

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.

“ T Q C D Q O H Z B X H Y R H W Y J Y X C C
H O Y J B W V X N H M O X . . . Q Y ’ O Z J Y
D J A X D X S Y Q S Q Y H S G N H L Y M B X O
L X J L C X ’ O H Y Y X S Y Q J S G Q T T X B X S Y C W . ”
— B J V X B Y B X G T J B G

Previous Solution: “We all go through pain and hardship, and we also have enjoyed the beauty of this life with its ups and downs.” — Shakira

TODAY’S CLUE: N sjanbe S

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ACROSS

- 1 Kid’s query
- 4 Expert
- 7 Scarce
- 11 Farm implement
- 12 Budge
- 14 Send forth
- 15 Formed a mental picture
- 17 Greek cheese
- 18 Only
- 19 “— Minds”
- 21 Mendes or Longoria
- 23 Weight unit
- 24 Cagey
- 28 Sire
- 32 Curved bone
- 33 Wooden pin
- 34 Extinct bird
- 35 Above
- 37 Joke
- 40 Feel poorly
- 41 Full
- 43 Saw

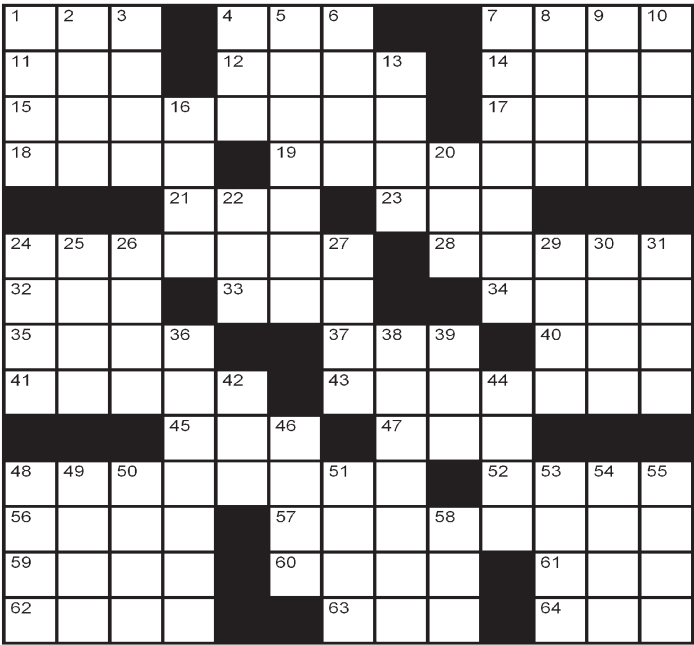
DOWN

- 1 Caprice
- 2 “There’s no place like —”
- 3 Four seasons
- 4 Parisian pal
- 5 Curving inward
- 6 At any time
- 7 Sophisticated

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 8 Prayer ender
- 9 Actress — Moreno
- 10 And others: Abbr.
- 13 Revise
- 16 Turns a horse to the right
- 20 Angry crowd
- 22 Big shot, briefly
- 24 Love god
- 25 “— Las Vegas”
- 26 Aid in crime
- 27 Breakfast fare
- 29 Farm denizen
- 30 Actress — Falco
- 31 Snitched
- 36 Revoke
- 38 Placate
- 39 Sticky substance
- 42 Period
- 44 Lean
- 46 Clean with a cloth
- 48 Prudish
- 49 Marathon
- 50 The Bard’s river
- 51 Tennis court surface
- 53 Swearword
- 54 Donate
- 55 — even keel
- 58 Modern



