

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.

"DKH U OI IK CKCPHYT IOGCHX
JRVYPIR OOE OI ENR JRIE DYGR OB
ENR FKTHS YE FNOVN EK JR JYS."
— Y.Y. GOHBR

Previous Solution: "Life is very interesting; in the end some of your greatest pains become your greatest strengths." — Drew Barrymore

TODAY'S CLUE: *U*spen

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ACROSS

- 1 "— humbug!"
- 4 Spill the beans
- 8 Soapstone
- 12 "Exodus" hero
- 13 Fury
- 14 Moonfish
- 15 Drenched
- 16 Object of devotion
- 17 Street performer
- 18 Fastened with shoestrings
- 20 Drink taken after a drink
- 22 Crone
- 23 Simple dwelling
- 24 Bug barrier
- 27 Grass cutter
- 31 Diving bird
- 32 Bit of smoke
- 34 Give — whirl
- 35 Curve

DOWN

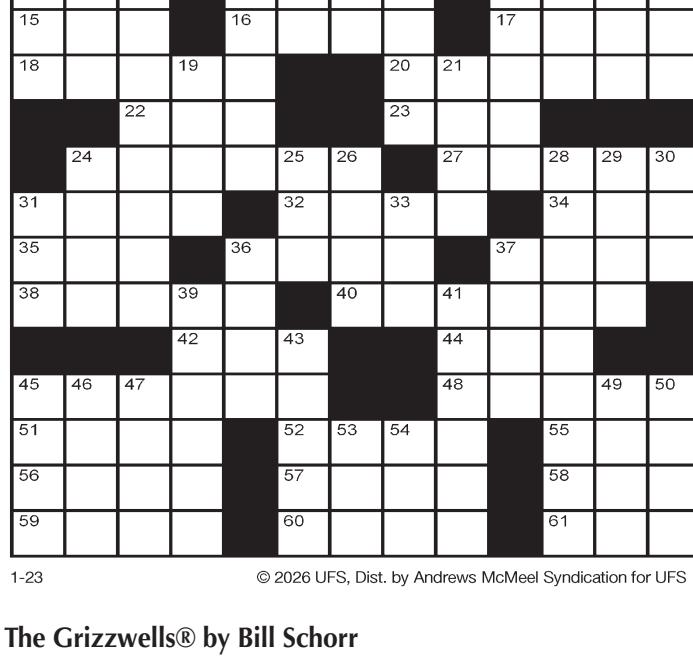
- 1 Cry
- 2 Length x width
- 3 "Psycho" director
- 4 Alfred —
- 5 Touched
- 6 Crisp cookie
- 8 "The butcher, the — ..."
- 10 Grommet
- 12 Doze
- 14 Hard liquor
- 15 Color, hippie-style (Hyp.)
- 18 Playing marble
- 20 Rights org.
- 22 Club fee
- 23 Relatives
- 24 Nonsense poet
- 25 Poker stake
- 27 Antiquity
- 28 Laborer of old
- 29 Fibber
- 30 Home (Abbr.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle



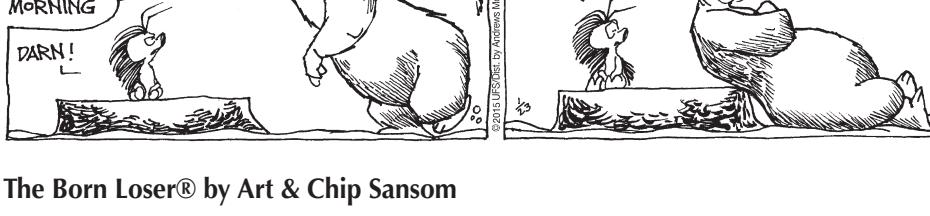
4 Card game
5 Fond du —, Wisconsin
6 In the past
7 Long seat
8 Beefsteak or cherry
9 Sacred bull of ancient Egypt

