## **Monday's Puzzles**

### Crossword BY THOMAS JOSEPH

**27** Tricky puzzle

**35** Overhead trains

**36** Take to the slopes

42 Damascus's nation

**30** Like some biographies

28 Track shape

29 Debt note

**37** Compete

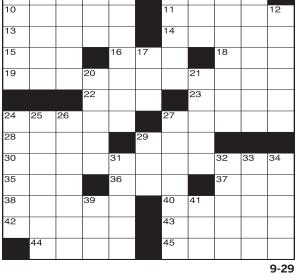
38 Must have

**40** Join forces

**44** Spot **45** Flag features

**43** Yard plus a bit

#### **ACROSS DOWN** 1 Small grove 1 Cook and Hook, e.g.: 6 Dessert fruit Abbr. 2 Media mogul Winfrey 10 Cook's wear 3 TV ad 11 Seeps 13 Plug part **4** Junior, to senior **5** Oxford setting **14** Scoundrel **6** Prodded 15 Woolen cap **7** Long. long time **16** Tell tales **8** Flowery shrubs **18** "Very funny!" in a text **9** Turn **19** Classroom event 12 Merchant **22** Worker in a colony 23 Dance party 17 Goof by a QB **24** Lukewarm 20 Cries of grief



# SATURDAY'S ANSWER ACHED TORSO

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## Cryptoquote

code letters are different

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the

UXUKCMOU CMH VNII UXUK

LUUO POMVF FMLUORNOE CMH

JMO'O. — ZNII OCU

Saturday's Cryptoquote: I LOVE CATS BECAUSE I ENJOY MY HOME, AND LITTLE BY LITTLE, THEY BECOME ITS VISIBLE SOUL. — JEAN COCTEAU

29 Tattoos, slangily **31** Test for purity

32 Musical set in Argentina

26 Quarterbacks, at times

**33** Bottle size

34 Lewd looks 39 Brief drop

21 Game fish

24 Game pieces

25 Malicious look

**27** Debate stands

41 Catch