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Actor Louis Parra, right, practices the song "If I Were King of the Forest" as stage manager Patty Sandoval, left, and actor William Kern work on the placement of a carpet for the scene before the opening night performance of "The Wizard of Oz" on Friday in Hermiston.

BREAK A LEG

Hermiston High School successfully launched its opening weekend of "The Wizard of Oz" to a full house on Friday night.

As the minutes ticked down to the moment the curtain would rise, students were busy backstage laying out props and set pieces, putting on costumes and make-up, practicing choreography and warming up their voices.

Student actors said they were nervous but excited for their moment to shine.

"The Wizard of Oz" continues next weekend, Feb. 8-9 at 7 p.m. at Hermiston High School. Tickets are $10 for adults, $8 for seniors and $5 for students.

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Hermiston High School freshman actor Aurelio Marin gets his makeup applied by junior Makaiyla Waddell backstage before the opening night performance of "The Wizard of Oz" on Friday in Hermiston.

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The Hermiston High School cast for "The Wizard of Oz" performs vocal warm-up exercises before their opening night performance Friday in Hermiston.

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The "littlest Munchkins" from the cast of the Hermiston High School production of "The Wizard of Oz" wait backstage before the start of the opening night performance on Friday in Hermiston.

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 **W**

NRAL W MATPJL NRJ'P TAMSHQLK QP BTDSH EASWLORJSH, HJD EQKRB OWSS RQE W CAPMJLCALB TAPMJLCALB.

If you have a job deejaying for a music station, it might be said that you are radio-active.

Cryptoquip answer

SUPER CROSSWORD: A SOUND CONCLUSION

ACROSS
1 Live online workshop
8 Public poster
15 Malcolm- — Warner ("The Cosby Show" actor)
20 14th-century music style
21 Arrives leisurely
22 Belittle
23 Certain frat member receiving his diploma?
25 Sing sweetly
26 Cove
27 Assuage
28 Muddy mixture
29 Met melody
32 Took way too much, for short
34 Gyro bread with lots of extra hidden calories?
37 Heavenly food made from very hot peppers?
41 — -garde
42 Sauna stuff
43 Singer Acuff
44 Stew
45 Toon pic
48 San Francisco's — Hill
50 Target number of coverage policies?
54 Download for an iDevice
57 Denmark's — Islands
59 High trains
60 Detach, as a lapel mic
61 Randomly mixed stack of Bing Crosby and Bill Haley albums?
65 Folded a line into, say
67 With 24-Down, reduced-cost product
68 Glam rocker Brian
69 Lav
70 Aviary locale
71 Bridge, in France
72 Florida city
74 Fish dish that's a chef's specialty?
77 Rizzo in "Midnight Cowboy"
78 Platform that runs on iDevices
79 Ran easily
80 La. neighbor
81 Brass instrument with a dental product smeared all over it?
86 "O Sole —"
88 Sheepish
89 "— well that ends well"
90 Alias initials
91 Idiot box
95 Provide
97 Hair dye produced in a county in southwest England?
101 Chatty bird with shiny gray plumage?
105 Pirate chant starter
106 Took a train, e.g.
107 Pilot a plane
108 Prefix with skeleton
111 Thin iPods
113 Swiss chocolate brand
114 Sitcom title woman living in a wasteland?
120 Actor Jason
121 Energize
122 Algebra rule
123 Totally love
124 Toronto Blue Jays' stadium, before 2005
125 Salzburg site

DOWN
1 Joking sort
2 Be mistaken
3 Gp. with merit badges
4 Hoosier
5 Verb go-with
6 "Why" singer Frankie
7 Like a very clean film
8 Maven
9 Solitary
10 — -Seltzer
11 Top-level
12 Fluttery tree
13 Tear
14 Stuff in the gene pool
15 "Charlie's Angels" co-star Smith
16 Rudely brief
17 Native New Zealander
18 Of — (somewhat)
19 Lotte of film
24 See 67-Across
28 Glide (over)
29 Belly muscles
30 Groove
31 Fury
33 Mended, as a sock
35 Works to get
36 With, to Luc
38 "Toodles!"
39 Rebels' yells
40 Sch. in the Big Apple
44 FDR's terrier
45 Reneges
46 — Aigner (fashion brand)
47 Real-estate levy
49 Bundled up, as hay
50 Prefix for an element used in antiseptics
51 Mission to gather intel
52 "— pasa?"
53 Not likely
54 Classifies
55 Ramses II, for one
56 Plaything dragged on a string
58 City in Nevada
62 Mega-meal
63 "Für —"
64 Gear piece
65 Brilliant move
66 Composer Ned
70 Reverse alphabetical order
73 Japanese drama style
74 Tosspots
75 New York's capital
76 Singer Piaf
78 R&B's — Brothers
82 San Diego ballplayer
83 One reuning
84 Asian "way"
85 Loc. of Kiev
87 Exceeded, as a target
92 — -Cat
93 Put a stop to
94 — Bo
95 Dodging type
96 Irk
97 Forthright
98 Skye of film
99 California mountain
100 Japan's largest island
101 Zesty dip
102 Vine-covered
103 Group jargon
104 Nervous — (worrywart)
109 "Whip It" rock band
110 City in Utah
112 Iron sources
114 Film director Craven
115 Ballpoint fill
116 La.-to-Ill. dir.
117 Bruin Bobby
118 Agnus — (Mass part)
119 Drs.' org.

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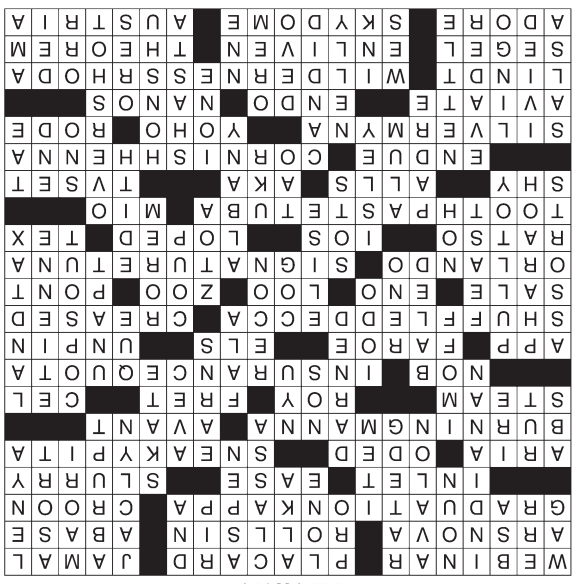
Super Crossword answers



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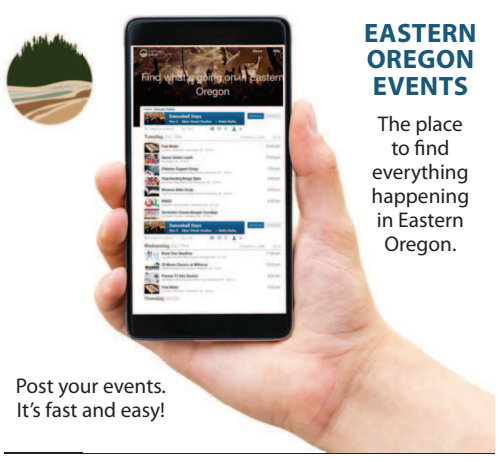
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK ★



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