

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.

" J B U T G . . . Z K B P H F Y L V Y B F B
Y K T X U R B Z Z X A H T . M G F J K T G Y K T V
N M X H , Y K T X L N M X H P L T Z K B P H F
A T M S K M H H T G E T Y B B Y K T L Z ."
— M U T H X M T M L K M L Y

Previous Solution: "I made a pact with myself a long time ago: Never watch anything stupider than you. It's helped me a lot." — Bette Midler
TODAY'S CLUE: $E \text{ equals } G$

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Soda —
 - 4 Missile shelter
 - 8 Metallic fabric
 - 12 Unclose, archaically
 - 13 Mother of Horus
 - 14 Abbr. in citations
 - 15 Goof
 - 16 "— Enchanted"
 - 17 Certain
 - 18 Texting errors
 - 20 Meowing creature
 - 22 Dead lang.
 - 23 Hurry
 - 24 Introductory remarks
 - 27 Diplomat
 - 31 Smoked salmon
 - 32 Currier and —
 - 34 Common verb
 - 35 "— on a Grecian Urn"

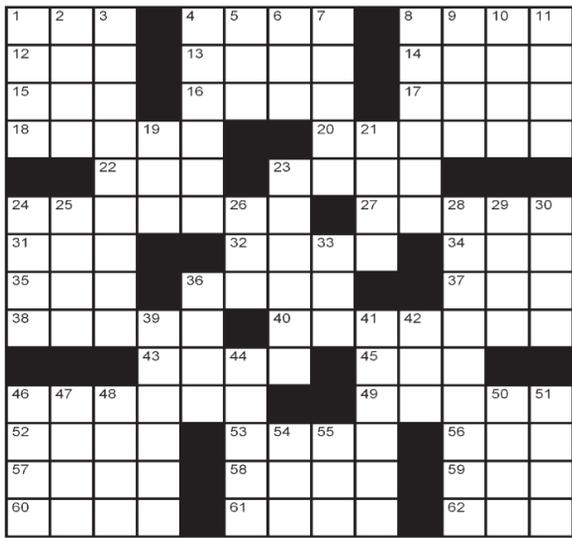
- 36 Bucket
- 37 Blowgun projectile
- 38 Cake serving
- 40 Funny shows
- 43 Press
- 45 "— Town"
- 46 Rodin's "Thinker" is one
- 49 Tolerate
- 52 Damage
- 53 Taylor Swift's "The — Tour"
- 56 Last letter, in Canada
- 57 A single time
- 58 Dispatched
- 59 Brain scan letters
- 60 Bulbous fruit
- 61 Whirlpool
- 62 Uninteresting

- DOWN**
- 1 Versifier
 - 2 Grand Ole —
 - 3 Puzzled

Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	O	Y	S	C	A	B	C	L	I	P	
E	R	E	R	A	N	I	H	O	R	A	
A	D	S	O	R	E	G	E	B	O	N	
S	E	T	S	S	W	A	N	S	O	N	G
T	R	E	A	T	P	I	T				
	R	Y	E	A	P	T	T	O	P		
A	D	D	N	A	I	L	U	S	A		
S	E	A	T	R	E	E	N	U	T		
H	W	Y	S	T	Y	S	P	A			
	P	T	A	P	A	S	S	E			
G	O	P	L	A	C	E	S	D	A	T	A
A	L	I	A	H	A	I	L	L	A	T	
S	E	N	T	E	S	T	E	A	V	E	
H	O	S	E	D	Y	E	D	D	E	N	

- 4 Afternoon nap
- 5 Oahu or Maui (Abbr.)
- 6 — Abner of comics
- 7 Japanese city
- 8 "Hark!"
- 9 Border on
- 10 Mud
- 11 Perfect place
- 19 LummoX
- 21 Frozen treats
- 23 Make changes in
- 24 Farm implement
- 25 Went on
- 26 Spy org.
- 28 Converted to steam
- 29 Utah city
- 30 Some votes
- 33 Inventor — Whitney
- 36 Where Lima is
- 39 Channel for water drainage
- 41 Nice and warm
- 42 Baby bear
- 44 Water birds
- 46 Boutique
- 47 Melody
- 48 Ancient strongbox
- 50 "The — Hunter"
- 51 Nervous
- 54 Roulette bet
- 55 "— then some!"



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ASTROGRAPH

By Eugenia Last

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — What you gain through interacting with people who share your interests will help you save time and money reaching your objective. Don't sell yourself short.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A low profile will keep you out of harm's way. Spend more time on your personal needs, learning and preparing for something you want to pursue. Embrace self-improvement projects.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Helping others is admirable, but paying for others' shortcomings is not. Choose your words carefully and offer suggestions, but when push comes to shove, do what's best for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Whether you frequent a new destination, try something new or set goals, it will result in self-improvement. Don't let someone's negativity stand between you and

what your heart wants.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's what you accomplish that counts. Use your brain instead of your brawn if you want to achieve what you set out to do. Refuse to let your emotions lead you astray.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Listen to what others have to say, and you'll gain insight into whether you want to participate. Check the facts; someone you encounter will offer misleading information.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Take a moment to digest information and to figure out your options. Don't mix money and emotions. If you can't afford something on your own, you'd best take a pass.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Mixed emotions will confuse you when dealing with relationships. Listen carefully before you reveal information that may incriminate you. Protect your interests, your reputation and es-

sential relationships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Overspending or trying to buy favors will backfire. It's how you respond to people that will help you maintain a good reputation. Use common sense.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you want to make the most of your day, adopt a healthy lifestyle or start a home-improvement project. Make money management, diet and exercise your goals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Avoid confrontations. Keep your opinions to yourself until further notice. Pour your time and energy into self-improvement projects, social events that offer positive affirmations, and romance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Assess your current direction and consider what you would rather be doing with your time and skills. Innovative ideas will lead to high returns.

