

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

" RCUH VQX BUK ZUQZDU KQ
ZIFKETEZIKU EH HQHOEQDUHK ITKEQH
... ZUQZDU PUU VQX, ZUQZDU IFU
DUIFHEHB YFQA KCIK ITKEQH."
— NQDQFUP CXUFKI

Previous Solution: "I need to write ... It keeps me thinking. I'm afraid that if I stop writing I'll stop thinking and start feeling." — Carrie Fisher

TODAY'S CLUE: I equals E

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- ACROSS**
1 Depot (Abbr.)
4 Clutter
8 Formerly, formerly
12 — de-vie
13 Exam type
14 Lunch stop
15 Youngster
16 Encourage
17 Footnote abbr.
18 Bonfire remains
20 Get away
22 Print measures
23 Set of model airplane parts
24 Meet for discussion
28 Savory jelly
32 Like a dilettante
33 Stuff
35 — of the land
36 Flower necklace
37 Earth

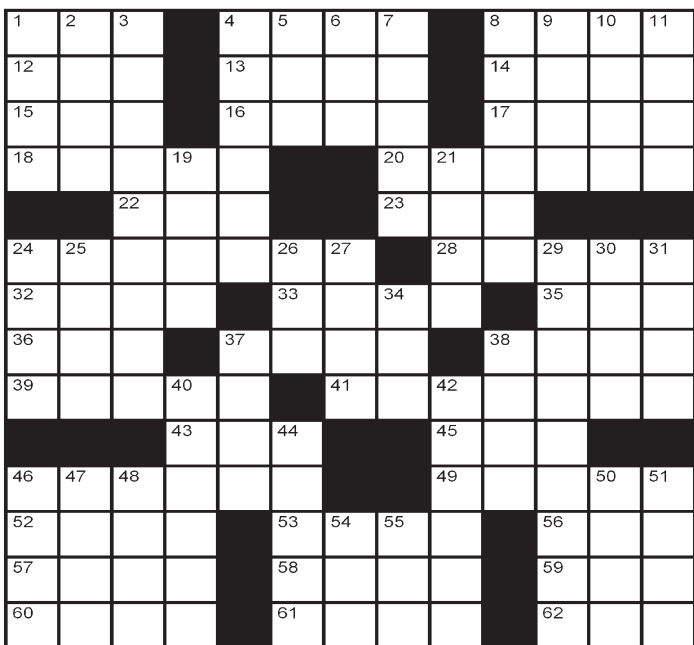
- 38 Long story
39 Coffee with chocolate
41 Great happiness
43 Plus
45 Roll
46 Flood
49 In first place (2 wds.)
52 Colorful gem
53 Parting word in London
56 Badly
57 Snow field
58 "Be it — so humble ..."
59 Southern state (Abbr.)
60 Farming essential
61 Peruse
62 Aficionado

- DOWN**
1 Plant bristle
2 New Mexico town
3 Genuine

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 4 Puddinglike dessert
5 Make a miscalculation
6 Droop
7 Glossy
8 Decrees
9 Singer — McEntire
10 Slight error
11 Neap —
19 A deadly sin
21 Thailand, formerly
24 Peaceful
25 Sandwich cookie
26 Naval rank (Abbr.)
27 Canal in a song
29 Party that sues
30 "Othello" role
31 Greenish-blue
34 Totality
37 Crooned
38 Shock
40 Transported
42 On a bus or train
44 Hinder
46 Puts on
47 Fencing sword
48 Wash against
50 — podrida
51 Blueprint
54 "— Maria"
55 Iced beverage



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ASTROGRAPH

By Eugenia Last

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Shift into high gear and take care of business, health and legal matters that are time-sensitive. How you handle responsibilities will not go unnoticed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Stick close to your people, the ones who understand and share your opinions, and you'll find hope and support. Be careful not to reveal too much personal information.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Refrain from wasting time and energy on people and situations you cannot control. Look inward and consider how you can best serve your needs. Being the best version of yourself will be uplifting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Try something new. Engage in an event or activity that challenges you physically, and you will gain strength and understanding of the intellectual challenges you encounter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Be aware of what's happening around you. An unexpected change can be beneficial if you are ready to act. A smile and a positive attitude and response will set the tone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — When in doubt, sit still, observe and reflect. Put greater emphasis on physical activity, eating habits and health, and use your intelligence to stabilize your financial situation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Broaden your horizons. Update your skills and network every chance you get. Who you know and how you build your relationships will determine how far you get. Be creative, and do your best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Initiate change, and don't stop until you are happy with the results. It's time to play the game instead of sitting on the sidelines. Procrastination will not lead to healing old wounds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19) — Read between the lines, ask questions and turn any negative into a positive. Respect and understanding will help you build a solid environment to develop and grow your aspirations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Pay attention to money matters. How you earn and manage your financial affairs will have more influence on your meaningful relationships than you realize. Hard work will pay off.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Review your options. Balance and equality are necessary if you want to feel good about the outcome of any situation you face with friends, relatives or associates.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Let go of what you cannot change, and place more energy, time and discipline into improving your domestic situation and personal relationships. Consider what's missing in your life, and revamp your schedule.