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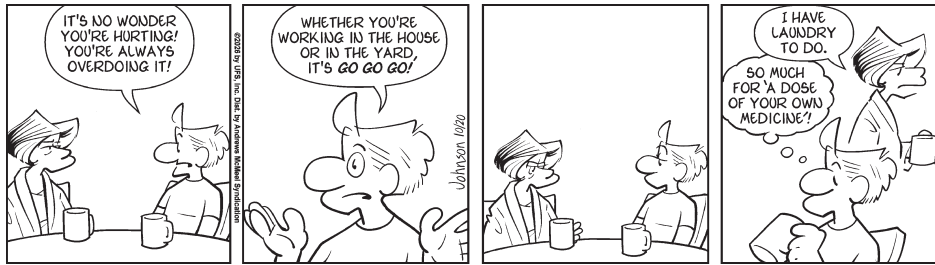
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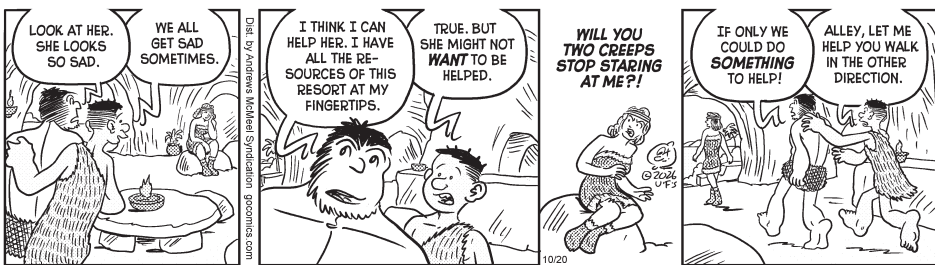
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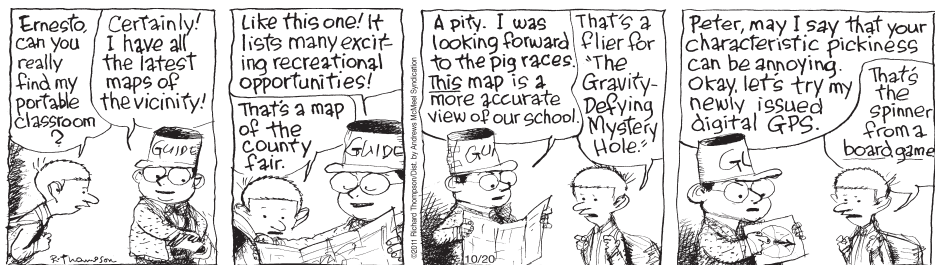
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ASTROGRAPH

By Eugenia Last

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Choose a path. What you decide to pursue will require discipline and innovative thinking to get to where you want to go. Don't let financial or professional stress slow you down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Keep life simple, doable and affordable. Taking a walk down memory lane will help you recognize similarities in things that are recurring. Learning from the past will help you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Cut yourself some slack. Follow your aspirations and what makes you feel optimistic about the future. Turn your surroundings into a place you want to spend time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Listen carefully and get what you want in writing. Someone will try to mislead you if you aren't specific and adamant about your needs and desires. Put your energy into doing the best job possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 19) — Put your heart, emotions and thoughts on the shelf, and wheel and deal with finesse. Know your intentions, and plan your actions to serve your purpose. Love yourself first.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Spend time going over your finances and medical records. Leave nothing to chance or up to someone else to decide. Taking control will give you the best seat at the table to get what you want when you want it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Put more thought into what you want to accumulate and what you want to release. Increasing your earning potential will offer financial freedom but also add to your responsibilities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Give yourself a chance to breathe. Walk away from drama, people who ask for too much and temptation that will cost you. Do your research, plan your next move and take better care of yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June

20) — Consider your options and how to make the most of skills you enjoy using. Don't let boredom motivate you. Allow enjoyment and gratitude for being able to do something that makes you happy carry you forward.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't limit what you can do for the sake of someone else. Have heart-to-heart discussions that help you work in harmony with others without forgoing your needs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Concentrate on learning and turning your ideas into something tangible. Don't let others dictate what you can do. When you know what's in your heart, it's up to you to follow through.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Spell it out for anyone who doesn't get what you are asking for. Be nice but blunt, and don't accept changes you don't want. Stay calm, stick to facts and make decisions based on necessity.

DEAR ANNIE

By Annie Lane

Dear Annie: My daughter is single and raising two sons. Her husband died in an automobile accident four years ago. I am worried about the relationship between her sons, "Steven," 16, and "Frederick," 10. I think they are too close and too affectionate with each other. Steven is very protective of Frederick, and Frederick worships his big brother. When I visit them or they come to my house, they cling to each other. They are constantly hugging and even kissing, which I honestly find a bit disgusting. Sometimes they watch TV together cuddled up on the sofa. I have even seen Frederick sleeping with his head in Steven's lap. My daughter mentioned that sometimes Frederick sleeps in his brother's bed when she works third shift. I once tried to tell them they are too affectionate and need to cut it out. They both just laughed and said they love each other. I don't think there is anything sexual going on between them, but I think that once Frederick reaches puberty, it could very well happen. I discussed it with my daughter, and she said she sees nothing wrong and I am just being old-fashioned. She said kids are a lot more open these days. She said that they turned to each other when their dad died and that Frederick sees his big brother as a father figure. I can understand that, but am I wrong to be disgusted by their behavior? — Concerned Grandfather.

