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.

"H N K Q G F R L U G V F U L N Y N K V D J I V N G F Y K N R X N K, E N T I F K N D M R G V K G M D U L D X D L F I R K B G V G B N V Q N Y V Q N U H N T I U I T T G J Z R D K Q I R J G K V I U S V Q D U B." — B Y N V I V Q F U E N Y B

Previous Solution: "I cross out words so you will see them more; the fact that they are obscured makes you want to read them." — Jean-Michel Basquiat

TODAY'S CLUE: I = Q

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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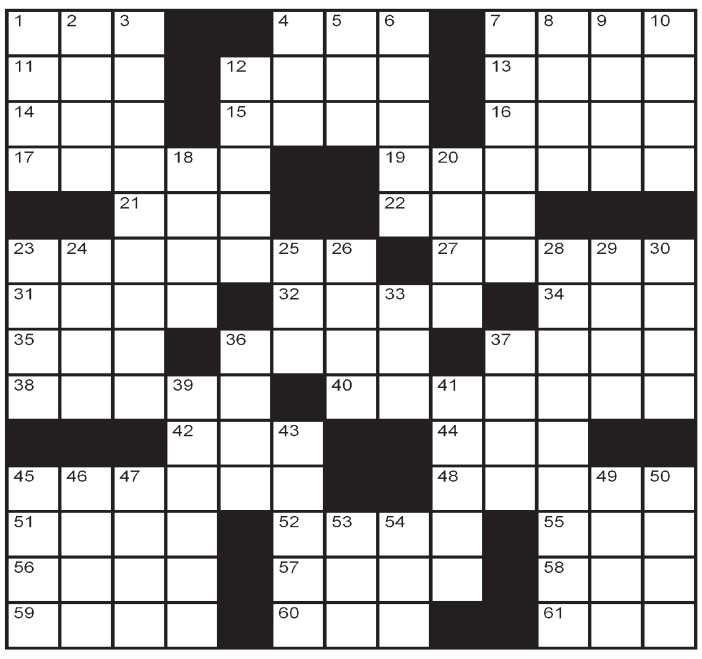
P	A	I	D	■	T	I	N	Y	■	H	B	O
A	L	S	O	■	I	R	I	S	■	E	O	S
N	E	E	R	■	R	A	E	■	■	D	E	S

ACROSS

1 Drain the energy from
4 Rainy
7 Costly fur
11 Mongrel
12 Learning
13 Orchestra member
14 "Much — About Nothing"
15 Pod veggie
16 Fork part
17 Hourglass, e.g.
19 Selected
21 Bed and breakfast
22 "— I Met Your Mother"
23 Command
27 Open
31 Old flames
32 At any time
34 Black bird
35 Martini ingredient
36 Corner space in Monopoly
37 Remote button
38 Houston player
40 Restricted
42 High mountain
44 Boxing great
45 Supernatural being
48 Doggie
51 Actor — Alda
52 Like a missing GI
55 Vote against
56 Adore
57 Not plentiful
58 Psychic's gift, for short
59 Watched
60 Drain cleaner
61 Poor grade

DOWN

1 "Get lost!"
2 Luxury vehicle brand
3 Conspicuous
4 Pan for stir-frying
5 Go wrong
6 Instruct
7 Detroit record label
8 Leggy bird
9 — the wiser
10 Sharp
12 "— Doone"
18 Most distant parts
20 Time measure
23 Large prefix
24 Line of rotation
25 Hot or cold drink
26 Bad
28 Warned
29 Poker stake
30 Mottled
33 Football's — Manning
36 Shock
37 Venus de —
39 Came down in buckets
41 Sap flavor
43 Mother-of- —
45 Auction
46 Trick
47 Positive review
49 Instance
50 Publicity
53 Method
54 State near Wash.



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ASTROGRAPH
By Eugenia Last

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Stick to the path of least resistance. Use your experience and knowledge to press forward with insight and a backup plan if necessary. Welcome positive input.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You can make a difference if you reach out, help someone in need or redirect your energy into volunteer work that melts your heart. How you spend your time will map out how you feel about yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be bold, aggressive and thoughtful when dealing with others, and you will have a positive impact on how situations unfold. Channeling your energy into being the best version of yourself will make you feel good.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Listen, learn, take notes and use the information you gather to elaborate on something you want to pursue. Actions speak louder than words and are more difficult for others to manipulate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Whether you are looking to enhance your skills, knowledge, experience or lifestyle, putting a plan in place that's doable will give you the strength and confidence to proceed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Sign up for something that will raise your awareness and give you something to consider that will encourage a positive lifestyle change. A motion or signal someone offers will resonate with you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Hang on tight and move like the wind. Explore what's available to you and how you can incorporate your dreams into an opportunity that may seem far-fetched to others but resonates with you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Stick close to home. Give yourself a chance to digest what's happening around you and find a place where you fit in and can apply what you do best to bring about positive change.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Hold tight. Now isn't the time to make waves. Observation is your friend and will help you dissect what you are up against and how to deliver the best option or outlet for change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Money matters, and putting a budget in place before starting something will ease stress and keep you on track with your plans. Talk to experts and get second opinions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Financial discussions will help you decide what you can afford. Work with the numbers, manage your money and search for alternative means and methods to create the lifestyle you desire.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Get moving. Exercise, conversations and being part of where the action is will elevate your creative imagination, giving way to something that excites you. Refuse to let what others say influence you.