DEAR ANNIE

By Annie Lane

Dear Annie: I have a friend I have known for years, and our sons have grown up playing lacrosse together. On the surface, we are both supportive sports moms who cheer from the sidelines, pack the snacks and talk about practices, tournaments and college hopes. But underneath it all, I have started to feel something painful that I can no longer ignore.

Whenever my son has a strong game, gets recognition from a coach or reaches some milestone, my friend never seems genuinely happy for him. She may smile and say the right words, but there is always something strained behind it. Sometimes she quickly changes the subject back to her own son. Other times she points out how her son was overlooked, or she finds some subtle way to diminish my son's accomplishment. If my son scores three goals, suddenly the conversation becomes about how her son had an assist no one noticed. If my son is praised, she brings up how politics in sports are unfair.

I understand that all parents want the best for their children, and I know youth sports can bring out strong emotions. But this has started to hurt. I have truly rooted for her son and celebrated his successes, yet I walk away from conversations feeling as though my son's happiness is something she can barely tolerate.

It has made me question the friendship. I do not expect cartwheels every time my child does well, but I do think real friendship leaves room for joy when something good happens to the people you

care about. Am I being too sensitive, or is it fair to step back from someone who seems to view your child's success as a threat instead of something to celebrate? — Cheering With Caution

Dear Cheering: You are not being too sensitive. One of the clearest signs of friendship is whether someone can smile when good fortune lands in your yard, not just their own.

Youth sports can bring out the best in kids and the worst in parents. What starts as cheering from the sidelines can turn into an Olympic event in comparison, scorekeeping and quiet resentment. Your friend may not even realize how transparent she has become, but a strained smile has a way of speaking louder than words.

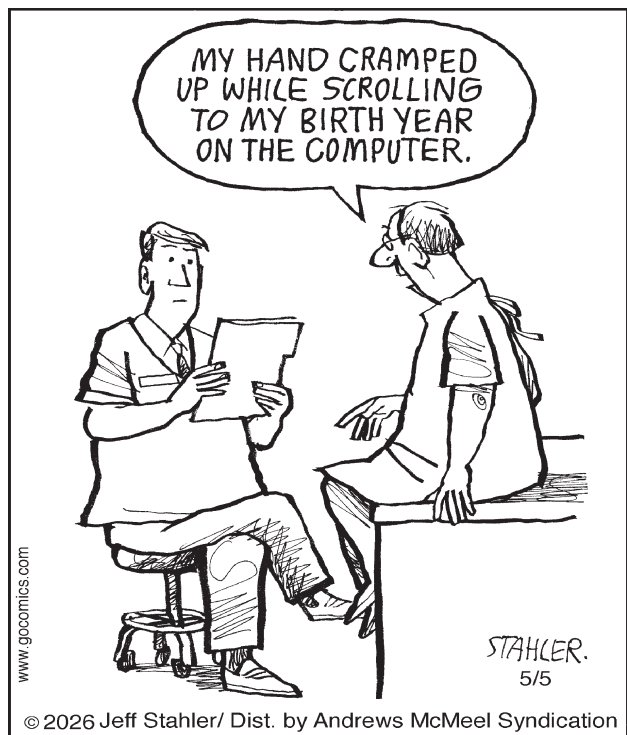
You do not need to con-

front every cutting remark or backhanded compliment. Sometimes the wisest move is simply to stop bringing your good news to someone who insists on wearing dark glasses. Share less. Expect less. Protect your peace.

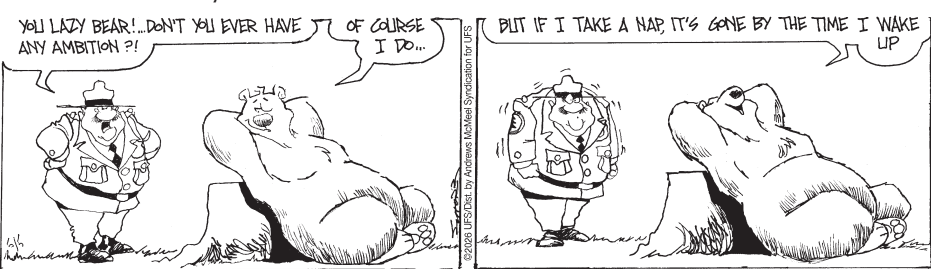
Be cordial, be kind and keep the focus where it belongs — on the boys, not the mothers keeping unofficial rankings in the bleachers. A real friend does not treat your son's success like bad news for her family.

