

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.

" F M V E I L V Z P V Y M M A G E D T
C P I B M M D . G S ' R O M Z P B P I J G S L
F P E P V K S B T X M R S P B R . L P J V R D T
N G B R S D K R G O V Y G E N Y K P E O P . "
— B G E F M R S V B B

Previous Solution: "I always wanted to be a cowboy, and Jedi Knights are basically cowboys in space, right?" — Liam Neeson
TODAY'S CLUE: *d sjnba X*

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ACROSS

- 1 Plaything
- 4 "If the — fits ..."
- 8 Celestial bear
- 12 Sleeve filler
- 13 Split
- 14 Annoying one
- 15 Dry, as wine
- 16 Scottish dance
- 17 Add color to
- 18 Down Under tree-dweller
- 20 Get stuck
- 21 TV spots
- 23 Do a farm job
- 24 Pear variety
- 27 — — — bud (stop right away)
- 32 Like a dilettante
- 33 Elevator name
- 34 "Holy cow!"
- 35 Hosp. section
- 36 Ski lift (Hyph.)
- 37 Mellow

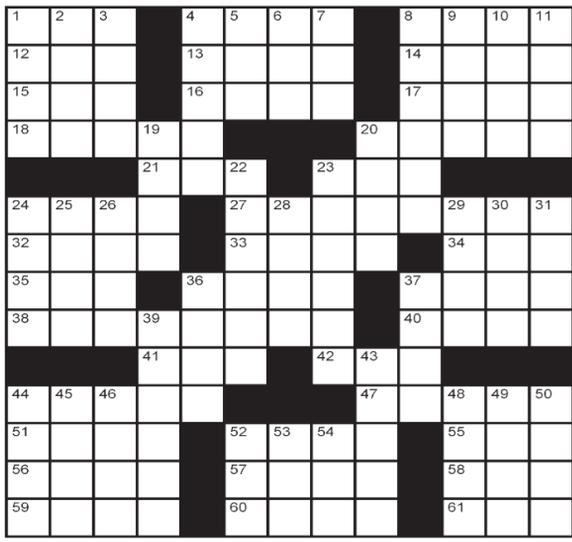
DOWN

- 38 Real-world
- 40 Gets on in years
- 41 Isle of —
- 42 Word in place names
- 44 Factory
- 47 Glide over ice
- 51 Flat floater
- 52 Steep
- 55 Drunkard
- 56 Racetrack shape
- 57 Turnstile
- 58 Little one
- 59 Challenge
- 60 Walked (on)
- 61 Eisenhower's nickname

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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

- 5 Farm tool
- 6 Mineral
- 7 Fish
- 11 Money for the pot
- 19 Like doilies
- 20 — Lane of "Superman"
- 22 Uppity
- 23 Tower toppers
- 24 Worm on a hook
- 25 Killer whale
- 26 Shock
- 28 Type style (Abbr.)
- 29 Branchlet
- 30 "— springs eternal"
- 31 Ovine animals
- 36 Lean
- 37 — and file
- 39 Mild
- 43 Invited
- 44 Urge with a stick
- 45 Molten rock
- 46 Remotely
- 48 — Spumante
- 49 Accepted
- 50 Diminutive suffix
- 52 Police rank (Abbr.)
- 53 Scull
- 54 From — — Z



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ASTROGRAPH

By Eugenia Last

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Take the blinders off and look at life through a magnifying glass. Leave nothing to chance or up to someone else's discretion. Avoid excessive actions or emotional outbursts.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Lend a helping hand, volunteer or donate to a cause, and the returns will be greater than you expect. Listen with an open mind, but make choices with facts, figures and your reputation in mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Look at every possibility before you make a move. Refuse to let your emotions lead the way when common sense is vital. Keep your eye on the possibilities and your overhead under budget, and success will follow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Say no to pressure tactics and emotional manipulation. Put your time and effort into learning, doing your part to help those less fortunate and using your

skills to make the world a better place.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Share your thoughts. Let your words impact those you encounter, and it will help you gain insight into what others want. Don't go out of your way to impress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Change your routine; make room for whatever brings meaningful results. It's up to you to take responsibility for your happiness. Refuse to let others take charge or dictate how you use your time or money.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Partnerships will require your attention, discretion and hard choices. When in doubt, go directly to the source, ask questions and make decisions for the right reasons.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Let your creative imagination lead the way. Dazzle those you encounter with your insight and unique alternatives. Keep life and your plans affordable and straightforward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Take the plunge and try something new. Social events will lead to interesting talks, friendships and pastimes that bring you satisfaction, confidence and drive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Concentrate on getting positive results by doing what's right and best for you. A change in how you apply your skills and expertise to your work responsibilities will pay off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Go over your expenses and put a plan in place to pay down debt. Don't believe what others tell you; verify facts before you make a move. Focus on making money, not on spending it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Engage in events that lead to information, connections and people who can help you transform your life. Leave nothing to chance and protect your interests. Engage in fitness and stick to a healthy diet.

DEAR ANNIE

By Annie Lane

Dear Annie: My 72-year-old father retired from his accounting job two years ago and appointed himself "Director of Operations" of my household.

He lives 15 minutes away and stops by unannounced at least three times a week. ("Your shelving system was illogical"), corrected how my kids load the dishwasher and replaced the batteries in our smoke detectors without asking. Last week, I came home to find he had trimmed our hedges because they were "inviting rodents."

He insists he's "just helping." My wife is annoyed but tries to stay polite. He's widowed, restless and clearly lonely, but I feel like I'm being inspected. How do I rein him in without breaking his heart? — Feeling Audited

Dear Feeling Audited: Your father is newly retired and struggling to feel useful. His skills are needed — and appreciated — by many, but he needs to redirect his energy toward those who truly want it. You can help steer him in the right direction: volunteering tax prep, serving on community boards, mentoring small business owners.

You're not rejecting your father. You're protecting your home.

She's a complete narcissist. She's on her phone every waking minute, and doesn't cook, clean or care for their daughter. My son works all day, then takes care of their home and my granddaughter while she makes excuses. She

believes putting on "Ms. Rachel" and sitting in the same room scrolling TikTok counts as parenting. There is little to no interaction.

She hasn't done anything to improve their situation; if anything, life seems harder because of how she conducts herself. She's been "working on" getting her driver's license for four years. When things go wrong, it's always someone else's fault, and she casts herself as the hero in every story. Every conversation somehow circles back to her.

I truly believe he's making the biggest mistake of his life by marrying her. She won't change because he, and everyone else, caters to her. What can we do? — Dreading the Wedding

Dear Dreading the Wedding: It's painful to watch someone you love make choices you wouldn't make yourself. Even so, this is your son's life, and if he's

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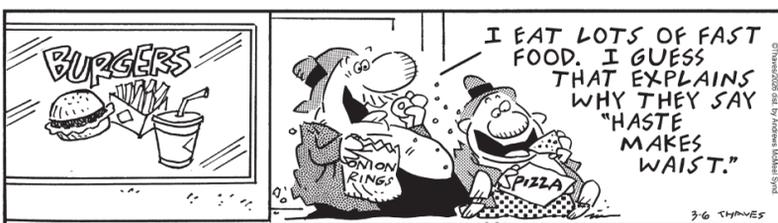
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