DEAR ANNIE
By Annie Lane

Dear Annie: I have had a close friend for 44 years. We have been through marriages, children, illnesses, holidays, losses and all the ordinary ups and downs that come with a friendship that lasts nearly half a century. That is why something very small has hurt me more than I expected.

Recently, I was very ill for three weeks with vomiting, then bronchitis, and I ended up in the hospital over Easter. Because I was still recovering, I asked this longtime friend if she would pick up a box of tea for me. It cost $4.

A few days later, we met at bingo, and she brought me the tea. I thought I had smaller bills, but when I looked in my purse, I only had two $20 bills. I got up to go to the canteen to make change, but another friend offered to break a $20 for me.

As soon as I sat back down, my friend leaned over and said, "Did you get the change for the $4?" It wasn't just the words. It was the tone and the look on her face. It felt as if she thought I might not pay her back.

I was stunned. In 44 years, I have never failed to repay her or anyone else. I am not someone who "forgets" debts, even tiny ones. I was also feeling fragile after being so sick, which may be why this hit me so hard. Still, I cannot shake the feeling that she doubted my character over $4.

I paid her, of course, but now I feel awkward and hurt. Part of me thinks I should let it go because it was only $4. Another part of me feels that after 44 years of friendship, she should know me better.

How do I process this without turning a small moment into a big fight? Should I say something, or should I chalk it up to a bad tone, a bad day and a very unfortunate cup of tea? — Steeped in Hurt

Dear Steeped in Hurt: After 44 years, one awkward sentence should not be allowed to burn down the whole teahouse.

You were sick, tired and tender, so her tone landed hard. She may have been rude, or she may simply have been focused on the money in an ungraceful moment.

Say gently, "I know it was only $4, but the way you asked made me feel like you didn't trust me. That hurt." Then stop talking and let her answer.

Long friendships survive little bruises when both people are brave enough to name them and kind enough not to enlarge them.

"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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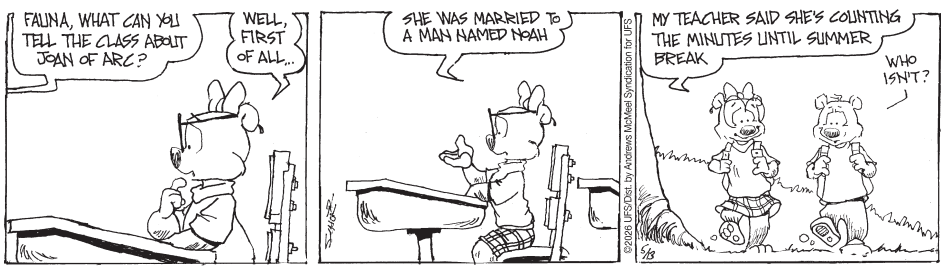

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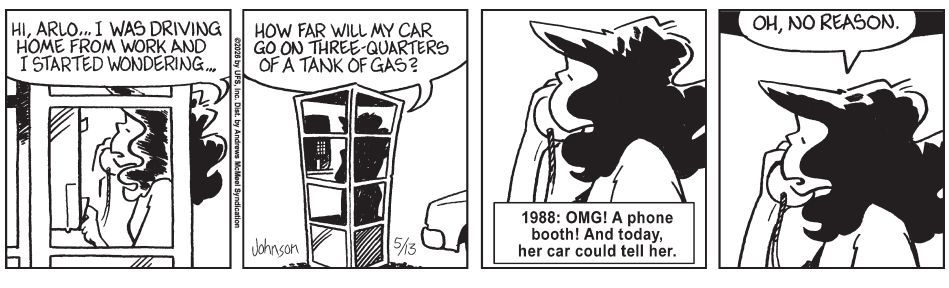

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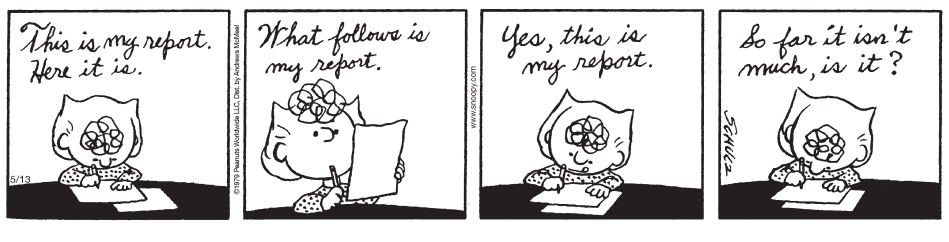

