

**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.

“ N X U B K Q B N H X Z J X O B T U A Q ’ P  
G Q I B U B E U P B X N Q I P H , M Z N U N ’ P  
P N U T T I T T X O Q V , I B V U N C U B L H X Z ’ T T  
M Q C I D D U Q J A X J N C Q N J X Z M T Q . ”  
— M U T T O I N N Q J P X B

Previous Solution: “You think your pain and your heartbreak are unprecedented in the history of the world, but then you read.” — James Baldwin

TODAY'S CLUE: *U sjanbe r*

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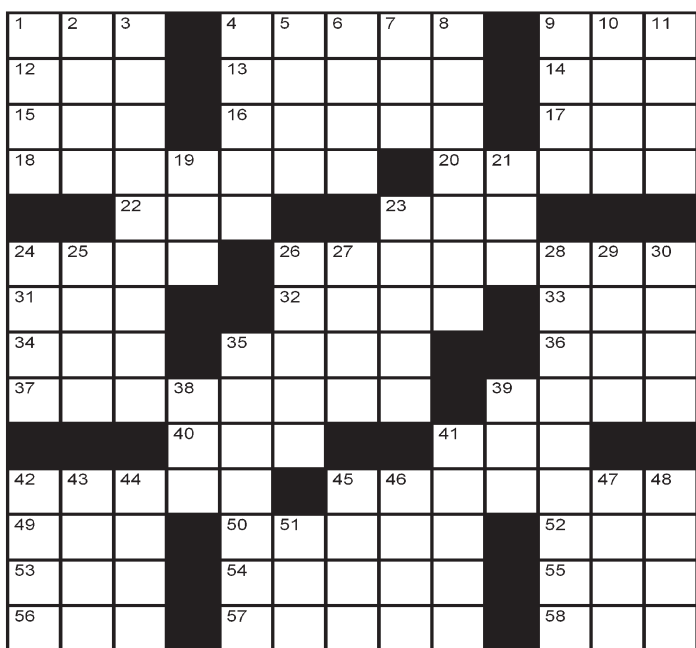
- ACROSS**
- 1 “Manchester by the —”
  - 4 Remains
  - 9 Newt
  - 12 Sleeve fillers
  - 13 Squalid dwelling
  - 14 Dove’s cry
  - 15 Pinch
  - 16 — acid
  - 17 Jump
  - 18 Misled
  - 20 Merchandise
  - 22 DDE’s nickname
  - 23 — Antonio
  - 24 Sidewalk restaurant
  - 26 Willing to comply
  - 31 Kimono sash
  - 32 Poles
  - 33 Ventilate
  - 34 Poor grade
  - 35 Lab burner
  - 36 French article

- 37 Arithmetic operation
  - 39 Adhesive
  - 40 A letter
  - 41 Pasture
  - 42 Passover feast
  - 45 Party
  - 49 Playing card
  - 50 Observes
  - 52 Stat. in baseball
  - 53 Nest egg letters
  - 54 Turn aside
  - 55 Print measures
  - 56 Demand payment from
  - 57 Runs
  - 58 Knock
- DOWN**
- 1 Beach surface
  - 2 Ohio’s lake

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 3 Boosted
- 4 Lamp cover
- 5 Big book
- 6 Eager
- 7 Hankering
- 8 Catch-phrases
- 9 Reverberate
- 10 Victuals
- 11 A-one
- 19 Guitar’s cousin
- 21 — shoestring
- 23 Car type
- 24 Musical passage
- 25 Not up
- 26 Bandleader — Shaw
- 27 Stereo alternative
- 28 Writer of songs
- 29 Stead
- 30 Gaelic
- 35 Everlasting
- 38 Frost
- 39 Mil. rank
- 41 Rosters
- 42 “You — it!”
- 43 Beige
- 44 Campus VIP
- 45 Walk
- 46 “Present!”
- 47 “— la Douce”
- 48 Pant
- 51 Ab — (from the beginning)



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**ASTROGRAPH**

By Eugenia Last

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Success comes when joint effort and great minds work in conjunction to get the best outcome. The information you gather will change how you feel about some of the people and pastimes you engage in.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Work behind the scenes. If you make yourself too readily available, others will take advantage of your skills, eating up your time and ability to do the best job possible.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Plant your feet firmly on the ground and think twice before you jump into anything you know little about. Research is your ticket forward, so don’t scribble when it comes to positioning yourself for victory.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Reach out, ask questions and offer solutions. Your input will help you win favors and encourage others to be a help, not a hindrance. Don’t buy into what others do.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Distance yourself from

trouble and those who are eager to pick a fight or alter your plans. Pay attention to the changes happening around you and take advantage of the information you gather from reliable sources.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Push forward with enthusiasm. Do your own thing and gain experience in areas that help you add to your qualifications and skills. An encounter with someone special will change your perspective.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Consider the changes you want to make at home or to yourself, and set a strict budget. Refuse to buy into someone else’s vision or lavish attitude. Use your imagination to devise a plan that’s within your means.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Opportunities are apparent, but if you let outsiders interfere with your plans, you’ll end up redoing what you don’t like at a high cost. Put your time and energy into hands-on projects.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-**

