

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 I T E Q H Q E Z L J K T L U S C G L U Q C E
C K U I Q E B C H L J K T L U S C G L U Q C E , Q
H T T S L V T O G Q U T Z L V Q H Q ’ Z H C N E Z L
J K T L U L G U C K ! ” — A C E J D C C E I C

sPrevious Solution: “We’re still mindful of how far is too far ... there’s a line and you have to figure out how and when to cross it.” — Aaron McGruder

TODAY’S CLUE: R equals K

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- ACROSS
- 1 Wine and —
 - 5 “Friend or —?”
 - 8 Tun
 - 12 Portland’s state (Abbr.)
 - 13 — Grande
 - 14 Succulent plant
 - 15 Thickens
 - 17 Play boisterously
 - 18 Small salamander
 - 19 Thesaurus creator
 - 20 “— the Grinch Stole Christmas”
 - 22 Long sandwich
 - 23 Supremacy
 - 27 Chop away at
 - 30 Give off
 - 31 Pro
 - 32 Golfer’s cry
 - 33 Poker stake
 - 34 Foot digit

- 35 Forfeit
- 36 Old cry of disapproval
- 37 Treated with respect
- 39 Marry
- 40 Shadowy
- 41 Commence
- 44 “Have a — day!”
- 47 Root veggie
- 48 Legal tender
- 52 Sign on a door
- 53 Before
- 54 Cheerful
- 55 Neap —
- 56 Play a part on stage
- 57 Feedbag fill

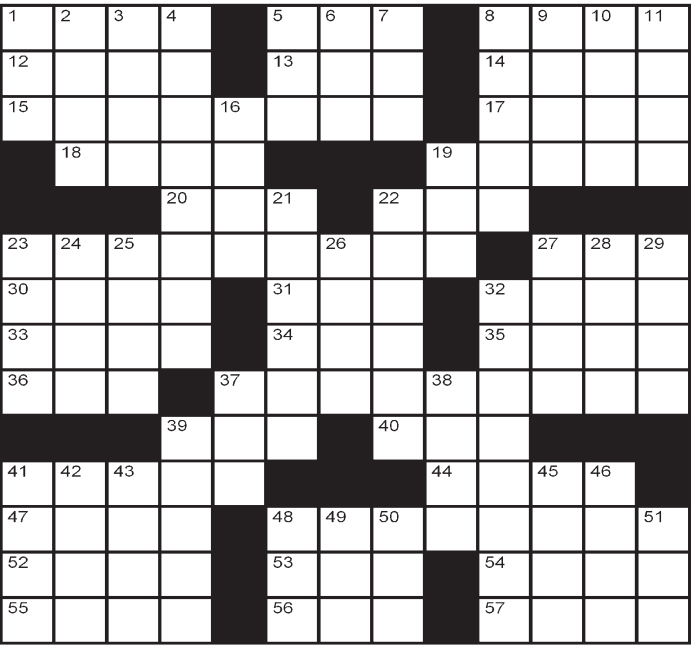
DOWN

- 1 Sawbones
- 2 Metallic element
- 3 Hawaii’s bird
- 4 Albumen (2 wds.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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

- 5 Monk’s title
- 6 Lubricate
- 7 Dawn goddess
- 8 Chocolate substitute
- 9 Like a bump on —
- 10 A little
- 11 Held
- 16 School in England
- 19 Regret
- 21 Floated through the air
- 22 Diatribe
- 23 “Fell on — ears”
- 24 Hotel chain
- 25 Tiny arachnid
- 26 Middy
- 27 Owl’s cry
- 28 Irish Gaelic
- 29 Do a gardening job
- 32 Wading bird
- 37 Animal doc
- 38 Skating venue
- 39 Corresponded
- 41 Dele’s undoing
- 42 Hack
- 43 Dry
- 45 Soft drink
- 46 Coup d’—
- 48 Actress — Arthur
- 49 Curved path
- 50 After expenses
- 51 Sheeran and Sullivan

