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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

- 1 slicing and dicing (8)
- 2 babysitter's job (9)
- 3 appetizer, salad and dessert (7)
- 4 American film capital (9)
- 5 lean toward (5)
- 6 removed a lightbulb, perhaps (9)
- 7 Nashville skaters (9)

SOLUTIONS

VID	DI	CHI	UR	ARE
LDC	SES	UNS	WED	OOD
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ORS	OR	CRE	LYW	CO

Saturday's Answers: 1. PRICKLY 2. OTTER 3. GEOMETRY
4. MANGOES 5. URBANITE 6. DONNE 7. GREGORIAN

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CLUES

- 1 frittering away (11)
- 2 not right (9)
- 3 obliterated (9)
- 4 teaming up (10)
- 5 engages in witty repartee (7)
- 6 reformed baddie in 2010 film (8)
- 7 glitter (11)

SOLUTIONS

MEGA	IN	SQU	DES	DERI
NG	BAN	CORR	YED	RING
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SCIN	LATE	TERS	NE	TRO

Monday's Answers: 1. DIVIDING 2. CHILDCARE 3. COURSES
4. HOLLYWOOD 5. FAVOR 6. UNSCREWED 7. PREDATORS

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 "God bless you, please, — Robinson"
- 4 Subterranean lava
- 9 "Stop!" at sea
- 14 Feel queasy
- 15 Rumored Roswell visitor
- 16 Courage
- 17 Egg cells
- 18 "Celebration of Mexico's victory in the Battle of Puebla"
- 20 Swab again, as a deck
- 22 Cold War rival of the KGB
- 23 Jr.'s practice exam
- 24 "Only woman to serve as prime minister of India"
- 28 Going solo
- 29 Sobbing
- 33 Refute
- 35 Big bang letters
- 37 Alabama civil rights march city
- 38 UVA's athletic org.
- 39 "Evaluates"
- 42 Special —
- 43 Litter member
- 45 Part of a semicolon
- 46 One of a deadly septet
- 47 "That's 100% true"
- 50 "—, Macduff": Shakespeare
- 52 "Punxsutawney Phil's big moment"
- 56 Green curry cuisine
- 59 Maker of small kitchen gadgets
- 60 Witherspoon of "Legally Blonde"
- 61 "So glad you've returned!" or a feature of the answer to each starred clue?
- 65 Male sheep
- 66 Trojan War tale
- 67 City whose airport is named for 24-Across
- 68 Stockholm-to-Helsinki dir.
- 69 Book identifier
- 70 Basic skateboard jump
- 71 Aykroyd of "Ghostbusters"

DOWN

- 1 Native New Zealander
- 2 Torn asunder
- 3 Joined a mosh pit
- 4 Apple on a teacher's desk, perhaps
- 5 Boxer Muhammad
- 6 Gimlet liquor
- 7 Muslim pilgrim's destination
- 8 Name as a successor
- 9 Michigan in Chicago, e.g.: Abbr.
- 10 One who's long in the tooth?
- 11 Pitiful interjection
- 12 High-protein bean
- 13 Bouncy gait
- 19 Miami-— County
- 21 Like an otter's fur
- 25 Not on board with
- 26 Gp. after millennials
- 27 Door fastener
- 30 Struggled to gain traction
- 31 Pros who cry "out" loud?
- 32 —-in first-out
- 33 Start of the day
- 34 Sound return

- 36 Actor Danson
- 39 Stimulus
- 40 Marketed
- 41 Snowbird ski resort state
- 44 Coherent
- 46 Premier seating area
- 48 Rapid growth period
- 49 Union suit?
- 51 Little terrier
- 53 Prestigious prize with six categories

- 54 Lotus pose, for one
- 55 Southernmost nation on the Arabian Peninsula
- 56 Ninny
- 57 Prefix with pad
- 58 Settled on a perch
- 62 Poem of homage
- 63 Bailiff's first word
- 64 Greek letter X

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE:

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