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People were taking pictures at the Rip City Rally on Wednesday in front of a photo of Damian Lillard's game-winning shot against Oklahoma City last year. The community event at the Hermiston Community Center to celebrate the beginning of the Portland Trail Blazers' season included visitors, such as team mascot Blaze the Trail Cat, Blazers TV analyst Lamar Hurd and Blazer Dancers Jackie and Natalie with the 1977 NBA championship trophy.

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Jim Piece, left, takes a photo of his grandson Blaze Strong, 1, and Blaze's mother LeAnn Pierce with Blazer Dancers Jackie and Natalie and the 1977 NBA championship trophy during the Rip City Rally held Wednesday.

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Jack Lathrop, 7, of Hermiston, dribbles through a series of obstacles during the under-13 skills competition at the Rip City Rally on Wednesday in Hermiston.

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Francisco Carrillo, 11, of Hermiston colors in part of a banner being decorated at the Rip City Rally last Wednesday.

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Children shoot hoops during the Rip City Rally in Hermiston on Wednesday.

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: **I** equals **L**

DGAR VEO QCENN Y BEOC-

IAYB QIEKAC DWPG LEWNER

WKV, W CAQFER VEO'II ART OL

GYKWRU Y CYNG EB UEET IOQF.

When you cross a four-
leaf clover with poison
ivy, I reckon you'll end up
having a rash of good luck.

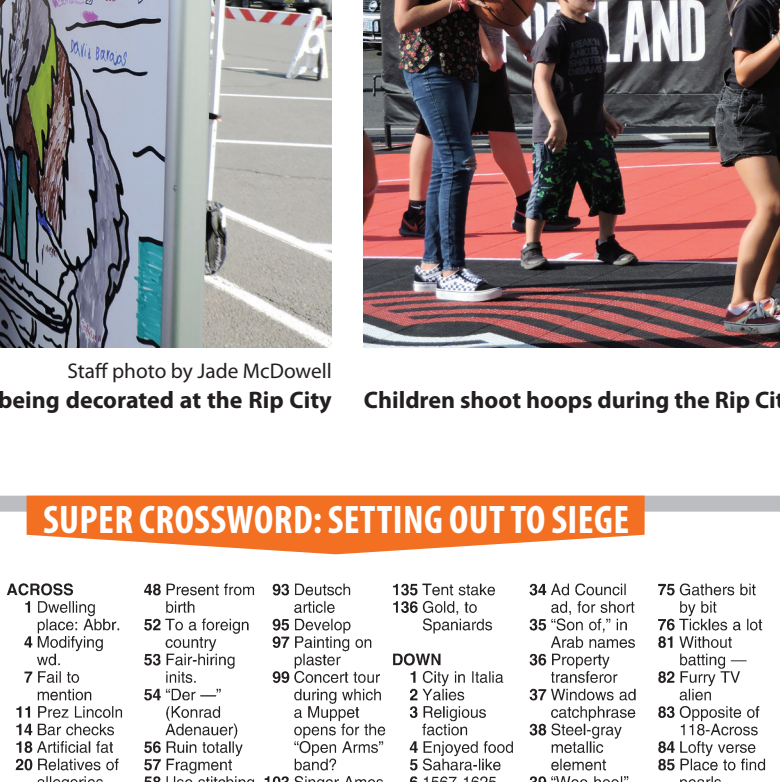
Cryptoquip answer

SUPER CROSSWORD: SETTING OUT TO SIEGE

ACROSS
1 Dwelling place: Abbr.
4 Modifying wd.
7 Fail to mention
11 Prez Lincoln
14 Bar checks
18 Artificial fat
20 Relatives of allegories
22 To — (precisely)
23 Mocking remarks from Pluto's master?
25 Burnett of CNN
26 — Spumante (wine)
27 Schubert's "The — King"
28 Manet's forte
29 Actor Claude
30 "No, we're not going to give the employee a raise"?
48 Present from birth
52 To a foreign country
53 Fair-hiring inits.
54 "Der —" (Konrad Adenauer)
56 Ruin totally
57 Fragment
58 Use stitching
60 Quips about a Civil War general?
64 — Boothe Luce
66 Yuletide quaff
68 "— be great if ..."
69 Leeds lav
70 Miser's reformation into a generous person?
77 Santa —
78 Polly's "Alice" role
79 — -TURN (street sign)
80 Wafer brand
82 Verbal noun the nitwit uses a lot?
88 Actress Thurman
90 Be inclined
91 British noble
92 "Why Can't — Friends?"
93 Deutsch article
95 Develop
97 Painting on plaster
99 Concert tour during which a Muppet opens for the "Open Arms" band?
103 Singer Amos
105 Tap-in, e.g.
106 Suffix with north or west
107 Opposite NNW
108 "Stop grazing and return to your barn"?
115 Bedeck
116 Air safety org.
117 Stimpy's pal
118 Close
122 Certain Slav
123 Very inexpensive part of a ship's hull?
129 Different
130 Maryland suburb of D.C.
131 Motorist's guide
132 Inuit's ride
133 1040 org.
134 With 11-Down, "Don't drop your guard!"
135 Tent stake
136 Gold, to Spaniards

DOWN
1 City in Italia
2 Yalies
3 Religious faction
4 Enjoyed food
5 Sahara-like
6 1567-1625 king of Scotland
7 Great riches
8 Some parents
9 Infuriation
10 — Mahal
11 See 134-Across
12 Big — (WWI gun)
13 Kin of -trix
14 Korean martial art
15 Upper heart chambers
16 Living thing
17 Taste, e.g.
19 Power tool brand
21 Trounce
24 Mork's home planet
29 Env. notation
31 R&B singer — James
32 Frogs' kin
33 Group values
34 Ad Council ad, for short
35 "Son of," in Arab names
36 Property transferor
37 Windows ad catchphrase
38 Steel-gray metallic element
39 "Woo-hoo!"
44 — Dame
45 — the scene (having recently arrived)
46 Flower plot
47 Shade tree
49 Totally fine
50 Ascot, e.g.
51 USNA grad.
55 Perfumed powder
59 Make furious
61 Find by chance
62 Archaic verb ending
63 "Benny & —" (Johnny Depp film)
65 & others
67 Become liberated
71 Not given under 112-Down
72 Winter woe
73 Logical
74 OPEC ship
75 Gathers bit by bit
76 Tickles a lot
81 Without batting —
82 Furry TV alien
83 Opposite of 118-Across
84 Lofty verse
85 Place to find pearls
86 Peter out
87 Sudden —
89 Squirrel's bit
94 Put between
96 Ladder step
98 Quarter, e.g.
100 Tach reading
101 "For shame!"
102 Dada artist
104 Less certain
108 Valises, e.g.
109 Novelist Scott
110 Eponymous code creator
111 Balsa boats
112 Witness' Scott
113 Cousin, for one: Abbr.
114 Sooner city
119 Sailors' saint
120 Lab medium
121 Debtor's woe
123 DOJ agency
124 "Certainly!"
125 May hrs.
126 Harem room
127 — v. Wade
128 Duffel or tote

Super Crossword answers



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