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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.

" MTK MTKGNXEI, WN OKJF WN
WPMHTRM VP LFX XPLVGX KPV SXGNX,
RXNXGSX MTKG ETSX WPR WIIXJLVTP."
- UWKLWOW HKRRFW

Previous Solution: "I want a little dog to walk around the park and play fetch with. But then you can have him back." - Taissa Farmiga

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HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

BRIDGE

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|-------------------|------|----------------|------|----------|
| North | | | | 07-15-25 |
| ♠ 10 7 4 | | | | |
| ♥ 5 4 2 | | | | |
| ♦ 8 6 4 3 | | | | |
| ♣ 6 5 3 | | | | |
| West | | East | | |
| ♠ 5 3 2 | | ♠ 6 | | |
| ♥ K Q 9 | | ♥ A J 10 7 6 3 | | |
| ♦ K J 9 | | ♦ Q 10 5 | | |
| ♣ Q 10 7 4 | | ♣ 9 8 2 | | |
| South | | | | |
| ♠ A K Q J 9 8 | | | | |
| ♥ 8 | | | | |
| ♦ A 7 2 | | | | |
| ♣ A K J | | | | |
| Dealer: East | | | | |
| Vulnerable: Both | | | | |
| South | West | North | East | |
| | | | 2 ♥ | |
| Dbl. | 3 ♥ | Pass | Pass | |
| 4 ♠ | Pass | Pass | Pass | |
| Opening lead: ♥ K | | | | |

CAN YOU SPOT THE SECOND CHANCE?

Gioacchino Rossini, an Italian opera composer who died in 1868, said, "One cannot judge 'Lohengrin' from a first hearing, and I certainly do not intend to hear it a second time."

At the bridge table, do not judge a deal totally from your first glance; give it a second look to check that you have not missed something. So, have a second slice of toast this morning. South is in four spades. West leads the heart king and continues with the heart queen. How should declarer plan the play?

Pre-empts are a pain. South's sequence shows a very strong four-spade bid, because an immediate four-spade overcall would also be strong. When you intervene over a pre-empt, assume your partner has six or seven points and base your actions appropriately. So, jumping straight to four spades suggests around a working 20-count. This sequence promises more. Here, of course, North couldn't care less!

South has nine top tricks: six spades, one diamond and two clubs. At first glance, he needs the club finesse to work. However, there is a second chance -- diamonds might break 3-3.

After ruffing the second heart, declarer should cash the spade ace, then play the diamond ace and another diamond. Suppose East wins and leads a third heart. Declarer ruffs high and plays another diamond. In a moment, South will draw trumps ending with dummy's spade 10 and cash the high diamond. But note that if diamonds had split 4-2, the club finesse would still have been available.

For more on this deal, tune in tomorrow.