**Feb. 19)** — Tidy up loose ends and give yourself a pat on the back. Refuse to let what others do anger you when your energy is best used to satisfy your needs and add to your comfort and convenience.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Someone you encounter will grab your attention, but before you engage in talks that lead to joint ventures, listen, ask questions and consider if you can do better moving forward alone.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Verify information before passing it along. Someone will give you an overrated opinion that can cost you if you don’t do your homework. Lead the way; when you follow, it always ends in disappointment.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — You can hide, but you can’t ignore responsibilities. The longer you leave matters unfinished, the more difficult it will be to turn things around. Size up and act accordingly.

**DEAR ANNIE**

By Annie Lane

**Dear Annie:** My best friend has become impossible to make plans with. She says yes to everything, then cancels at the last minute with a vague excuse. Sometimes she says she is “too tired,” other times she says work got crazy, and once she forgot completely until I texted from the restaurant asking if she was on her way. The worst was when I saw on social media that she had gone out with another group the same night she canceled on me because she “needed a quiet night.”

I know people are busy, and I do not want to be needy. But after the third canceled dinner, the second missed birthday lunch and one weekend trip she backed out of after I had already booked the hotel, I started to feel foolish. I had arranged childcare, moved meetings and turned down other invitations because I thought we had plans.

When we are together, she is warm and fun, and it feels like old times. She tells me how much she loves me and says, “We need to do this more often.” Then weeks go by, texts go unanswered, and another plan falls apart.

I miss the friendship we used to have, but I am tired of saving space for someone who treats my time like a suggestion. How do I stop feeling hurt without making a dramatic announcement? — Waiting on a Maybe

**Dear Waiting:** You do not need a dramatic announcement. You need a quiet adjustment.

Your friend may love you, but she is not treating your time with care. It is also possible she is going through something she has not fully shared, so lead with curiosity before resentment.

You can say, kindly, “I love seeing you, but it hurts when plans keep falling through. Is everything OK? Let’s pick

something only when you know you can make it.”

In the meantime, stop arranging your life around her maybes. Avoid prepaid plans, invite her when it is easy, and let her be the one to follow through for a while. Friendship should feel flexible, not flimsy.

**Dear Annie:** My husband and I recently downsized, and I thought this stage of life would feel lighter. Instead, I feel oddly invisible. Our children are grown and busy, my calendar is quieter, and the house no longer feels like the center of everyone’s world. I spent years being the person who remembered permission slips, birthdays, doctors’ appointments and dinner plans. Now, no one seems to need me in the same way.

I am grateful for my life, but I also feel a little lost. I don’t want to burden my children or make them feel guilty for building their own lives. How do I figure out who I am

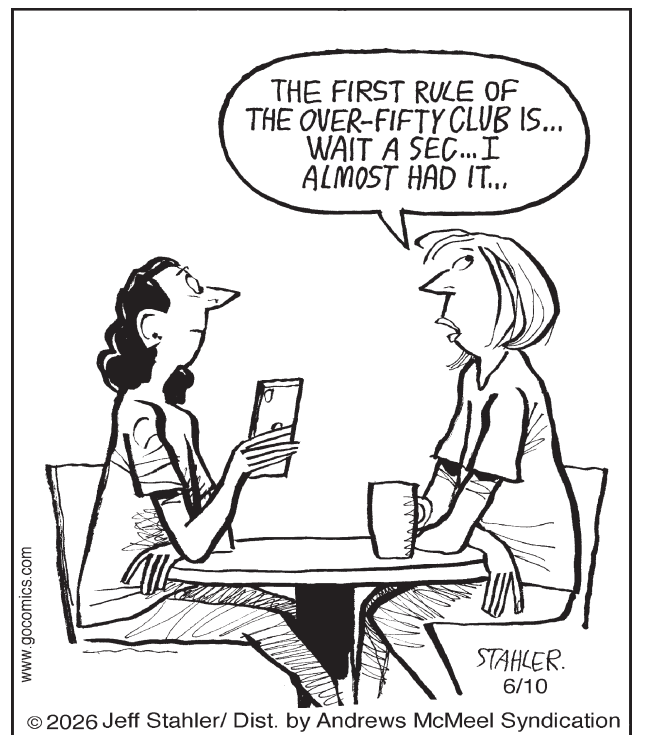
when the role that defined me has changed? — Missing the Noise

**Dear Missing the Noise:** A quieter house does not mean a smaller life. It means you are being invited, gently and perhaps awkwardly, to turn some of that care back toward yourself.

