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This crossword puzzle uses a grid with 365 white squares and has non-standard numbering. Well, actually, it has very standard numbering; it's just not a *crossword* standard. You'll find that Thursdays will give you a 31-letter message, submit the answer to that message.

Across

1. Type of string
2. Silverfish genus
9. It comes before neptunium and plutonium
16. Washington-based private equity firm
23. Track 2 on Kinky's *Reina*
20. What the devil is in

6. Government savings?
13. Somewhat
20. Exterminate
27. Type of reasoning

6. Worcestershire ingredient
13. Cherish
20. Inferior imitator
27. Misery

3. McIlhenny brand
10. Of the wife
17. Transfigure
24. Made more solid, with "out"

1. Mythological founders of Thebes (not Sparta)
8. Goat-horned Japanese mythical creature
15. Trainspotter, but for highways
22. UPN/CW Sitcom produced by Will Smith
29. Cardiff-based soccer org.

5. Visible part of the ear
12. Robert Urich character
19. Eroded
26. ?S?'s field of study

Down

1. Venison taste
2. Intelligible
3. Rub out
4. Alternative to ortho- or meta-
5. Thoroughly
7. Horse-donkey hybrid

1. Novice
2. Touched down
4. Daughter of George and Martha Moppet
5. "It's not a mistake"
6. Slot machine symbols
7. Above

1. Biting
2. Retainer of an Anglo-Saxon lord
4. Its CEO is Andrea Jung
5. Portable harp
6. A deck has four of them
7. Neighbor of Sonoma and Solano

1. Go up a mountain
2. Having shoes on
3. Gang's hood
4. Eddie's character in *Beverly Hills Cop*
5. Speaker brand
6. They can be liberal or martial

1. House material for the first pig
2. Bowman's partner in *2001*
3. "... than never to have loved ____"
4. Undo the Undo
6. Abraham's grandson
7. Tatooine has two

1. Northeast Egypt
3. Type of collar or circus
4. Ethereal
5. "Speed is of the essence" initialism
6. Qualified
7. Pull in a fish