

Friday's Puzzles

Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Sachet scent
- 6 Of the cheek
- 11 44th president
- 12 Battery end
- 13 Fragrant wood
- 14 One of the Magi gifts
- 15 "Exodus" hero
- 16 Stunned wonder
- 18 Game cube
- 19 Tell tales
- 20 Cambridge sch.
- 21 Galleon setting
- 22 Robe parts
- 24 Incline
- 25 Morose
- 27 Carpet type
- 29 Unassuming
- 32 Solo of "Star Wars"
- 33 For each
- 34 Saloon supply
- 35 Curved path
- 36 USN rank
- 37 Stew bit
- 38 Spotted
- 40 Lab liquids
- 42 Skater Harding

43 Jessica of "Tootsie"

44 Brat's opposite

45 Borders

DOWN

- 1 Village residents
- 2 Spain setting
- 3 Ninth day of Christmas gift
- 4 "I -- Rock"
- 5 Chewy candy
- 6 "Oleanna" playwright
- 7 One or more
- 8 Tenth day of Christmas gift
- 9 Brody of "The Brutalist"
- 10 Prepare leftovers
- 17 Christmas travelers
- 23 Greedy one
- 24 Cow's chew
- 26 Realty sign
- 27 California peak
- 28 Talk incessantly about
- 30 Big hammer
- 31 Taunts
- 33 Organ part
- 39 Needle feature
- 41 Scoundrel

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THURSDAY'S ANSWER

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Cryptoquote

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

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 code letters are different. 12-26

W M D P I C Q C W E O M X H L B B X M ,
W M D O D P W C F X J E O J C S M W P , C P
P M X Q D G N T X J J I D E I J D V M E
J E F D O Q D D G E U . — H E Q U X
P C U E H

Thursday's Cryptoquote: WHAT IF CHRISTMAS, HE THOUGHT, DOESN'T COME FROM A STORE. WHAT IF CHRISTMAS, PERHAPS, MEANS A LITTLE BIT MORE. — "HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS"