

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.

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

— S T O A X L T H I R M O

Previous Solution: “One true measure of a nation is its success in fulfilling the promise of a better life for each of its members.” — John F. Kennedy

TODAY’S CLUE: *d sjanba 7*

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ACROSS

1 Gratuity

4 Distant

7 Hair line

11 “— your head!”

12 Heavy book

13 Gothic arch

14 Sailor

15 Go out

16 Takes legal action against

17 Male relative

19 Maidens

21 No longer fashionable

22 Debtor’s letters

23 Swell

25 Give life to

29 Clean air org.

30 Ceremony

32 Actor Billy — Williams

33 Islet

34 Gives assent

36 Actor — Kilmer

37 Patella

40 Washington’s successor

42 Name for a bystander

43 Shark feature

44 Purple shade

48 Stage direction

51 Part of USA

52 Leggy bird

54 Grow old

55 Yearn

56 Blow off steam

57 Opening

58 Italian noble family

59 Common abbr.

60 Mag. staffers

DOWN

1 Ballerina’s skirt

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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

2 “No man — island ...”

3 Seep through

4 Vixen

5 In the center of

6 Held

7 Tree-dwelling marsupial

8 Chills and fever

9 Film spool

10 Hardy girl

12 — totter

18 Carry with difficulty

20 Miss Piggy’s perfume

23 Bill

24 Go — — smoke

25 On

26 Benefit

27 Group of players

28 Long fish

31 Doing nothing at all

35 Most secure

38 Come into view

39 Tin

41 Racket

44 Father or son, e.g.

45 Singer Tori — Fellow

47 Aid and —

49 Mild oath

50 Agts.

53 Business abbr.

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ASTROGRAPH

By Eugenia Last

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Set up meaningful conversations that can open doors or help you envision how you can reach your goals. Refuse to let a lack of knowledge or not sharing your plans be your nemesis.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Keep your plans and your actions to yourself. Working behind the scenes will help you get things done without interference. Invest more time in yourself and your objectives.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Engage in an activity that serves as a platform to showcase your skills, projects and long-term goals. The people you encounter and what they offer will be eye-opening. Embrace the possibilities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Stop, listen and observe before you decide to join in. Your intentions may be honorable, but you aren’t likely to be met with positive feedback if you are restrictive or pushy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Spend more time at home and doing what you can to lower your overhead. You can cut your losses if you walk away from what’s holding you back. Say no to subscriptions you no longer use, need or want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Pay attention to detail, money management and your health. Put time aside to nurture yourself and your relationships with those who contribute to your happiness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Rely on your own devices instead of waiting for someone to do the work for you. It’s time to take responsibility and to apply your skills, knowledge and experience to make headway.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Refuse to let what others do make you angry. Freedom to do as you please comes at a price. Weigh the pros and cons, then proceed with honorable intentions. Explore the possibilities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Take an interest in others, events and activities that grab your attention. Being an enthusiast will lead to friendships with like-minded people and information that can enrich your life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Overindulgence will set you back. Concentrate on decluttering and minimizing your stress. Distance yourself from emotional issues and people who tend to bring you down or cost you emotionally or financially.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A change of routine will boost your ego and your enthusiasm. Engage in events that look promising and help you connect to someone who shares your beliefs and goals. Don’t take risks.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Pick and choose carefully. Anger and manipulation will set you back. If you want something, proceed with a kind word and a positive attitude. Be willing to give and take.

DEAR ANNIE

By Annie Lane

Dear Annie: My husband and I have a 34-year-old daughter who has lived with us all her life (except for maybe a year). She brought her freeloading boyfriend in. I had cancer at the time and they didn’t even bother to do anything, so she ended up pregnant.

I kicked her boyfriend out of the house after finding out he couldn’t even take her to the hospital to have his baby. The baby brought such joy to our lives, but she works at a very part-time job, doesn’t help around the house and stays in her room while we watch the boy. She wanted to get him a dog, so we helped her. If we were to ask her to leave, we would worry about our grandson.

She is getting along by not paying rent or buying food, and she has both of us, and her son’s other grandma, for free babysitters. This is going on while his dad is in rehab. We even pay some of her other bills when she can’t.

I’m disabled, so we get my check, and my husband works very hard to support the four of us. How can we get her to leave without her taking her son completely away from us? — Broken Mom

Dear Broken Mom: If you teach a man to fish, he has dinner for life, but if you give him a fish, he only has dinner for one night. Your daughter and her boyfriend are only having the fish handed to them and it is not doing anyone any favors. But you are in a tough situation because you love your grandson and don’t want your daughter to take him away.

The truth is that your daughter sounds like she is hurting. It can’t feel good to just sit in her room all day while her parents play with her son. She might be suffering from depression. She needs help and support, not judgment. You began your letter by calling your grandson’s father a freeloader. While it might seem like that is what he is doing, he is also suffering from addiction and is trying to get help in rehab.

That type of judgment doesn’t help anyone, especially your grandson.

