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WLRMDBPHW GDYVHF NYTQBLTHFR
QLDQ RYCHVUBQ. L NBT'Q
EHHM B RQFBLOUQ JBRH.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MY HEDGES BADLY
NEEDED PRUNING, SO I APPROACHED A NEIGHBOR
AND DECLARED "LEND ME YOUR SHEARS."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals V

WPSET

DUOIA

NFLEEN

GAAMED

Get the Hint

EACH OF THE TEAM'S LAST TWO VICTORIES WERE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

" " THE

EASY

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

1	lies back	8	letters
2	hanging beds	8	letters
3	straying	9	letters
4	like a Wiffle ball	6	letters
5	ones who woo	7	letters
6	undersea adventurer	8	letters
7	without "teeth"	10	letters
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12-27 CRYPTOQUOTE

PXW'Z FR HKIHMP ZX VZHIZ
XBRI HQHMW. ZGMV ZMER,
LXD'IR WXZ VZHIZMWQ KIXE
VOIHZOG; LXD'IR VZHIZMWQ
KIXE RAURIMRWOR.
— DWJWXTW
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: KWANZAA IS A
SPECIAL TIME TO REMEMBER THE ANCESTORS,
THE BRIDGE BUILDERS AND THE LEADERS.
— DOROTHY WINBUSH RILEY

HARDER

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

ACROSS

- 1 Saudi Arabia neighbor

5 Protractor's measure

10 Caustic chemical

14 Forbidding word

15 President between Harrison and Polk

16 Writer Jaffe

17 Santa and his reindeer landed __

19 Territory near the Mariana Trench

20 Actress/writer Issa

21 Many Christmas trees

22 Oklahoma city on the Arkansas River

23 Correcting myopia, maybe

25 Stockholm citizens

26 Small snack

27 Before heading down the chimney, Santa __

30 App reviewers

32 Length of TV's "60 Minutes"

33 Stepping out of the fireplace, Santa left a __

40 Quarter or pound

41 Like some garden lights

42 After filling the last one, Santa hung the __

48 "Children of Blood and Bone" writer Adeyemi

49 On the up and up
- 50 Homegrown

52 Broad necktie

53 Editorialize

55 Flight takeoff approximation: Abbr.

57 Old Russian leader

58 All in all, Santa had a very busy __!

60 French 101 verb

61 __ tot

62 Like a red Red Delicious

63 Diana of the Supremes

64 Speaker of the house?

65 Beehive State people
- 1 Fragrance

2 Da Vinci portrait in the Louvre

3 Long-tongued insectivore

4 Utmost degree

5 "I haven't __ to wear!"

6 "Black Panther" star Lupita

7 Sticky stuff

8 More or __

9 "I heard him exclaim, __ he drove out of sight ... "

10 Bickers

11 May've

12 "Almost ready!"

13 Fabric named for Syria's capital

DOWN

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
14					15						16			
17					18						19			
20					21						22			
	23			24					25					
26					27		28	29						
30					31			32						
33						34	35					36	37	38
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42	43	44	45						46	47		48		
49									50		51			
52						53	54					55		56
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60						61						62		
63						64						65		

- 18 Prefix with center

22 Whippersnappers

24 Croat's neighbor

25 Tightly closed

26 Tampa Bay NFLer

28 Havaianas shoe, e.g.

29 Additionally

31 Lightbulb's place

34 Gritty film genre

35 Classic Cadillac feature
- 36 Round flatbread

37 "Five stars!"

38 Personalized iron-on

39 Bi- plus one

42 Adam Rippon, for one

43 Play catch with

44 Hollywood awards

45 Washing dishes, doing laundry, etc.

46 Not gender-specific
- 47 Bacon Turkey Bravo sandwich chain

51 Number of digits in a billion

53 __ hygiene

54 Folk icon Seeger

56 Changes color, perhaps

58 Org. that may support a school board

59 Hilton brand