Melon Fest

Hermiston's first Melon Fest made a splash Saturday. Three teams — the LeBeau family, Drown Proof and Recall Kate Brown — ended the bathtub race tournament in a tie after technical difficulties with the wheels on the watermelon-shaped tubs prevented the final race.

Scott Clark of the Hermiston Police Department won the seed-spitting contest with the greatest distance, while Greater Hermiston Area Chamber of Commerce director Kimberly Nevil spit her seed closest to the watermelon drawn in sidewalk chalk.

Ken Galimanis won the watermelon-themed dress-up contest as "Watermelon Man."

The event also provided giveaways, live music, vendors, face painting and a photo booth.

Staff photos by Kathy Aney

1) Ken Galimanis, aka Watermelon Man, won the melon-themed costume contest Saturday at Melon Fest; 2) Janell Davis and Dylan Westfall push Kasia Robbins during a bathtub race; 3) Hermiston Mayor Dave Drotzmann takes a big bite of watermelon before competing in a seed spitting competition; 4) Hermiston City Manager Byron Smith gets ready to launch a watermelon seed during a seed spitting competition; 5) A little girl hands out melons from the back of a truck; 6) Heidi de la Cruz sported a temporary watermelon tatoo; 7) Hazel Huber, 1, wears a watermelon-themed hat during Saturday's Melon Fest 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: **X** equals **P**

ZH XLRXCL CRKL CZKZFB ZF OEZDZTI WXWEDSLFDT, Z BALTT DIWD TIRACQ OL DLESLQ "ZFHCWDAWDZRF."

British apartments, I guess that should be termed "inflatuation."

CryptoQuip answer

If people love living in

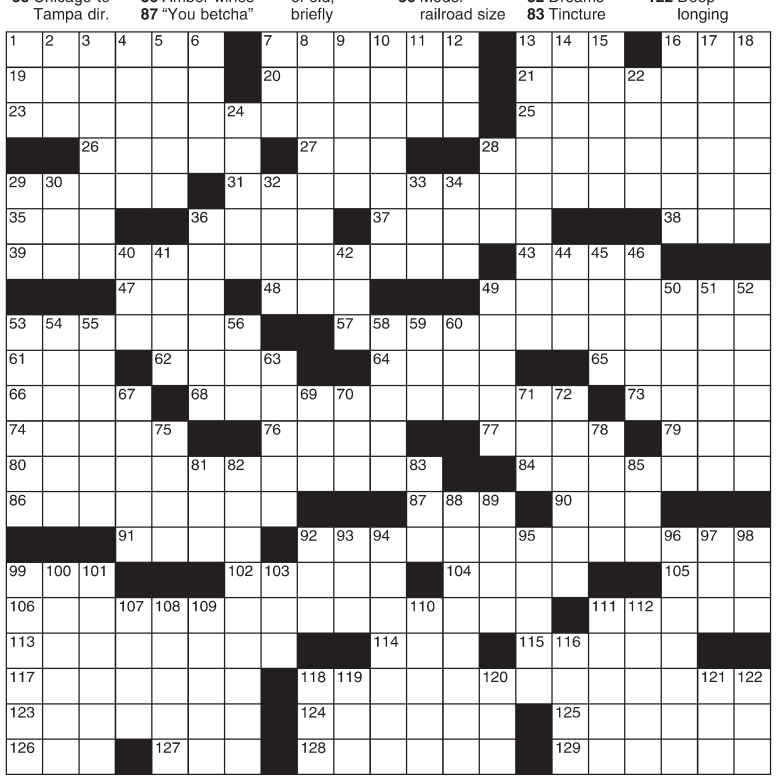
SUPER CROSSWORD: TRACK STARS

ACROSS

1 1995-96 CIA director John
7 Seat of Johnson County, Kansas
13 Dah's counterpart in Morse code
16 Ungar of poker
19 African antelope
20 Mink's relative
21 Actress Jennifer
23 Nebraska-based insurance company [1935]
25 Panther
26 "I've Got a Crush —"
27 Bean high in protein
28 "Wide — Sea" (Jean Rhys novel)
29 Desires
31 Summons for speeding, say [1948]
35 Foofaraw
36 Like granola
37 Up to the time when
38 Chicago-to-Tampa dir.
39 Sharp items with eyes [1956]
43 Bond part
47 Day, in Chile
48 "Seats sold out" sign
49 Mood of an environment
53 Cloud layer
57 Being attacked [1946]
61 Funny Margaret
62 Water, in Chile
64 "— you one"
65 Ventriloquist Bergen
66 Egg layers in coops
68 Refittings of cars' motors [1955]
73 Fluids with antibodies
74 Writer Asimov
76 Comical Idle
77 Water pit
79 Racer Jarrett
80 Having recognized the value of one's own conscious being [1978]
84 Artist's mixing board
86 Amber wines
87 "You betcha"
90 "Angie" actor Stephen
91 Ollie's buddy
92 Executive arm headed by António Guterres, for short [1973]
99 Acer or Asus products
102 Touch base on a fly
104 Easy throws
105 Gp. backing arms
106 "Just Shoot Me!" actress [2005]
111 Protest type
113 Tree expert
114 Christmas party quaff
115 Chicago air hub
117 Machine on a skating rink
118 Event won by the horses at the ends of eight answers in this puzzle
123 Up for debate
124 Lipton drink, informally
125 Actress Driver
126 Booming jet of old, briefly
127 Suffix with 25-Across
128 Quagmire
129 Actor Liam

