

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.

“EP QVC BV TWUIW MIQEJX EJ UJ
UIXCNFJW ... QVC MUJ UHZUQT TUQ,
'E' N LCTW MIQEJX SFMUCTF VP DVZ
ZIVJX QVC UIF.” — UNQ AVFDHFI

Previous Solution: “Mama was my greatest teacher ... If love is sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love.” — Stevie Wonder

TODAY'S CLUE: E equals F

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- ACROSS**
- 1 “— You Lonesome Tonight?”
 - 4 Hogwash
 - 7 Footless creature
 - 11 Place south of USA
 - 12 Broad
 - 13 Actor — Wilder
 - 14 Santa — winds
 - 15 Assert
 - 16 Taken by mouth
 - 17 Show of respect
 - 19 Leatherneck
 - 21 Oodles
 - 23 Upper limit
 - 24 Pretend
 - 27 On a — (comparable)
 - 29 Pig
 - 32 Shade tree
 - 33 Mahjong piece

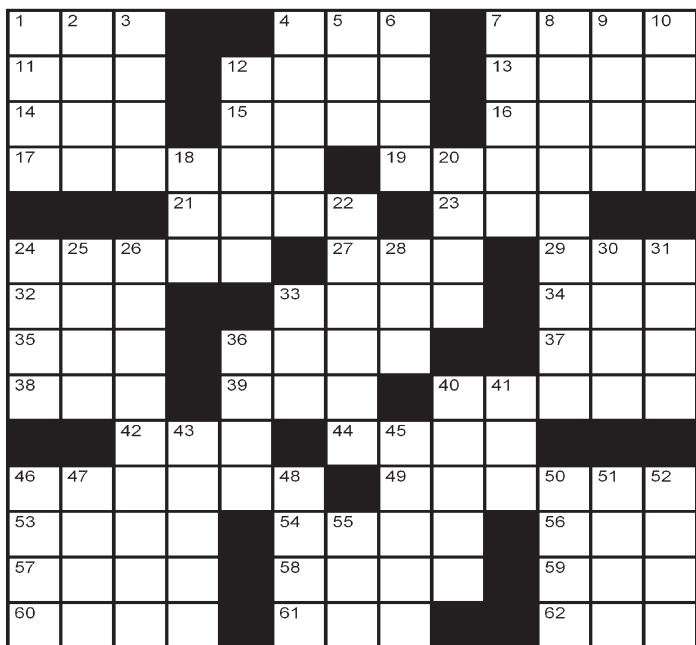
- 34 Actress — Longoria
- 35 Cup edge
- 36 Angry
- 37 Lab animal
- 38 Sailor
- 39 Luau fare
- 40 Sir Arthur Conan —
- 42 Mineral
- 44 Salty drop
- 46 Funny pages
- 49 Covered passage
- 53 Swiss peaks
- 54 Dwell
- 56 Cereal grain
- 57 Little bit
- 58 Made a hole-in-one
- 59 — Aviv
- 60 Rain hard
- 61 “You bet!”
- 62 Serpentine letter

- DOWN**
- 1 Asian nurse
 - 2 “— 911!”

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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

- 3 Test
- 4 Fix firmly
- 5 Work in verse
- 6 Time in office
- 7 Where Greeks once met
- 8 Outside boundary
- 9 — even keel
- 10 Remove, in printing
- 12 Cart
- 18 Sch. subject
- 20 “God’s Little —”
- 22 Enthusiasm
- 24 Sensed
- 25 Essays of —
- 26 Spontaneous
- 28 Beer
- 30 Ellipse
- 31 Turnstile
- 33 Overly
- 36 Design detail, for short
- 40 Was bold enough
- 41 Tolkien creature
- 43 Stair part
- 45 Roof border
- 46 Bivouac
- 47 Hodgepodge
- 48 Murder
- 50 Commedia dell’ —
- 51 Colors
- 52 Snaky swimmers
- 55 Rocks in a glass



