

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.

“ Q J E P R I Y K V J E C K M O Q J E I R G G
Q J E F C R G Y , ‘ J Y W J E F C R T C Z J E G O H R
Y K V J E C . . . T R K F M R O T I K G G ! ’ H E I
Q J E O T O M ‘ I . Q J E S E C I P J I G E W L Q . ”
— P R J F P R W G J J M R Q

Previous Solution: “Every creative act is inherently risky. The key is to create an environment where risk is encouraged.” — Alex Hirsch

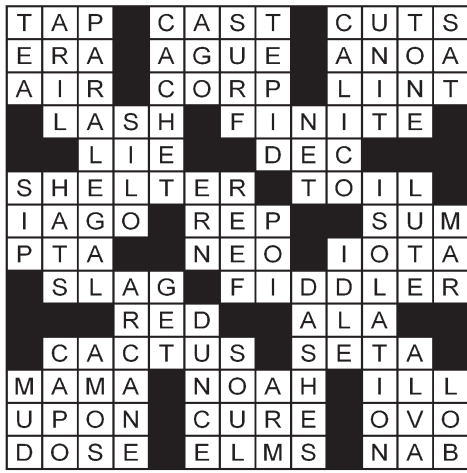
TODAY'S CLUE: *S s i s t e r*

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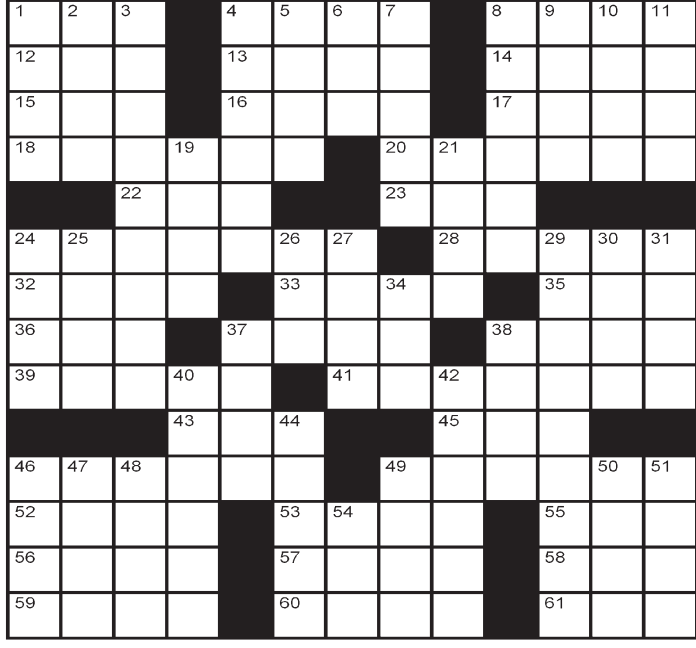
- ACROSS**
- 1 “That’s icky!”
 - 4 To boot
 - 8 Make a comment online
 - 12 Grassland
 - 13 Chief
 - 14 On the bounding main
 - 15 — King Cole
 - 16 River in France
 - 17 Ardor
 - 18 Bowman
 - 20 Bird’s sharp claws
 - 22 Cooktop, British style
 - 23 Hooter
 - 24 Shake a little
 - 28 Promises
 - 32 — the Terrible
 - 33 October birthstone
 - 35 Dressing ingredient
 - 36 Time meas.

