

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.

“ Y P F Z B O K R R B F Q H ’ Y H F F R I B D Y B N F S F O V F X Y . L Y H F F R Q I B D Y B . . . W F F S T B L H T F E F H Z P F H Y P L H T Q R B H ’ Y T B M Q S K M H H F R . ” — Q L A B H F N L K F Q

Previous Solution: “I think a lot of characters are wish fulfillment ... That’s one of the nice things about movies, I guess.” — Anna Kendrick

TODAY’S CLUE: G equals T

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ACROSS

1 Lass

4 Suet

7 Actor — Alda

11 Swellhead’s problem

12 Put on the payroll

13 Logical

14 Beige

15 Yoked animals

16 Singer — Turner

17 Jargon

19 Brandy flavoring

21 “Able was I — ...”

22 Cup handle

23 Racetrack shape

24 “— Given Sunday”

25 “Survivor” network

28 Send out

29 Attack command

DOWN

30 Succulent plant

31 “Better — than never”

32 Poem

33 Gentle hill

34 Cook in oil

35 Color

36 Gets older

37 Title for a knight

38 Cask

39 Idea

43 River of forgetfulness

46 Toward shelter

47 — Major

49 “I could — a horse!”

50 Property claim

51 Perches

52 Kindled

53 Links warning

54 Tofu base

55 Historic time

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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5 Length x width

6 U.K. coin

7 Bustling

8 Secular

9 Part of A.D.

10 In good order

12 Inn

18 Deliver a speech

20 Flat fish

23 Actor — Sharif

24 — -de-camp

25 Regular customers

26 Supervisor

27 Understand

28 Sprite

29 Grouchy sort

30 Bicker

35 Hasten

36 Book of maps

37 Play part

39 Farm baby

40 Mixture

41 — -do-well

42 Three musicians

44 “Aquarius” musical

45 Singer — James

48 Piggery

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The Grizzwells® by Bill Schorr

ANOTHER THING WOMEN WANT IN A RELATIONSHIP IS HONESTY

REALLY?

ABSOLUTELY...HONESTY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THEM

WHICH IS WHY I KEEP ANY LIES I TELL IN AN ENCRYPTED FILE ON MY PHONE SO I CAN KEEP THEM STRAIGHT

YOU SHOULD DO A PODCAST ON THIS STUFF

The Born Loser® by Art & Chip Sansom

I’LL GET YOU, YOU WASCALLY WABBIT!

HA, HA!

CLASSIC CARTOONS ON A SATURDAY MORNING? YOU REMIND ME OF A YOUNG ME.

YEAH, AND YOU’RE KINDA LIKE AN OLDEN DAYS VERSION OF ME!

Arlo and Janis Dailies® by Jimmy Johnson

GET HIM!

SOMEBODY TACKLE HIM!

AHH! ... !!!

WHAT WAS IT YOU SAID? THIS YEAR, I’M NOT GOING TO LET SOME SILLY FOOT-BALL GAME RUIN MY DAY!

THAT WAS BEFORE I KNEW WE WERE GOING TO LET THEM RUN THE OPENING KICKOFF ALL THE WAY BACK!

Brevity® by DAN

THIS PROTECTIVE GEAR IS UNCOMFORTABLE! AND THE COLORS OF THE AMMUNITION ARE DRAB AND BORING!

THE SIGHTS ON MY WEAPON ARE TOTALLY OFF!

I’M TIRED! THIS STINKS!

Alley Oop® by Dave Graue and Jack Bencer

NOW WHAT? YOU’RE GOING TO PUNISH ME, SOMEHOW? I’M ALREADY STUCK HERE ON VENUS.

THE PLANET IS BASICALLY UNINHABITABLE. AND NO HUMANS WANT TO LIVE WITH ME. I’M ALREADY IN HELL.

WE’VE DECIDED YOU SHOULD LIVE OUT THE REST OF YOUR DAYS ON MARS.

EH, THAT’S NOT TOO BAD.

WITH CHANCE DONGLE.

NOOOOOOOO!

Cul De Sac® by Richard Thompson

Finally the play starts. I get a brief glimpse of my sister (Alice).

Who wants poncapes?

The man sitting in front of me keeps shifting in his seat right when I want to see what’s going on.

It’s very annoying. I don’t know who the man is, but he has a head like a bucket.

Hee hee ha!