10 Metallic fabric
11 "Believe" singer
19 Merit
21 Camel feature
24 Marsh bird
25 Female sheep
26 "Death on the —"
28 Vintner
29 Coup d'—
30 Knock
31 Workplace, for short
33 Piggery
36 Unravel
37 Hit hard
39 Put up with
41 Schoolroom essential
43 Piano part
45 Yarn
46 Frozen desserts
47 — vital
49 Flooring piece
50 Tips
53 Numerical prefix
54 Between zeta and theta



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The Grizzwells® by Bill Schorr



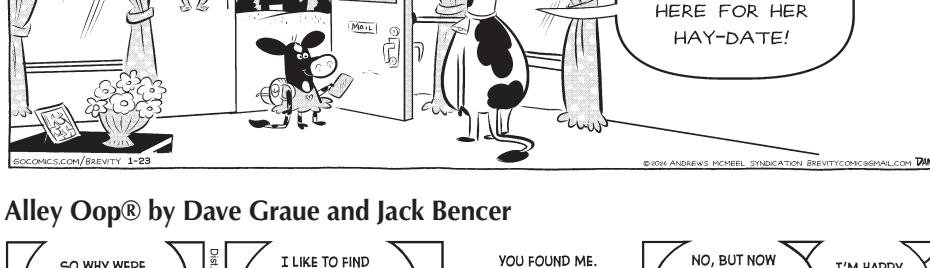
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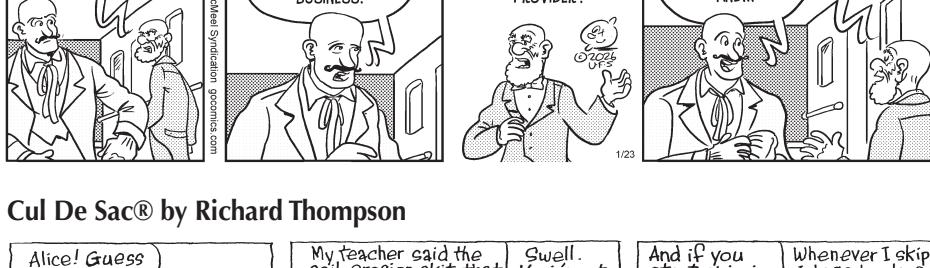
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Brevity® by DAN



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Cul De Sac® by Richard Thompson



ASTROGRAPH

By Eugenia Last

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Structure your day to meet demands. Organization, along with dedication and attention to detail, will get you where you want to go. Romance is on the rise. Discuss your intentions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Get in the game of life and play to win. Use your intuition to guide you and your discipline to keep you out of trouble and avoid temptation. Challenge yourself mentally, physically and emotionally.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Participation is the best antidote to feeling down in the dumps. Join an organization that shares your concerns and offer whatever support you can. Emotions will surface, and the responses you get from others can make or break your day. Reach out with a positive attitude.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You can sit down and put up with annoyances, or you can change your plans and take control of what you do and whom you spend time with. Participate in community services that can

try something new.

enrich your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Seize the moment, go where the action is and discover new people, places and activities that stimulate your mind and keep you up to date. An interview or meeting will turn out better than anticipated. Romance is favored.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Dig in and finish what you start. Focus, along with discipline and intuition, will lead to positive physical or emotional change and potential profit. Be receptive to suggestions and willing to try something new.

VIRGO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Let the electricity flow when you walk into a room, and the attention you receive will change how you feel about yourself. You have plenty to gain by joining forces with people as dynamic and proactive as you are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Set a budget before you begin a project. Your generosity or desire to please will cost you. You can't solve everyone's problems or pay for others' mistakes. Offer a kind word or suggestions, nothing more.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Partnerships will offer positive results. Financial help, joint ventures and shared expenses will lead to high returns. Domestic improvements you start today will pay off. Be direct in all things.

DEAR ANNIE

By Annie Lane

Dear Annie: I am struggling with what to do about one of my very best friends who is basically family to me at this point. Throughout our friendship, I have noticed that she does not say "thank you" very often. This includes when a gift is given to her or even when a customer purchases something in person from her small business.