DEAR ANNIE

By Annie Lane

Dear Annie: I am the friend everyone calls when they need something. I am the one who remembers birthdays, checks in after surgeries, brings soup when someone is sick and sends the "just thinking of you" text. If a friend is going through a divorce, I am there. If someone's child is struggling, I listen for hours. If there is a crisis, I show up.

But lately, I have started to notice something painful. When I am the one having a hard time, the room gets very quiet.

A few months ago, I went through a health scare. It turned out to be OK, thank goodness, but while I was waiting for test results, I was terrified. I told a few close friends, women I have supported for years. One sent a heart emoji. One changed the subject and started talking about her kitchen renovation. Another said, "You're strong, you'll be fine," which somehow made me feel even more alone.

I know people are busy. I know not everyone is good at emotional support. But I am starting to feel less like a friend and more like an emotional utility service.

Now I find myself pulling back and feeling resentful, which is not how I want to be. Part of me wonders if I trained people to expect me to be the helper and never the one in need. Another part of me wonders if these friendships are simply not as deep as I thought.

How do I stop feeling used without becoming bitter? And how do I know

when a friendship is worth saving versus when it is time to let it go? — Running on Empty

Dear Running: You are not wrong to feel hurt. Even the strongest friend still needs someone to bring the soup.

Some people are caring but clueless. Others are happy to drink from your well and never ask who fills it. Your job is to figure out which is which.

Start small and tell the truth to those who are draining you. Tell them, "I care about you, but I've been feeling a little alone lately." A good friend may be surprised and do better. A fake friend who is using you will get defensive or disappear, which is painful but useful information that reveals who they

really are.

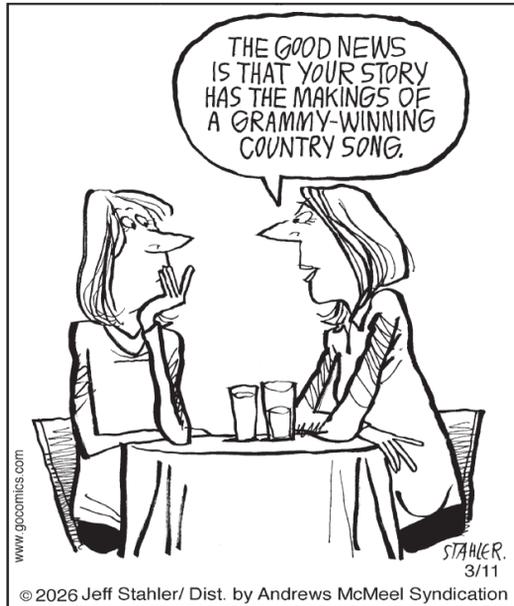
Also, stop doing so much. Not every crisis needs your cape. Relationships get lopsided when one person is always the lifeguard.

Choose people who can sit with your feelings, not just borrow your strength.

And for the record, "You're so strong" is often what people say when they want to admire you instead of help you.

"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.

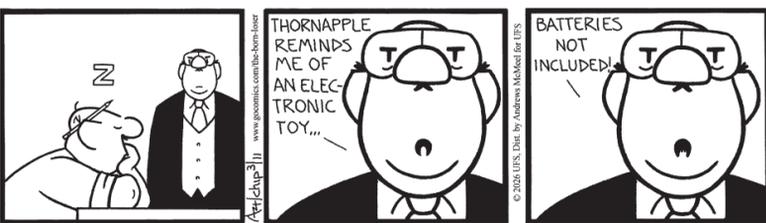
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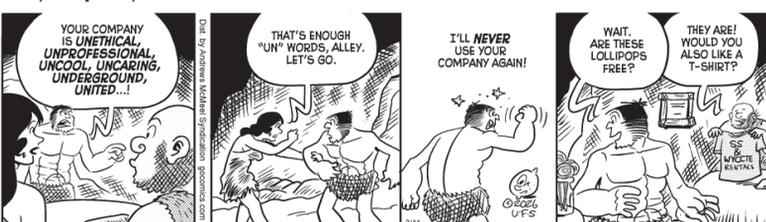
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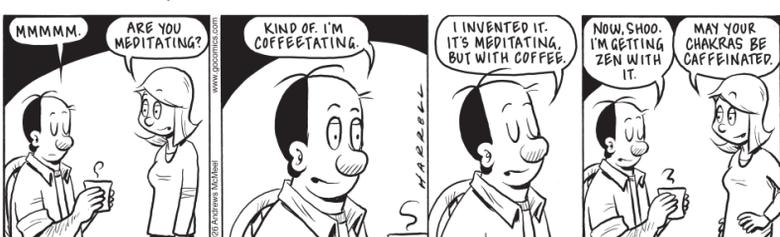
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