Dear Concerned Grandfather: Your daughter is fine with her sons' dynamics, and that's enough. You have to trust the job you did as a parent in teaching her good judgment — that if something inappropriate were going on between her sons, she would stop it. Steven must be a mature and caring person to take his little brother under his wing as he has. Of that you should be proud.

Dear Annie: On what

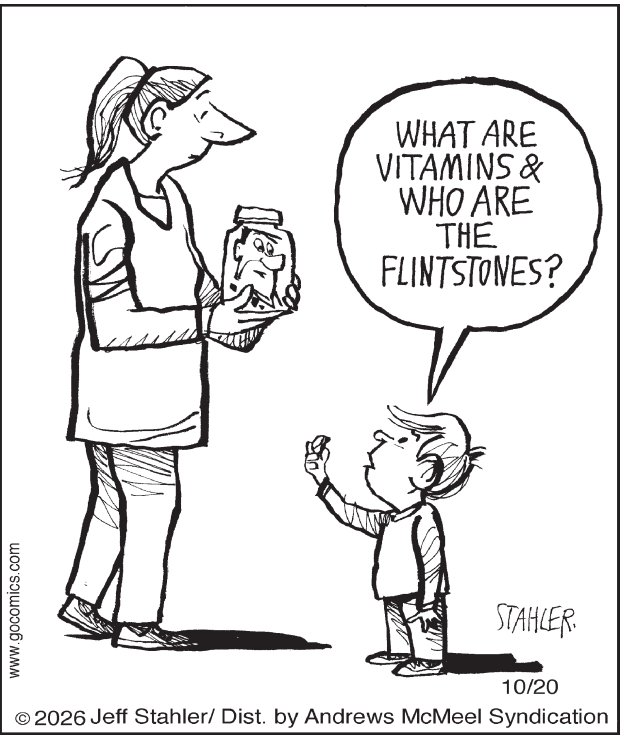
planet does "Discouraged in KY" live to think that fat people do not get rude things said to them? I've been overweight most of my life. All through my childhood, comments were made — not by friends or strangers but by relatives and by my mother. None of those people hesitated to express comments about my weight. To them, I was my weight. At this point in my 68-year-old life, I still have to watch what I eat, but I'm reasonably comfortable with my size. Nevertheless, a new acquaintance asked me not long ago whether I have a goiter. My neck hangs down and always has; everyone on my father's side of the family has this neck, and mine is worse because of a lifetime of weight gain and weight loss. After the goiter comment, I feel self-conscious. I think people see nothing but my neck when they look at me. And so it

goes. Rude comments are still coming in. — Enough Already in FL

Dear Enough Already: Thanks for writing. I'm printing your letter, as it offers another example of something not to say to a friend (or to anyone, period). If you want to try worrying less about people looking at your neck, pick out something about yourself you love — your eyes, smile, earlobes, whatever — and believe that's what people see when they see you. It might not always be true, but if you're going to assume something, why not assume something good?

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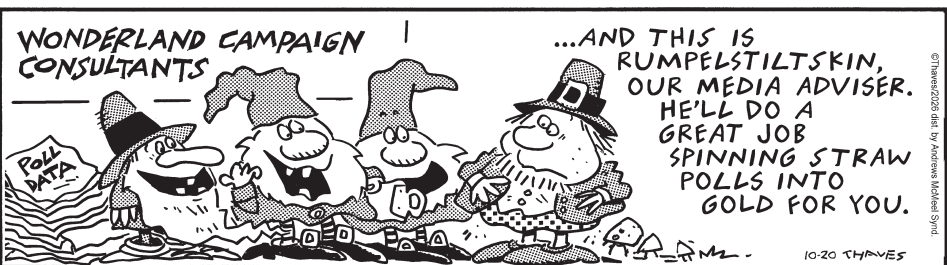
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