
51 Chastain of soccer
52 Tin Man's container
53 Coalitions
54 Gives a hand at a card table
55 Mechanical learning
56 Carmen of "That Night in Rio"
57 East Indian lentil stew
62 Scripted lines
63 Inuit or Yupik language
64 Benumb
67 Tag team, e.g.
68 Deg. for a painter
69 Female cells
72 Hot planet
73 With 13-Down, it's risky to skate on
74 Opposite of east, in Spain
75 "By gar!"
78 Trump — Mahal
81 Elevator part
83 Send via PC
85 Stepson in "I, Claudius"
86 Thing read on a Kindle
88 Low cards
90 — sci
91 "O" in a letter, maybe
92 Essence
93 Isn't naughty
94 Super-insect of 1960s TV
95 City near Anaheim
100 More slothful
102 Means of exit
103 That lady
105 Mothers' brothers
107 Head Hun
108 Luise of "The Good Earth"
109 Long fights
111 Lavish meal
112 Giggly laugh
114 Wrongful acts, in law
118 Phoenix hoopsters
119 Once, old-style
121 Goa dress
122 Some jazz singing
124 Org. for pucksters
125 Mid grade?
127 Fitting



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SUDOKU

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	1				6	4		
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	5				8			1
9				4		3		
	4				5			2
2			4				1	
		3		1		7		

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK ★★

Weekly SUDOKU answer

4	5	7	9	1	2	3	6	8
2	9	5	4	7	3	8	1	6
7	4	1	8	6	5	9	3	2
9	7	2	6	4	1	3	8	5
6	5	4	9	3	8	2	7	1
1	3	8	7	5	2	6	4	9
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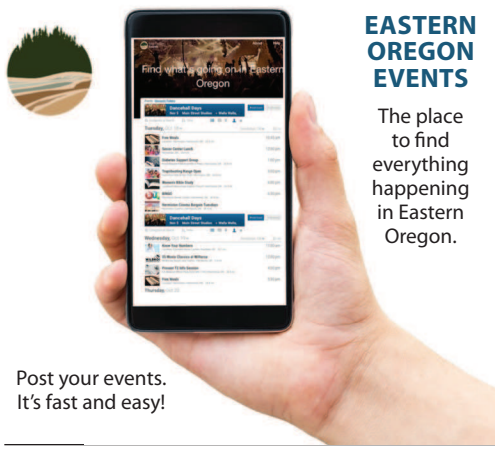

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