DOWN

1 Lose luster
2 Tall bird
3 Thus far
4 Razz
5 Potters' materials
6 Saintly glow
7 A bit amiss
8 "When I Need You" singer
9 Long — the law
10 Cookie batch, often
11 Snarky laugh
12 Socrates' H
13 Buddhist leader
14 Like neon
15 New York county
16 Equilibrium
17 Trunks
18 Not finished
22 Petty fight
24 Eke — existence
28 Phys., e.g.
29 Existed
30 Sweet drink
32 Map nos.
33 Opal ending
34 Dol. divisions
36 Model railroad size
40 Lupino of old Hollywood
41 Naldi of old Hollywood
42 "How — Want It" (#1 hit for 2Pac)
44 "The Detour" channel
45 French river
46 Honey drinks
49 Realms
50 Guitarist Ted
51 Table wine
52 Big online investing site
53 Deep divide
54 "La Mer," translated
55 President after Jimmy
56 Part of SPF
58 Sibling of a nephew
59 Two, in Chile
60 "That's icky!"
63 "— just a number"
67 Bank boxes
69 Like the verb "lie": Abbr.
70 Game with matchsticks
71 Baby wolf
72 Stings
75 "I Am —" (Jenner's reality show)
78 Supplication
81 Clerical title
82 Dreams
83 Tincture
85 Incus' organ
88 Pastoral poems
89 Grads' event
92 Sheepskin boot brand
93 "Rapa —" (1994 film)
94 Wrench, to a Brit
95 Kindle download
96 ER trainees
97 Moviedom's Meyers
98 Bronzy
99 Some statue sites
100 Gem measures
101 Yield (to)
103 Home pest
107 Rips off
108 Sprang forth
109 Congested cavity, often
110 Terra — (tile material)
111 The Beatles' "Sexy —"
112 "Fame" star Cara
116 Choir melody
118 Basinger of "Batman"
119 — -friendly
120 — in "crossword"
121 Yearbook bit
122 Deep longing



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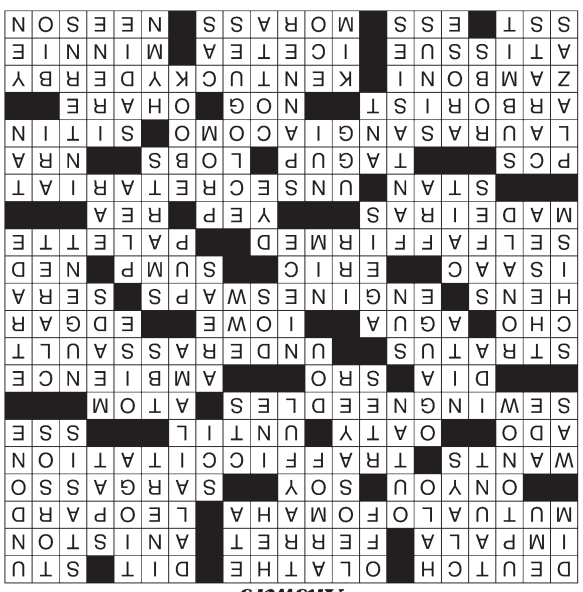

SUDOKU

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	4				6			8
	7				2		1	
4			7					3
	8	6		3		2		

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Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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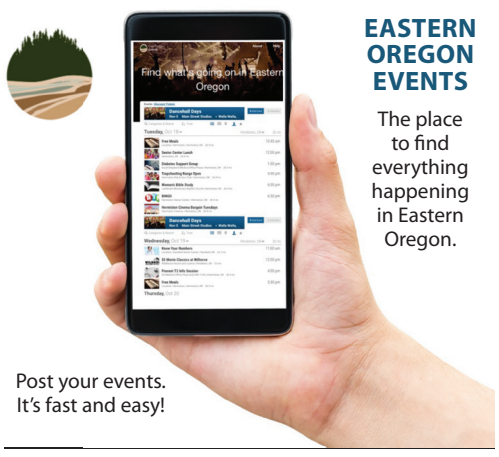

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