

**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.

"ONE GKB'W DXW WCXMX JO JER,  
NBYO JO CKMP SNMZ KBP MVRZ  
KBP JO BNW LEVWX ZBNSVBD SCKW  
ONE' MX PNVBD." — KYKB KYPK

Previous Solution: "A healthy family life requires frequent use of three phrases: 'May I?, Thank you, and I'm sorry.'" — Pope Francis

TODAY'S CLUE: *o sɹɛɹɔ*

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**ACROSS**

- 1 North —
- 5 Loud sound
- 9 Upperclassmen (Abbr.)
- 12 Related
- 13 "— Karenina"
- 14 Set afire
- 15 Dressed
- 16 Stern
- 17 Beethoven's "— to Joy"
- 18 "The — of the Shrew"
- 20 Moe, Curly or Larry
- 22 Flight formation
- 23 Drive
- 24 Crooked
- 27 Corn bread
- 29 Signal for an actor
- 30 "— — — Family"
- 34 Overwhelmed
- 37 Intention
- 38 Anti-fur org.

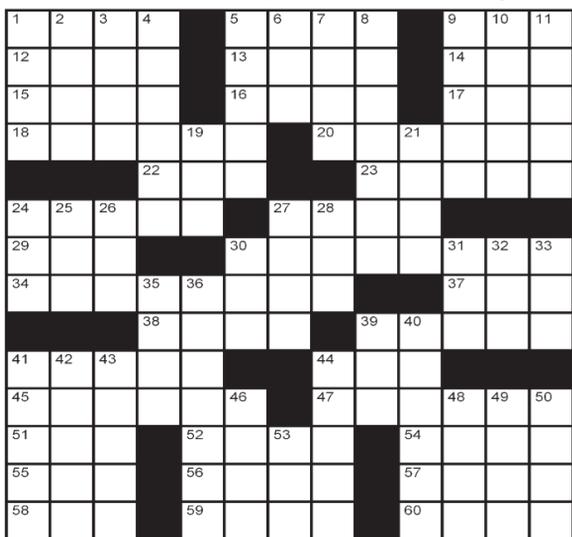
**DOWN**

- 39 Actor — McAvooy
- 41 Breakfast staple
- 44 Uncle —
- 45 Juicy fruit
- 47 Tic
- 51 Box top
- 52 Serving item
- 54 Pineapple brand
- 55 Actor — Danson
- 56 Mound
- 57 Box a little
- 58 Cunning
- 59 Abominable Snowman
- 60 Duration

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**



- 5 Sheriff's star
- 6 Yoko —
- 7 Burden
- 8 Bond's drink
- 9 Sailboat
- 10 Raised line
- 11 "— Magnolias"
- 19 Novel
- 21 Augury
- 24 Card up a sleeve
- 25 Daystar
- 26 Small barrel
- 27 Entreaty
- 28 "— wives' tale"
- 30 Toward the rear
- 31 Scot's cap
- 32 Hasten
- 33 Print measures
- 35 "Once — a time ..."
- 36 Drawn-out
- 39 Mandible
- 40 Among
- 41 Metal fasteners
- 42 "Tempest" sprite
- 43 Tea container
- 44 Old writing implements
- 46 A Great Lake
- 48 Pith helmet
- 49 Quahog
- 50 "— we go again!"
- 53 PC key



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**ASTROGRAPH**

By Eugenia Last

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Base your decisions on the time and energy it will take to complete what you set out to do. Be cautious not to take on more than you can handle or projects that are unrealistic.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Make the first move; start conversations, address matters that concern you and take care of your backlog of updates, cancellations and dead-weight. Choose comfort, peace and love.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Choose brain over brawn to fight your battles. Knowledge is your path to solidarity and innovative suggestions, and following through with actions will put you in the spotlight.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Lean in, take the lead, say what's on your mind and live up to your word. The sky is the limit when you focus on what's important to you; rewards will follow.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Choose discipline over distraction. Avoid risks that can damage your reputation, position or financial well-being. Adopt a positive attitude and work diligently.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — You'll dazzle everyone with your words of wisdom. Focus on the effect you will have on others, and offer positivity and support to all those you encounter.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Follow your passion. Use your skills to work on a project that's suited to the changing times. Review your relationships and stick with the people who have made a positive impact on you.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Sort out any differences you have with the people you live with you or nearby. Get ready to make your voice heard. Do your research, volunteer and be part of the solution.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Take time to rest, rethink and come up with a plan to bring about positive change. Invest in how you look and feel, and upgrade your skills and qualifications.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Check your investments, move money around and consider how to use your skills to excel. Jealousy, ego and competition will stand between you and your dreams.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — Consider how you earn and spend your money. Nothing is for free; if you think you're getting something for nothing, ask direct questions and negotiate on your behalf.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Be open to events that encourage movement, socializing and fulfilling your heart's desires. Sitting idle will get you nowhere, but the moment you do something that resonates, magic will happen.

**DEAR ANNIE**

By Annie Lane

**Dear Annie:** I'm writing with a small story that left me with a surprisingly big question.

Every morning before work, I stop by the same little coffee shop down the street. I started going there because it was convenient, but over time it's become something more than that. The barista remembers my order, the regulars nod hello, and there's an older man who always sits by the window reading the newspaper like it's still 1985. It's a quiet, ordinary ritual — but somehow it makes the start of my day feel steadier.

A few months ago, I started noticing a young woman who comes in around the same time I do. At first, we just did the polite half-smile you give strangers who share the same routine. Then one morning, she held the door for me, and we ended up chatting for maybe 30 seconds about how cold it was. Since then, we've had a handful of tiny conversations — nothing dramatic. Just small moments about books, dogs and how the cafe plays the same three songs every morning.

Here's the thing: Those little interactions have started to become one of the best parts of my day. Not because I'm necessarily looking for romance or anything life-changing, but because it's nice to feel that quiet sense of connection with someone who used to be a stranger.

Lately, I've been wondering whether I should suggest continuing the conversation sometime — maybe a walk, or another coffee that isn't rushed before work. Part of me

thinks it could be the start of a meaningful friendship (or, who knows, something more). Another part of me worries that maybe the beauty of it is exactly what it already is: two people sharing small, kind moments in an otherwise busy world.

So my question is this: When a simple everyday connection starts to feel special, is it better to gently explore where it might go, or to appreciate the sweetness of the moment and leave it just as it is? — Wondering About the Next Chapter

**Dear Next Chapter:** Some of life's sweetest moments begin exactly the way you describe: with small, ordinary encounters that slowly brighten our days. The fact that you're enjoying this connection already says something lovely about both

of you. There's no harm in gently opening the door a little wider. A simple invitation for another coffee or a short walk keeps things light and friendly. If she's interested, you may discover a meaningful new friendship — or more. If not, you can still return to enjoying those pleasant morning exchanges.

Sometimes the next chapter of a story starts with nothing more than a kind hello and a little courage.

"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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