"Out of Bounds: Estrangement, Boundaries and the Search for Forgiveness" is out now! Annie Lane's third anthology is for anyone who has lived with anger, estrangement or the deep ache of being wronged — because forgiveness isn't for them. It's for you.

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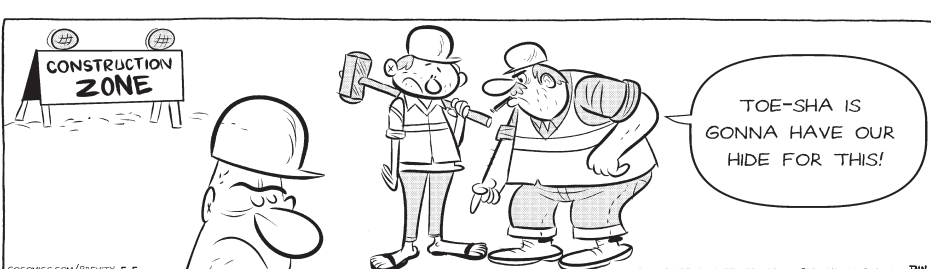
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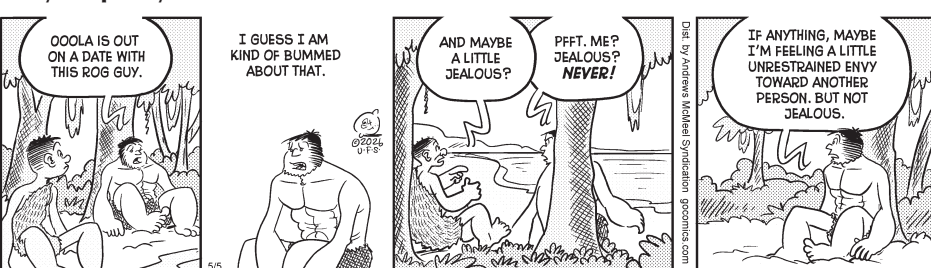
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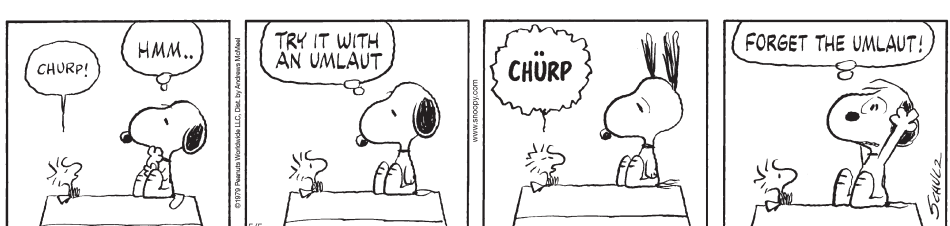
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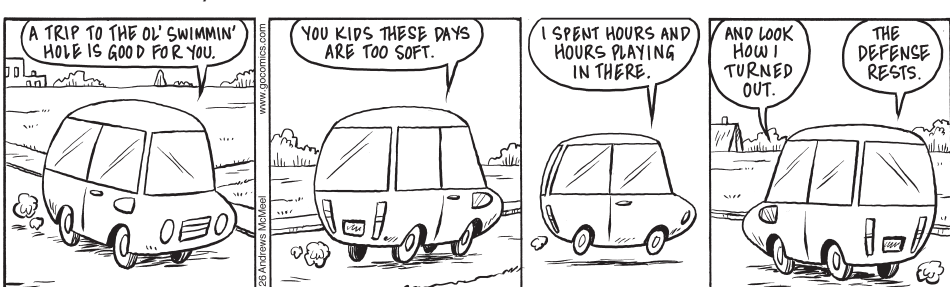
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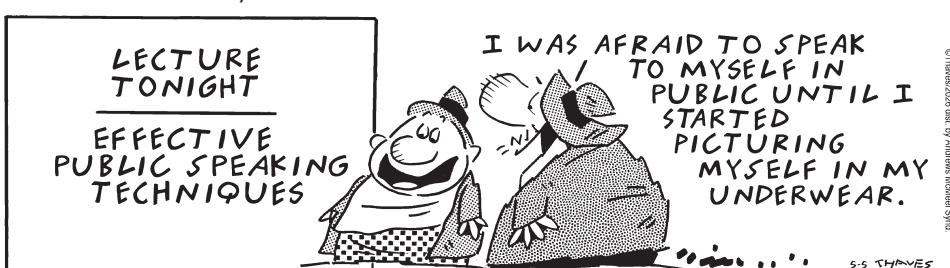
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