When I have sent her stuff in the past, oftentimes I would have to reach out to see if she even received it. When she got married, she did not send thank-you notes to any of her guests. She did not have the best upbringing, and I always wondered if her parents never taught her the importance of saying "thank you."

When I was a kid, my mom always made me send thank-you notes when I received birthday gifts or Christmas gifts. This year, I sent her young daughter a gift card for Christmas. When I didn't hear from her a couple weeks after I mailed it, I reached out to be sure that they had received it. She told me they did and told me what they purchased with it, but she still never even said "thank you." This time has really rubbed me the wrong way, as I don't understand how someone doesn't say "thank you" at that point.

It makes me wonder if I should even send anything to them anymore at all. What advice do you have for me in how to handle this? Do I say something to her? If so, how? Do I stop sending things, or do I just let it go? If this ever gets published, parents, please teach your kids the importance of saying "thank you," whether it be through a card, text message or phone call. No matter if it's something large or small, someone took the time to think of you, so you can take the time to acknowl-

edge that. — Thank You Goes a Long Way

Dear Thank You: Try not to judge your friend too harshly. You say that this time rubs you the wrong way, and you don't understand how someone cannot say "thank you," but you acknowledge that you had a wonderful mom who taught you the importance of saying "thank you" for a gift, and your friend did not. She was dealt a different hand in childhood and was never made aware of the importance of saying "thank you."

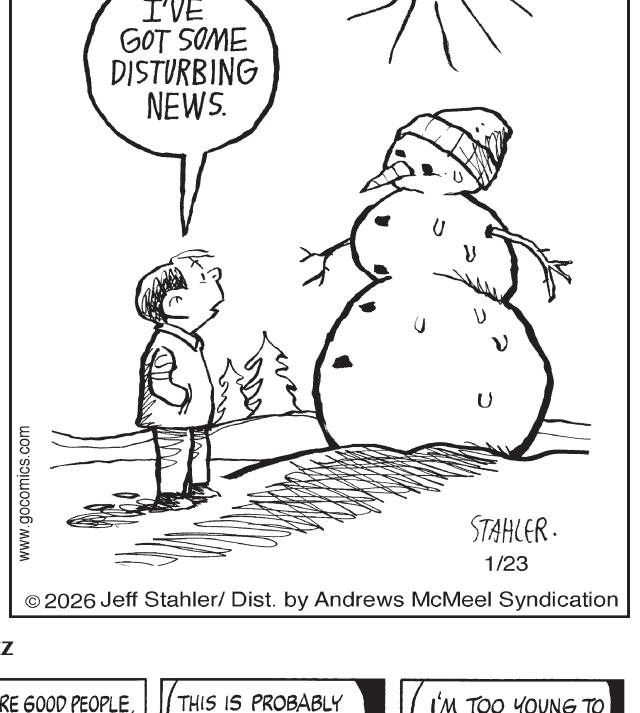
You said that your friend is like family to you, so treat her as such. Be a friend and tell her exactly how important saying "thank you" is to you. My guess is that she is not doing this intentionally at all. When we know better, we do better. What a wonderful friend you could be to her by pointing out a great habit that your mom pointed out to you all those

years ago. Hopefully, she can pass that advice along to her daughters and they will break the cycle of ingratitude and pick up a wonderful habit — all because you passed on your mother's good teachings.

So as not to offend her after you tell her about the importance of thank-you notes, is there is anything that you do that bothers her? Think of something she might have mentioned, and tell her you are working to improve. That way, you are both acting like mature adults trying to better yourselves.

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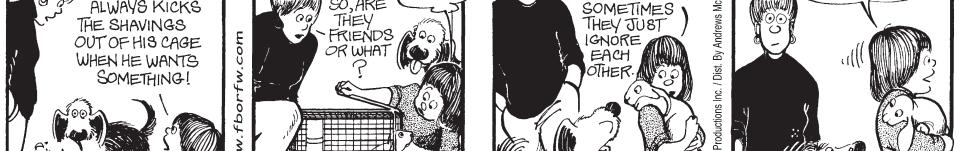


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