You and your husband should have calm conversations with your daughter to set up boundaries for her living at your house, or leaving, but staying on good terms so you can continue to see your grandson.

Dear Annie: My wife was fed up over a pair of cutoff shorts that I wore all the time. In fact, I had worn them so many times that the patches had patches. The only original parts left were the belt line and around the zipper. It took three days for them to dry after washing. We were not struggling, and I could and did wear “decent” clothing when we went anywhere.

My wife knew that there was a lot more sentimental value to those shorts than clothing need. But the time came when she could no longer stand to see them, on or off me. She threw them out. It was time. I could not have done it. I was sad but not heartbroken. Now, I ask when something gets too

worn, “repair or rag bin?” It keeps our rag bin full enough and keeps me from embarrassing my wife, when out or when home.

“Fed Up,” who wrote that she was frustrated about her husband’s wardrobe, needs to find a quiet time to have a discussion about where her husband’s head is at. Then, together, they can find a dress code that suits them both. — No Longer Raggedy Andy

Dear No Longer Raggedy Andy: I love the fact that you worked together as a partnership with your wife to come up with a solution as to what to do with your clothing with holes in it. Teamwork frequently works better when trying to solve problems in domestic life.

“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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GUNTHER, DO YOU THINK PEOPLE ARE LOSING RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER THESE DAYS?

NOT REALLY... I THINK PEOPLE ARE BASICALLY DECENT AND CIVIL

ON THE OTHER HAND...NOBODY RESPECTS PORCUPINES

OH, RIGHT...

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The Born Loser® by Art & Chip Sansom

GIVE ME YOUR CRITIC’S REVIEW OF MY NEW PORK TENDERLOIN RECIPE.

NOT YOUR DETAILED REVIEW, JUST THE HEADLINE.

VERY WELL, MY HEADLINE IS “PORK NOT-SO-TENDER-LOIN.”

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ONE DAY, THE BEAUTIFUL MERMAID WAS GRABBING A BITE...

WHEN SHE FOUND HERSELF LOOKING INTO THE KIND EYES OF A SIMPLE FISHERMAN...

WHATCHA USIN’?

SHE WAS UNNERVED. SHE HAD NEVER LOOKED A VICTIM IN THE EYE. STILL, SHE THOUGHT, I MUST LURE HIM OUT TO THE ROCKS.

AND SHE DID.

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ROCKS

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I WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOU. WHO ARE YOU? WHY ARE YOU HERE?

OH, UH, ALL THREE OF US ARE LOTTERY WINNERS, JUST LIKE YOU. WE WANTED TO TRAVEL TO THE SOLAR SYSTEM.

THAT’S AMAZING! YOU MUST BE IN THE SECRET LOTTERY SOCIETY AND KNOW THE SONG!

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY, MONEY...

THAT’S IT! SO GLAD TO HAVE YOU ABOARD!

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Cul De Sac® by Richard Thompson

Hey! The sign looks weird. What’s with the creepy faces?

CAMP BLISSHAVEN! L’il ACTORS PLAYHOUSE

THE PLAY’S THE THING

It says—

Alice! Mrs. Otterloop!

WELCOME TO CAMP BLISSHAVEN!

GAH.

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Peanuts® by Charles Schultz

THIS TIME I’M REALLY GONNA KICK THAT FOOTBALL!

YOU’RE CRAZY, CHARLIE BROWN! SHE’LL PULL IT AWAY LIKE SHE ALWAYS DOES! DON’T TRUST HER!

BUT SHE PROMISED SHE’D NEVER PULL IT AWAY AGAIN IF I GOT WELL...

I FEEL GREAT! HERE I GO!!

I CAN’T LOOK...

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Adam Dailies® by Rob Harrell

I CAUGHT A FIREFLY!

COOL!

WOW. IT’S A BIG ONE.

WHAT IF I CAUGHT TONS? HUNDREDS! WE COULD LIGHT THE HOUSE! WE WOULD CUT THE ELECTRIC BILLS!

WE COULD AFFORD A PONY!

I THINK YOU SMUSHED HIM IN ALL THE EXCITEMENT.

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OF COURSE WE’RE CONCERNED ABOUT YOU...WE’RE CONCERNED YOU’RE CLOSE TO MEETING YOUR DEDUCTIBLE.

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Monty® by Jim Meddick

OK-YOU’VE SET UP A LEAN-TO IN THE APOCALYPTIC RUBBIE. SECURED YOUR PERIMETER WITH BOOBY TRAPS AND SNARES?

NOW, HOW DO YOU LIGHT YOUR COOK FIRE?

RUB TWO STICKS TOGETHER? USE A MAGNIFYING GLASS?

GOOD! GOOD! ALL GOOD SUGGESTIONS.

BUT I LIKE TO USE A FLAME-THROWER FOUND AT AN ABANDONED MUNITIONS DEPOT...

ALWAYS TO MAKE SURE IT’S ON THE LOWEST SETTINGS.

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