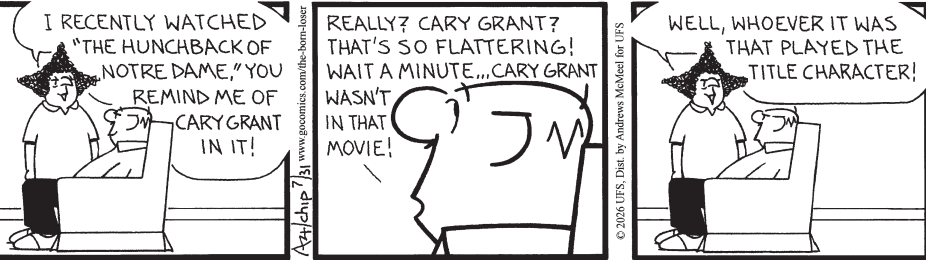


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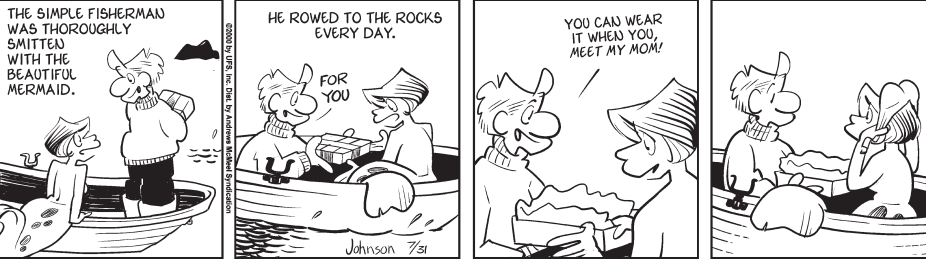
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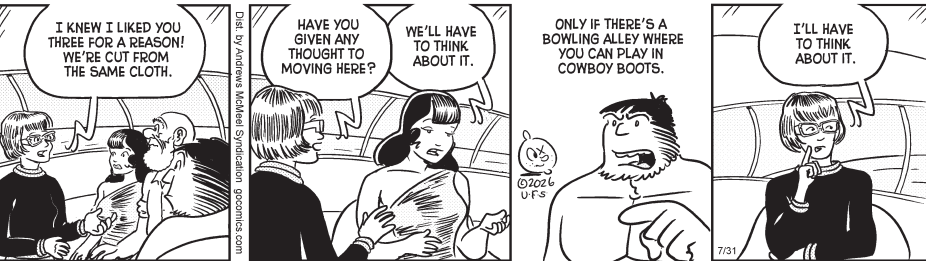
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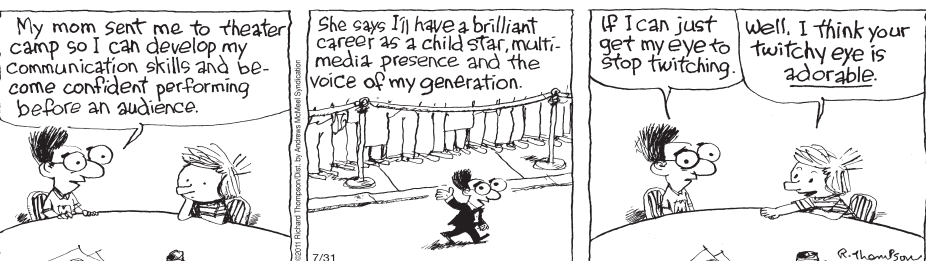
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ASTROGRAPH

By Eugenia Last

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Pay attention, ask questions and be ready to take advantage of situations that introduce you to new people, information and groups that can help you advance your interests.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Stay out of trouble. Acting in haste or making decisions based on emotions will cost you your reputation, position or finances. Spend more time fact-finding and less time believing what you hear from unverified sources.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Distance yourself from unsafe or unsavory situations. Read the room and take a pass if someone is being pushy or aggressive. Don’t hesitate to expand your interests and include experts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Simplify your life by walking away from situations that amplify stress. Target what your needs are, and turn your attention to satisfy your soul, not some-

one else’s ego or bank account.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Refuse to let anyone talk you into something you don’t need, and be cognizant of the risks involved in procedures or investments that have time restrictions or high costs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Pay more attention to how you look and feel. Take time out to nurture and pamper yourself. A vacation or adventure will give you the boost you need to pursue information.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — An opportunity to share expenses with someone you enjoy spending time with will help you save for something you need or want and stabilize your living conditions. Financial gain is apparent.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Monitor the changes you encounter. Don’t feel the need to join in or to pay for someone else. Discuss sensitive issues and put your mind at rest regarding

what you will and will not do to accommodate others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Expand your circle of friends or interests, or revisit someone or something that’s been missing from your life. Stop fretting over things you can’t change and living in the past.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Overreacting will be your downfall. Try to think matters through, and proceed with a well-thought-out budget-friendly plan. Don’t mix business with pleasure.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Take a lively approach to life and learning. Your enthusiasm will rub off on others, turning your achievements into something special and conducive to forming strong alliances.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Emotional energy will be difficult to direct. When in doubt, take a pass. Your reluctance to let anyone into your inner circle or to share private information is warranted.