- 37 Work
 - 38 Certain
 - 39 Crooked
 - 41 Made a loud sound
 - 43 Kid
 - 45 “Go, team!”
 - 46 Close-fisted
 - 49 Convincing
 - 52 Instance
 - 53 Soil type
 - 55 Modern
 - 56 “—, poor Yorick!”
 - 57 “— Karenina”
 - 58 Actress — Gabor
 - 59 Twisted
 - 60 Troubles
 - 61 — Plaines, Illinois
- DOWN**
- 1 Arm bone
 - 2 Tothed wheel
 - 3 Car with a hinged rear door

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 4 Single-celled organism
- 5 Den
- 6 Family mem.
- 7 — a customer
- 8 Spanish rice dish
- 9 Norway’s capital
- 10 Actor — Penn
- 11 Turns into leather
- 19 Trumpet
- 21 Missing G.I.
- 24 Travel document
- 25 Currier and —
- 26 Overly
- 27 Long story
- 29 Made more durable
- 30 Charter
- 31 Toboggan
- 34 Totality
- 37 Bit of kindling
- 38 Unforeseen problem
- 40 “— Goes to Camp”
- 42 Smells
- 44 Club rule
- 46 Strikebreaker
- 47 Yarn
- 48 “No man — island ...”
- 49 Walking stick
- 50 Snow field
- 51 “— the night before Christmas ...”
- 54 Yoko —



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ASTROGRAPH

By Eugenia Last

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Tidy up before heading in a new direction. You’ll do much better if you focus on what you want to achieve instead of lingering on unfinished business. Keep your thoughts and feelings to yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Put your energy to good use. Reach out, pitch in and help. Do your part to make a difference. Someone you encounter will have an emotional impact on how you take care of yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Participate, do your best, help a cause or make a difference to someone struggling. Listen, but don’t believe everything you hear. If you don’t like the suggestions you receive, look for alternatives.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You have more choices than you realize. Reach out, get the low-down on what’s available and align yourself with people who are heading in a similar direction. Sharing with others will motivate you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be a good listener. Show compassion and understanding, and engage in discussions that allow you to share your skills, objectives and what you find uplifting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Envision what you want to pursue. Thoughts followed by actions will not disappoint. Steer clear of anyone trying to push you in a direction that benefits them more than you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — A diversion that sparks your imagination and encourages you to make a lifestyle adjustment will prompt a different perspective regarding the possibilities and motivate you to embark on something creative or energizing without taxing your emotions, health or finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Putting energy toward home improvement and personal growth is in your best interest. When approached by people who ask for too much or try to back you into a corner,

walk away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Finish off those home improvements that will make your life easier. Creative thinking, coupled with discipline and desire for convenience and comfort, will help you make better lifestyle decisions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Pick a venue that interests you. Get out, socialize or pursue someone or something you enjoy. You don’t have to impress anyone. Be yourself, and be honest about your likes and dislikes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You’ll need to engage in a little give-and-take to avoid domestic disputes or confusion from someone you depend on for answers. Ask for second opinions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Haste makes waste. Your time is put to better use helping others, asking questions and upping your game through personal preferences, additional qualifications and a solid plan.

DEAR ANNIE

By Annie Lane

Dear Annie: My sister and I have not spoken in three years following a falling-out over our mother’s estate. I won’t rehash the details — suffice it to say, neither of us came out looking entirely clean. We were never close growing up, but we were friendly enough as adults, and I miss that.

Last month, she sent me a card for my birthday. No note inside, just her signature. I’ve been staring at that card for weeks, trying to decide what it means. Is it an olive branch? Is it guilt?

I don’t want to make a fool of myself by reaching out warmly only to be met with a cold shoulder, but I’m also aware I’m 71 years old and not getting any younger. I know better than to assume there’s always more time to decide.

My husband says to leave it alone. My therapist says it’s worth exploring. I find myself somewhere in the middle. — Waiting

Dear Waiting: Three years of silence, and she signed her name. That’s not nothing.

You’re right that it could mean several things. But here’s what it almost certainly isn’t: accidental. People don’t dig up addresses and lick stamps by mistake.

Your husband wants to protect you from disappointment, and your therapist wants to protect you from regret. At 71, only you know which of those stings worse.

A short, warm note — not a reckoning, not a recap of 2023 — is a reasonable response. Something like: “It was good to hear from you. I’ve been thinking about you, too.” Leave the door open without walking through it just yet. Let her show you what she meant.

