

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.

“ F R V U K X C M R V B C G U J J M X B L M N ,
L N D T L S K U Y U R X B T R D M R T R J N A U
M R B R O B R B C U X B L M J O K M D C B T R T O
M J J B G M R C C T F R V U K X C M R V . ”
— M V M J T Q U J M D U

Previous Solution: “Film is a great way to tell a story because ... it’s got movement in it and captures people’s attention differently.” — Robert Redford

TODAY’S CLUE: S sjanba X

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ACROSS

1 Ariz. neighbor
4 Forehead
8 Bridge
12 Commotion
13 Moon goddess
14 Drink to excess
15 Golf goal
16 Old Greek coin
17 Plant part
18 Sting
20 Helping after seconds
22 Director’s cry
23 Energy
24 Foreboding
28 Take pleasure
32 Funny guy
33 Links warning
35 “— — Yankee Doodle ...”
36 Big bird
37 Big book
38 “It’s — — to tell a lie”

DOWN

1 Snoozes
2 Cheese variety
3 Insatiable
4 Very drunk
5 Massage

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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

6 Plastic — Band
7 Do a certain dance
8 Narrow band
9 Needy
10 Footless
11 Earns as profit

19 Litter’s smallest
21 Engage
24 Utah town
25 Role in “La Boheme”
26 ET’s craft
27 “— Like It Hot”
29 Form a mental image
30 Arab ruler
31 Road division
34 Agent, for short
37 Kind
38 Measure of land
40 Alley prowler
42 “To be sure!”
44 Pilfered
46 Farm animals
47 List-ending abbr.
48 Actress — Reinhart
50 Foot digits
51 English queen
54 Choke
55 Actress — Gabor

The Grizzwells® by Bill Schorr

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Arlo and Janis Dailies® by Jimmy Johnson

Brevity® by DAN

Alley Oop® by Dave Graue and Jack Bencer

Cul De Sac® by Richard Thompson

ASTROGRAPH

By Eugenia Last

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Set your plans in motion. Don't wait for others to catch up. Lead the way and see what happens. Be the motivator by striking a chord that resonates with like-minded people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Be kind to yourself. Take time to reflect and to put your plans in proper order. Taking the right step at the best time will lead to success. Don't rush what isn't meant to be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Knowledge is king when dealing with others. Having an open mind will allow you to shift and sift through other people's thoughts while developing a plan that works.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Use your intuition when dealing with those asking for too much. Comparisons will help you deal with situations and accommodate others adequately without taking a loss.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — No trade-offs will do. Shoot for the stars, ask for what you want and work with what you end up with. Life is about assessing and dealing, doing your part and thriving.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Mixed emotions are rising along with commitment, desire and what's best for you. Don't linger too long or you may miss out on something special. Communication is crucial.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Dominate what you want to see come to fruition. Make the moves, set the pace and indulge in building strong relationships with the people who can strengthen your position.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you are too blatant about your wants and needs, you'll give others the advantage. If you show curiosity and claim what's yours in a quiet but loving manner, you'll find the rewards more gratifying.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You'll confuse people if you jump from one idea to another without clarification. Speak from the heart, and be accountable for your words. You have plenty to gain if you are true to yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you lean on your resources, intelligence, connections and ability to charm a crowd, you will outperform any competition that gets in your way. Question others, and refuse to put up with lies and bullying.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be kind and generous when dealing with those who oppose you. Weave your way carefully through the crowds until you feel comfortable and at rest with those around you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Saddle up and get ready to ride. Put your energy into the power and momentum you require to reach your destination. There is magic in the air. Maintain what's meaningful and walk away from what isn't.

DEAR ANNIE

By Annie Lane

Dear Annie: I need your advice. My very musically gifted high school senior appears to want to go to college and major in music performance. But he is refusing to visit colleges. He won't discuss why; he just gets very belligerent when the subject comes up and won't expand on any reasons. Should I let it be or make the contacts for him and force him to go? — Music Man's Mom

Dear Music Man's Mom: It's possible that your son is afraid to leave home — which would show his intelligence; it's a big scary world out there. Courage arises not when we suppress our fears but when we find something so worthwhile we temporarily forget them. So do what you can to help him find exciting possibilities. There are many amazing colleges that specialize in music, which you can research together. See whether any schools within a short driving distance have solid music programs. In the end, though, this is his search process, and he should take the lead. It's the first step he'll take as an independent adult, and it's healthy for him to take ownership of the decision.

Dear Annie: I read your advice column every day and love it. I am 64 years old and have been very happily married for 45 years. I read about the grumpy old dad whom "Hurt Daughter in New Hampshire" has to deal with. I am part of a local association mostly made up of older men. We tend to be grumpy. Why? We hurt. We have health issues. We see changes in the world around us that we don't appreciate. We didn't realize that retirement was going to make us feel unneeded. We are not attractive anymore. Many have been hurt from previous failed marriages and relationships, so they don't trust anyone anymore.

This is what I have learned about how to stop a grumpy old man in his tracks and, if not change, at least realize how he's acting. I first empathize, telling him I feel his pain, and then I encourage him to not take his pain out on other people. That friendliness and kindness breeds more of the same. But grumpiness and meanness will only make things worse.

When that doesn't work (and it usually doesn't), then I go at him by confronting his hypocrisy: "You are angry with everyone else for all kinds of things, but by being that way, you are acting like a spoiled brat who needs discipline. Get over it! You are a grown man who knows how to act maturely and friendly. Show love even if you don't feel it. Change or get used to being rejected."

This works for most guys. It's the language they understand. They will probably dislike the one who says it to them, but everyone else around them will begin to see the change and appreciate it. I do not let my pain and discouragement affect my actions. — Father, Grandfather, Husband, Pastor

Dear FGHP: Empathy and honesty are great virtues and useful tools. Thank you for your tips.

"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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