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ASTROGRAPH

By Eugenia Last

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Share your thoughts, and reach out to help someone who will repay the favor. A home improvement project will cause some friction, but in the end, it will bring you closer to the ones you love most.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Keep your thoughts and plans to yourself. Concentrate on research and discovering new ways to use your skills and experience to get ahead. Use your energy, connections and imagination to make a difference.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You’ll have mixed emotions regarding some rules and regulations. Don’t sign anything without reading the fine print. Having an open mind and being honest will help solve differences you have with a colleague.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Take care of responsibilities to avoid criticism. Show dedication and a willingness to do your part. Physical activities that encourage you to flourish and do your best will be worth doing on a regular basis.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Reflect, ask questions and get answers and a signature to protect your interests. If you start something without being given the go-ahead, you’ll end up with a disadvantage that can cost you your reputation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Dig in, finish what you start, present what you can do and get yourself moving in a direction that promotes networking and expanding your interests and skills to meet the demands you encounter.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Explore the possibilities of learning and engaging in interest groups, travel and taking care of unfinished business. Separate your personal and professional lives.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Share less and observe more. Be direct when presenting ideas, and you’ll gain momentum. A romantic relationship will require patience and understanding. Put your energy where it will have the greatest effect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You’ll accomplish more if you work from home. Expect someone to renege on their promises. Be ready to recover any loss by stepping in and taking over. Let your intelligence take over.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Plant your feet firmly on the ground. Put more time and effort into building your own brand. Additional courses and skills will help you attract positions that will assist you in maintaining a comfortable lifestyle.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Represent yourself. Knowing what you can do and how you want to use your skills will help you share your insight into how you can assist others with achieving their plans.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Pay attention, enforce discipline and say no to those trying to sell you something you don’t need. Avoid signing up for subscriptions. Put your energy into activities that don’t cost you.

DEAR ANNIE

By Annie Lane

Dear Annie: My husband and I took in five siblings after both of their parents died, even though we were already raising a large family of our own. Overnight, our lives changed. The children were 7, 9, 12, 13 and 15 when they came to us, and we did our best to give them safety, stability and love. We showed up for school events, sports, camps and counseling, though one child’s severe behavioral struggles made daily life especially difficult.

Now they are adults, and four of them have cut ties with us, saying we “gave them trauma.” That accusation has been heartbreaking after all we sacrificed to raise them.

The oldest, now 30, has special needs and cannot live independently. He is a kind, loving young man, and we have placed him in a wonderful group home. But I am in my 60s, exhausted, and thinking about the future. I asked his siblings whether one of them would eventually take over guardianship, and all refused.

I do not want him to end up with a state-appointed guardian, though I still want to remain in his life. How do I ask his siblings to step up for their brother when they want nothing to do with us? — Worn Out but Still Trying

Dear Worn Out: You and your husband stepped in when those children needed a home most. That kind of love does not disappear just because it goes unrecognized. Still, you cannot force anyone to accept guardianship. Rather than chasing reluctant siblings, put your energy into securing the best future for your stepson through a lawyer, social worker or disability advocate.

You have carried enough. Asking for help now is not selfish. It is wise.

Dear Annie: My husband and I recently invited two couples to dinner. They accepted warmly and promptly, which was lovely. Then came the food requirements.

One guest has a nut allergy, which of course I was happy to accommodate. Another asked me to cut back on salt and sugar. A third is on a keto diet for weight loss and said she avoids most carbs and prefers gluten-free, though she does not have a gluten intolerance. The fourth is following another weight-loss plan I had never heard of and said she “doesn’t do dairy or red meat.”

Not one person said, “Please don’t go to any trouble for me.” Not one offered to bring a dish they could eat. Not one suggested eating around what didn’t work for them. Instead, I was handed what felt less like dietary information and more like a restaurant order.

I did my best. I planned carefully, shopped at three stores and spent most of Saturday in the kitchen trying to create a meal that would suit everyone. The evening itself was pleasant enough, until people were gathering their coats. That is when the keto guest pulled me aside and whispered, “I wasn’t able to eat all of the dishes because of my diet.”

I was speechless. After all the effort I had made, her parting gift was a performance review.

I love having people in my home. I am genuinely happy to accommodate allergies, medical needs and religious observances. But I am not a short-order cook, a dietitian or the evening’s unpaid catering staff. When a dinner invitation turns into a menu consultation followed by a critique, something about the spirit of hospitality feels lost.

Am I wrong to think dinner-party etiquette has

shifted, and not for the better? How do I gracefully step back from hosting guests who turn a generous invitation into a specifications document? — Not the Hostess with the Mostest

Dear Not the Hostess: You are not wrong. A nut allergy is a real concern. A religious restriction deserves respect. But “I’m avoiding carbs this month” does not require the hostess to perform culinary gymnastics in sensible shoes.

A gracious guest states a true restriction, offers to bring something and then eats what she can with thanks. She does not treat dinner at a friend’s home like a hotel buffet with a complaint department.