Dear Annie: I’ve

been trying to carry on a relationship with a woman for several years. We’re both single senior citizens. When my family has an event, I am invited, but my lady friend isn’t. This has been a problem for some time. She feels she should receive a personal invitation as well and that asking her to accompany me isn’t sufficient. It makes her feel as though she’s not wanted at the function.

Am I not seeing her perspective? Should she feel that if I’m invited, she’s invited, too? She says that not getting a personal invitation is intentional and she’s hurt. I feel I have to agree with and stand by her. Our relationship has stalled because of this.

How do I get this across to my family? — Hurting

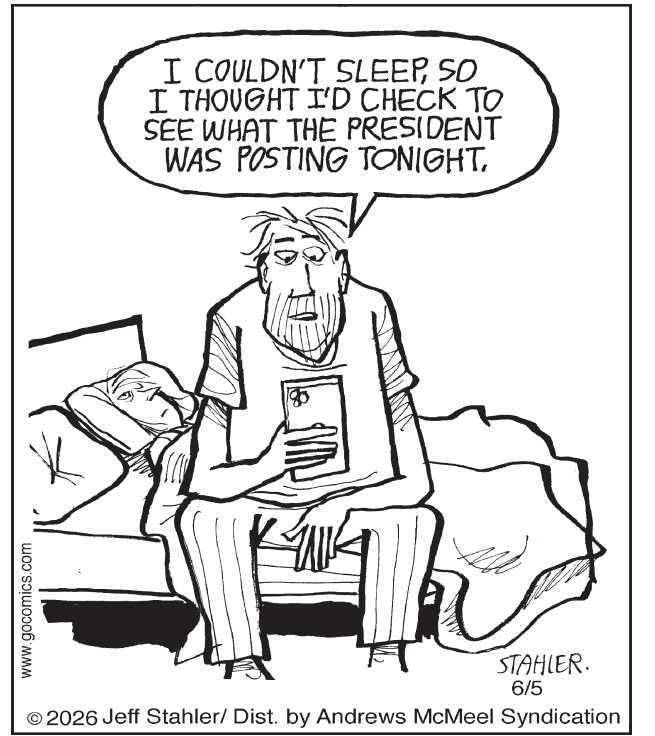
Dear Hurting: It all boils down to acknowledgment. After years together, your lady friend wants to

feel seen by your family. That said, your relatives don’t necessarily sound malicious. Most people assume that inviting one person in a long-term relationship means inviting both.

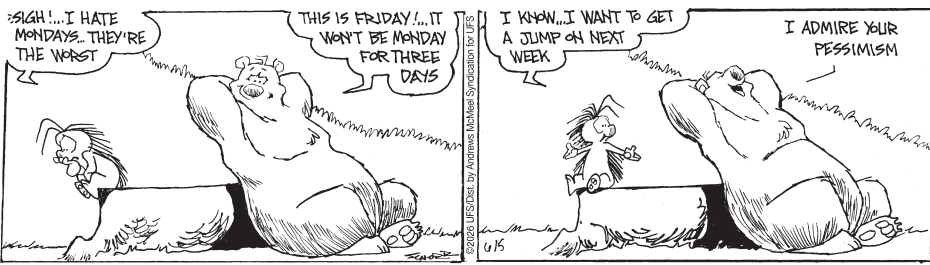
You understand both sides, so speak up. Tell your family how much it would mean to both of you for her to receive a personal invitation. To them, it may feel redundant; to her, it feels welcoming. An extra envelope is a small gesture, but to her, it will speak volumes.