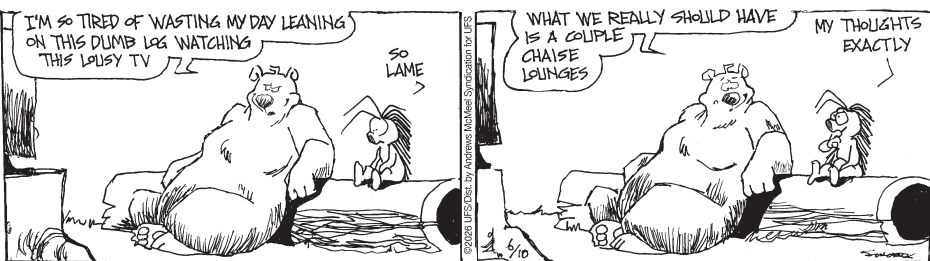
Start small. Take a class, volunteer, reconnect with an old friend or try something that has nothing to do with being useful to anyone. Motherhood may have shaped you, but it did not use you up. The next chapter can still be full of purpose, just with fewer socks on the floor.

“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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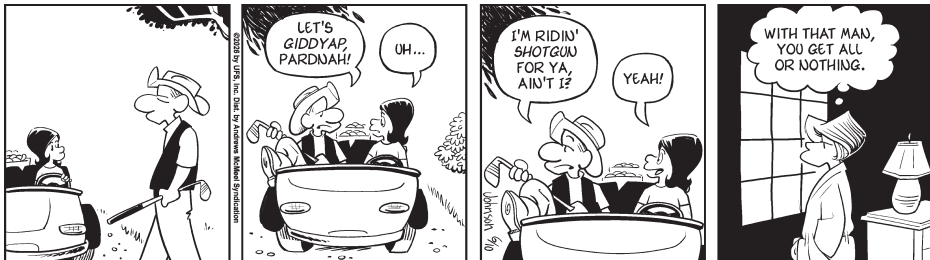
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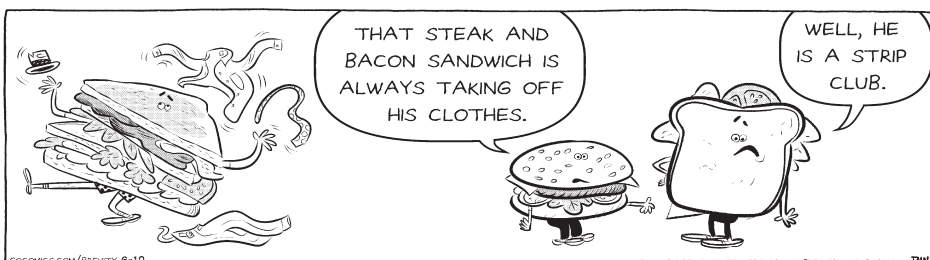
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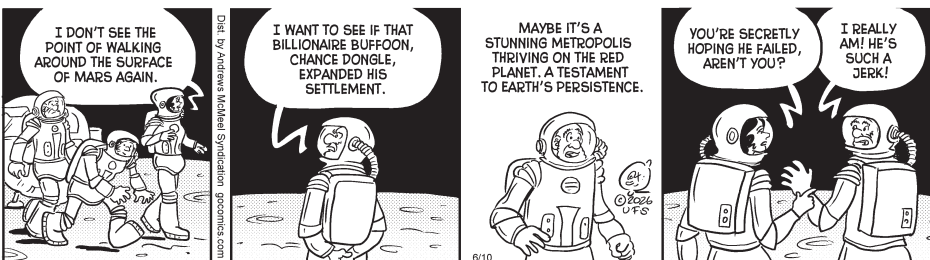
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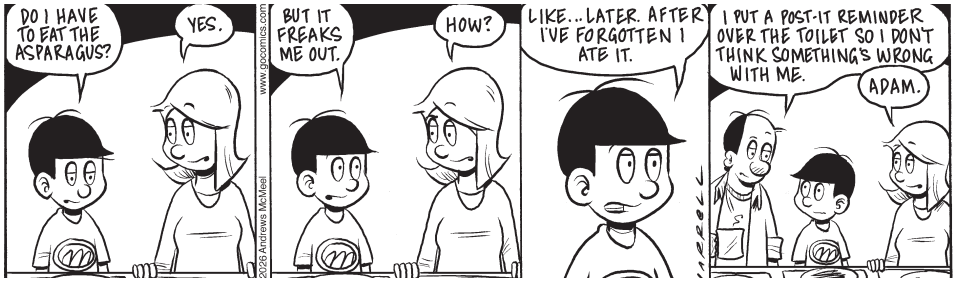
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