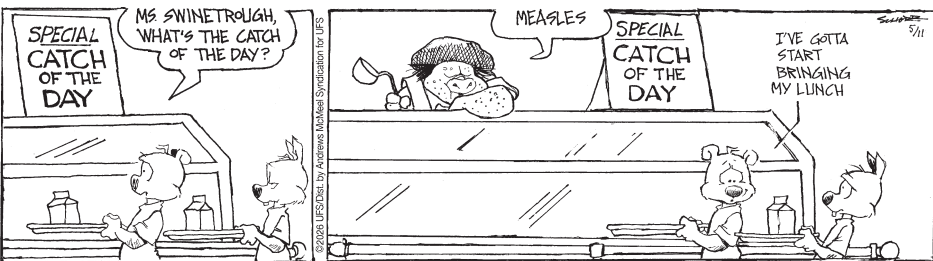
Next time, say kindly, “I’m happy to avoid nuts, but I’m keeping the menu simple. Please bring anything special you may need.” Then serve the meal, enjoy your company and hang up the short-order apron.

“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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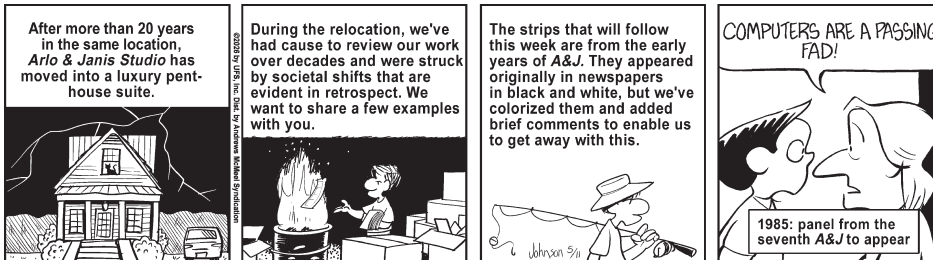
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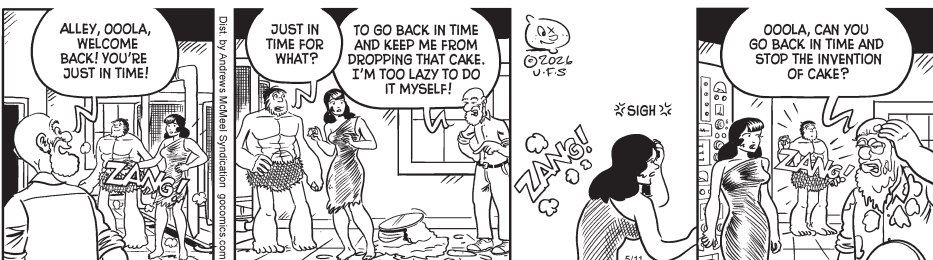
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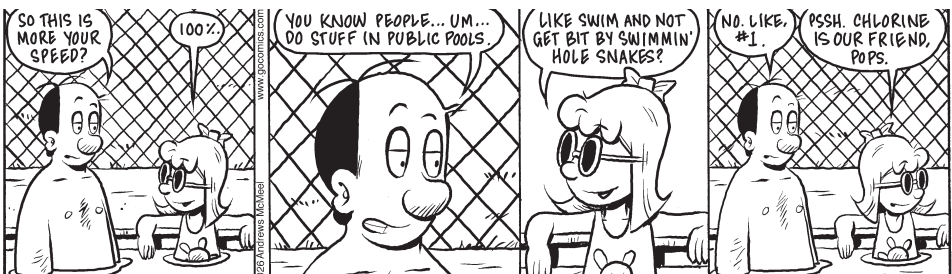
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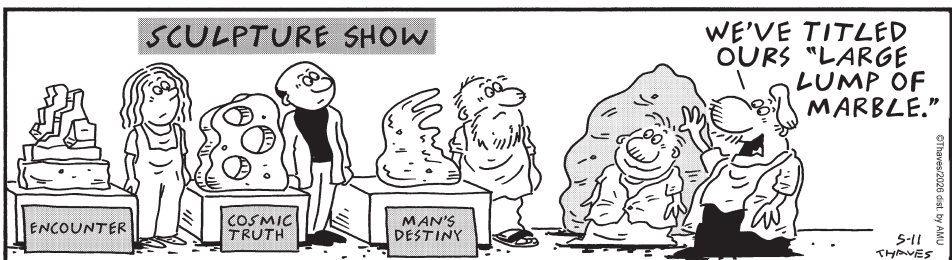
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