ASTROGRAPH

By Eugenia Last

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Dig in and tidy up. Attend networking functions or events that will help you parlay your attributes into something you enjoy doing and can profit from. Use your voice to make a difference.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — If you spend more time on creative endeavors or pampering yourself, you’ll gain insight into what’s important to you. You have more to offer than you think, so don’t sell yourself short.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — An emotional or physical journey will be revealing. What you discover about yourself or someone else will change how you move forward. Don’t be afraid to walk away from situations that have run their course.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Don’t overspend on home improvements or trying to meet someone else’s expectations. Offer only what’s within your means. Learn to

**love and honor yourself first. Romance is favored.**

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Promise less. Put yourself first, and protect what you’ve worked so hard to achieve. Refuse to give anyone the chance to make you look bad or to take advantage of you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — It’s time to set goals and timelines. Start by adding to your qualifications, and consider how you want to use your experience and attributes to bring in more cash. Don’t shy away from following your heart.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Activities that allow you to express yourself or enhance your creative imagination will lead to interesting conversations and opportunities. An energetic approach will put you in the spotlight.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Overreacting will cost you. The only area where too much action will help is in competitive situations. Play to win, but don’t exag-

DEAR ANNIE

By Annie Lane

The Smart Way to Splurge on Travel

**Dear Annie:** I travel fairly often from Miami to Europe and California, and lately I’ve been thinking I need to change the way I do it. I’m at the point where I’d honestly rather take fewer trips and enjoy them more than squeeze myself into economy for hours just to save money. I’d love to fly business class about five times a year and maybe treat myself to first class once in a while when it really feels worth it. What matters most to me is being able to sleep, arrive rested, have a little flexibility if plans change, and actually enjoy the travel day instead of dreading it.

Some of my trips are planned months ahead, while others are more spontaneous. I’m willing to connect through another city for a much better experience, but I also don’t want to make every trip feel like a complicated game of points, routes and upgrades.

If you were giving advice to a friend in my shoes, what would you prioritize? Are there certain airlines, routes or European hubs that are noticeably better for business class? When is first class truly worth the extra money? And how much should lounges, nonstop flights and flexibility factor into the decision?

I’m not trying to travel as cheaply as possible. I just want to travel smarter, more comfortably and in a way that feels worth the money. What would you do? — Smart Traveler

**Dear Smart Traveler:** Spend where comfort matters most: lie-flat seats, good schedules and flexibility. Choose non-stop when you can, and save first class for special occasions. The smartest luxury is arriving rested and ready to enjoy the trip.

**Dear Annie:** I recently lost a significant amount

of weight, and while I’m proud of myself, I’ve noticed that maintaining it has started to take up more mental space than I expected.

At home, I have a routine. I know what I’m eating, I exercise regularly, and I feel in control. But traveling is another story. Vacations used to mean trying wonderful restaurants, having dessert, ordering a glass of wine and enjoying whatever the local specialty happened to be. Now I find myself studying menus, worrying about calories and wondering how much weight I’ll gain if I relax for a few days.

I’ll be sitting at a beautiful restaurant with people I love, and instead of enjoying the moment, part of my brain is calculating what I ate earlier that day. Sometimes I even turn down foods I really want because I’m afraid one indulgent meal will lead me right back to where I started.

I worked hard to lose the weight and certainly don’t want to regain it, but I also don’t want maintaining my weight to keep me from enjoying my life. How do I find a healthy balance between taking care of myself and letting myself truly enjoy vacations again? — Afraid to Let Go

**Dear Afraid to Let Go:** One of the biggest contributors to weight gain is stress. I say let yourself order dessert or a glass of wine so that you don’t feel deprived. Allow yourself to enjoy your new body and continue to speak kindly to yourself. A good life has room for both healthy choices and pleasurable ones in small doses.

“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.

Moderately Confused® by Jeff Stahl

AHH! THE SMELL OF FRESH WEEKEND IN THE AIR.

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Peanuts® by Charles Schultz

SULKING IN YOUR BEAN BAG, I SEE...

GO AWAY, AND LEAVE ME ALONE!

TELL ME SOMETHING.. WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A BEAN BAG IF YOU LIE IN IT ALL DAY, AND YOU STILL FEEL CRABBY?

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Adam Dailies® by Rob Harrell

BOO!

NO.

BUT I’M BEING SCARY TO GIVE YOU IDEAS FOR YOUR HORROR BOOK ABOUT ME

NO, NO. IN THE BOOK, YOU’RE NOT “JUMP SCARE” SCARY!

MORE LIKE... SINISTER.

I’M GONNA GO THINK ABOUT THAT AND BE ALL THAT I CAN BE.

Frank and Ernest® by Thaves

THIS TENT IS DEFINITELY WATERPROOF... SO FAR, NONE OF THE RAIN THAT HAS COME IN HAS LEAKED OUT.

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Monty® by Jim Meddick

ACH! VUT HAVE WE HERE, FLESHY? A LITTLE BOUNZINS UN DER SOHTRING

BOUNZY... BOUNZY...

ACH! OR OW BOUT DIZ?... A LITTLE BIRDY! TWEET! TWEET! TWEET!

MR. MOUZE?

SQUEEK? SQUEEK?

OK, FLESHY. MUST I REMIND YOU? THERAPY IS A GIVE-UND-TAKE PROZEZZ. I CAN’T HELP YOU IF YOU DON’T HELP ME.