DEAR ANNIE

By Annie Lane

Dear Annie: My mom and I have always had a weird relationship. Throughout my childhood, I always considered us close, even when she moved hours away to the other side of the state when I was in middle school. We would talk regularly, and I would go see her for summer and winter breaks. When I graduated high school, I happily made the move to live with her.

Throughout the years of living with her, I started to see her true colors coming out. I learned my mom is a habitual liar, is manipulative, has cheated on everyone she’s been with, and gaslights when she has been caught in a lie or when she is unhappy about a decision that has little or nothing to do with her.

A few years back, with the help of my husband, I managed to move away from her and to start healing from a lot of the stuff she has said and/or done to me that has left some traumatic imprints. She decided to follow me (and a man she was cheating on my stepdad with) to my new home despite me begging her not to so I could have space. She is now constantly texting me and ignores my pleas for space.

I am constantly nervous about leaving my home in fear I will run into her and she will decide that now whatever I’m doing she is doing as well. I have debated blocking her, but she has made comments in the past about having people constantly watching me and making me feel like she would show up unannounced at my home

or workplace.

I have no clue what to do at this point. I’m an only child and she has no friends or family out here. I desperately want and need my own space so I can heal from the trauma she caused me in my childhood and early adulthood, but she constantly makes me feel guilty about needing space and will reach out multiple times a week when I ask for space. How do I make her understand I can’t do this anymore? How do I create space with someone who doesn’t respect my request for it? — Feeling Suffocated

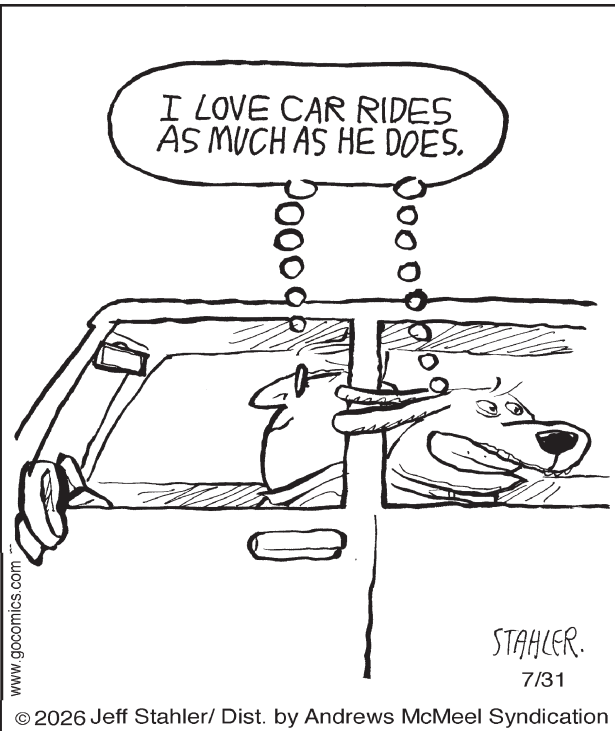
Dear Feeling Suffocated: It sounds like you have been on quite the journey with your mother. Is there any part of you that wants to maintain a relationship

with her? Perhaps with some firm boundaries and direct communication, you two can work something out. For example, plan to have dinner together once per week but request zero communication beyond that.

Other parts of your letter, however, are more concerning. If you are worried about your safety, I would suggest consulting a lawyer about getting a restraining order.

“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.

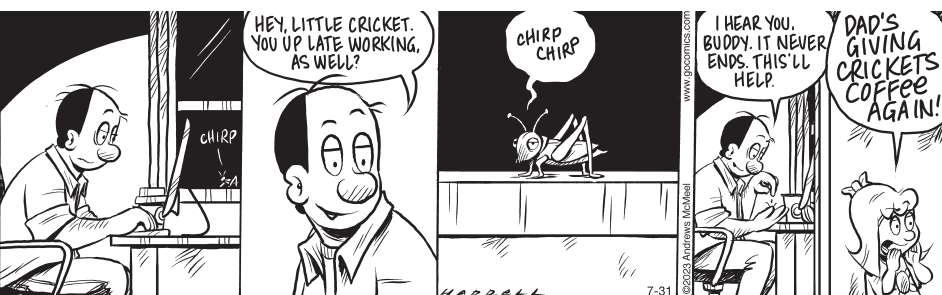
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