“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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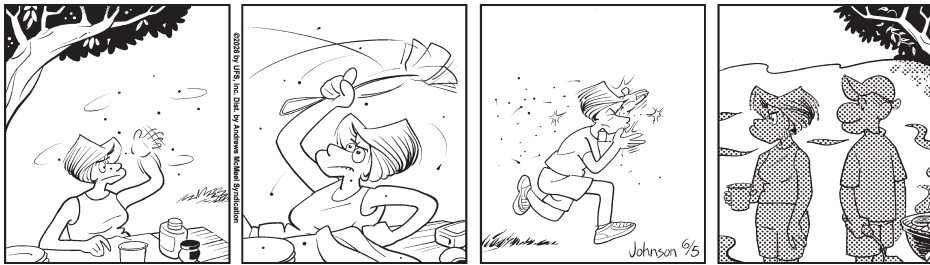
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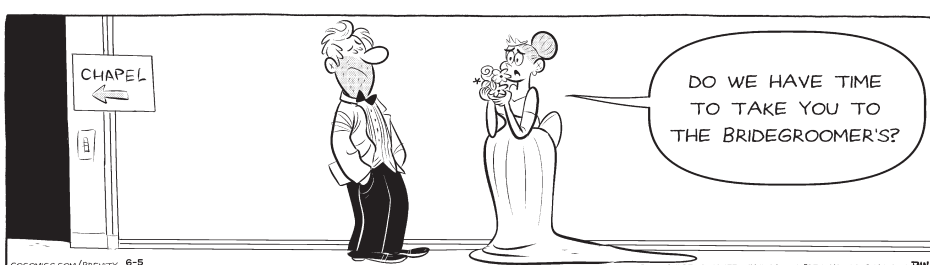
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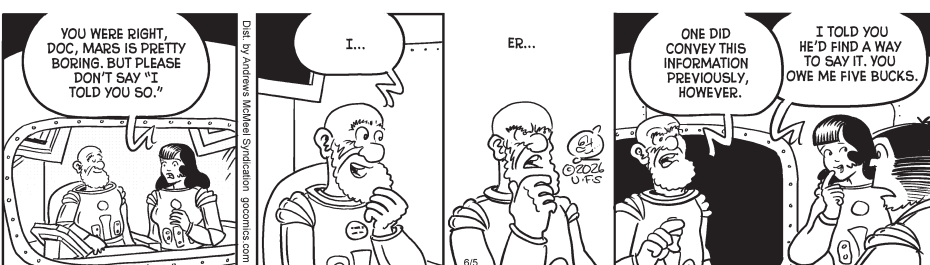
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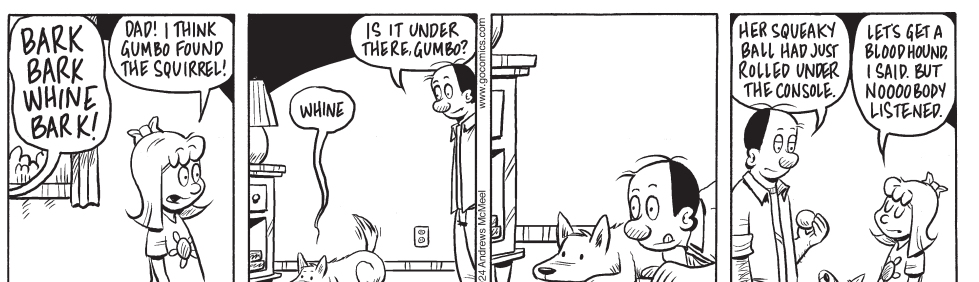
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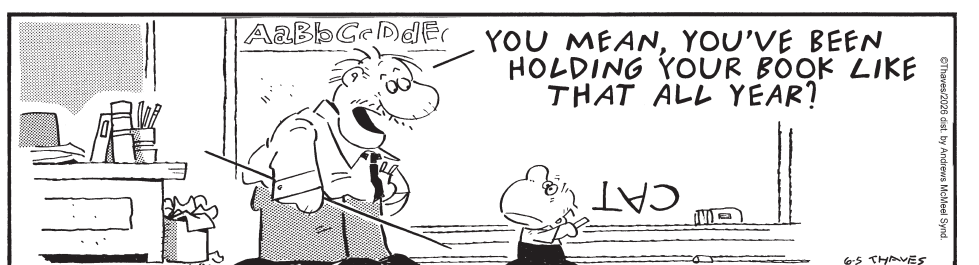
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