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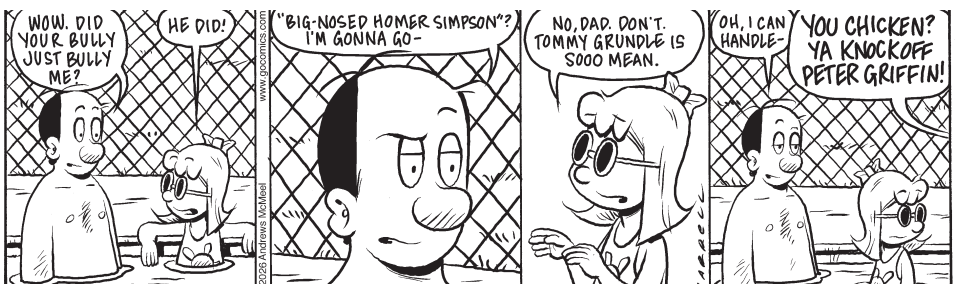

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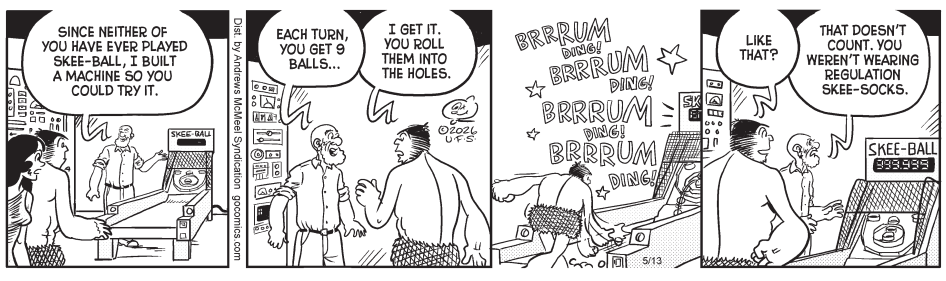

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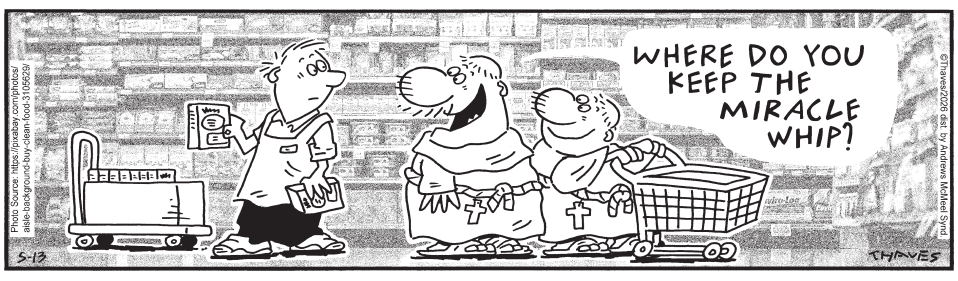

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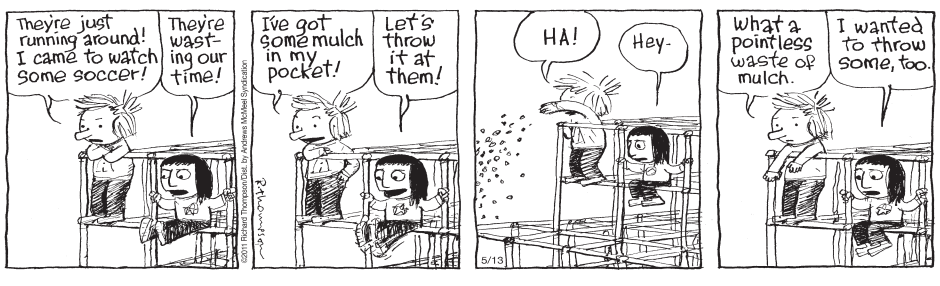
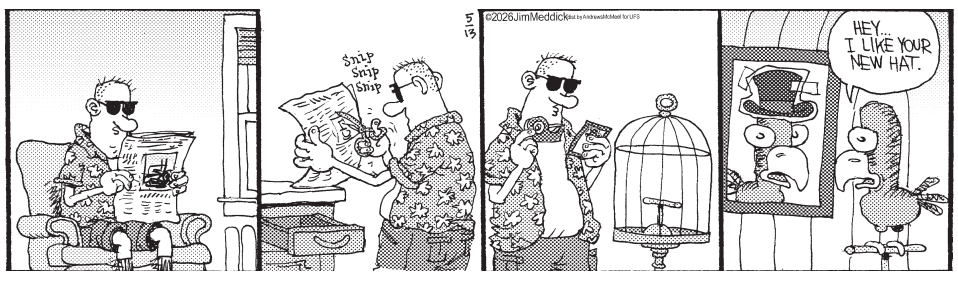
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