



Crossword - By Thomas Joseph

CULLS	CALMS	
AVAIL	IDEAL	
SUPPORTABLE		
ALE	TEE	AWE
SALUTES	NAP	
	SEL	BORE
ACTED	SANER	
LORD	TPK	
IMA	THREADS	
AMI	ROI	TEN
SUPPORTABLE		
ENSUE	ELATE	
SEEPS	SITAR	

ACROSS

39 Atlanta university
40 Lawn tool
41 Comedy's Fey
42 Jury makeup

DOWN

1 Pester
2 Veneer
3 Hit the wrong keys
4 Dojo flooring
5 USN rank
6 Refinery rocks
7 Visibly shocked
8 Joins together

Yesterday's answer

9 Clairvoyants
11 Eagerness
15 — alai
17 Like opals
20 School org.
21 Cardinal number ending
24 Needle
25 Split
27 Chow down
28 Some singers
29 Snowy bird
30 "The Evil Dead" director
31 Inert gas
35 Nick Charles's wife
36 Grow paler
38 Gym unit

Bridge - By Steven Becker

The price is right

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 7 4 3
♥ A J 10 5
♦ A Q 8 3
♣ 10 4

WEST
♠ J 9 6 2
♥ 9 6
♦ K 10 4
♣ J 9 6 3

EAST
♠ K Q 5
♥ K Q 8 4 2
♦ J 9 7 5 2
♣ —

SOUTH
♠ A 10 8
♥ 7 3
♦ 6
♣ A K Q 8 7 5 2

The bidding:
South 1♣ Pass North 1♥ Pass
3♣ Pass 3♦ Pass
3 NT

Opening lead — two of spades.
A competent declarer never relaxes his grip, even though the contract seems easy to make. It is not difficult to do well when key suits break normally; the trick is to do well when they break abnormally.
Here is a typical case. South was in three notrump, and West led a spade. Declarer ducked East's Q-K and won the third round with the ace. He then cashed the ace of clubs, and when East showed out, the contract collapsed.

Tomorrow: A silent exercise.
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A U R P M J H E C S Z X U S Q
N L J G D E C Z P X T V E T R
P N L J H N H M E L C A R Y W
V T R P N O A L O D K I U G E
C B Z X R L I B W E U S T S R
P O M C C L R J R R I D U S G
E D L B N I P Y T E F A S T W
A E E I T P I Z G D B R Y E X
V W D I A D N A B L U B R V T
S Q P O P N L K J O U C U I H
G F D S E L P A T S S E C R B

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: HOOK-AND-LOOP FASTENER

Band-Aid Glue Safety pin Suture
Bolt Hairpin Screw Tape
Brads Rivets Soldered Zip tie
Clamps Rubber band Staples

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Horoscope - By Georgia Nichols

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in ARIES. Happy Birthday for Wednesday, June 10, 2026:
You're energetic, driven and inspirational. You have strong views and you don't hesitate to express them. This year you will reap the benefits of all your hard work. Expect power and leadership. You'll be busy with major decisions. Promotions, kudos and awards will put you in the spotlight. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Today is a mixed bag. In one way, things are positive because the Moon is in your sign dancing beautifully with the Sun, encouraging friendly conversations with everyone. Having said that, domestic conversations will be challenging. Someone older, perhaps a parent, might lay down the law. Oops. Tonight: You're strong.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ A tone of pessimism might permeate this day for you. However, if you get involved in heavy men-

tal work, which you can definitely do because your critical faculties are sharp and your standards are high, then you will feel a sense of accomplishment. Stay busy to combat pessimistic feelings. Tonight: Welcome solitude.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ This is a good day to schmooze with friends and intermingle with groups and organizations. However, another influence is present that might make you worried about finances. ("I'm broke!"). Keep in mind that today it's easy to see the dark side of life -- all of its imperfections and flaws. This is temporary. Tonight: Friendships.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Today Mercury is in your sign at odds with Saturn, which means conversations with authority figures -- parents, bosses, teachers, VIPs and the police -- will be challenging! If you ask for permission, the response will be, "Talk to the hand!" Don't be discouraged. This, too, shall pass. Tonight: You're noticed.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Dark, murky thoughts might be lurking on the peripheries of your mind. Nevertheless, today the dance between the Moon and the Sun will make you want to explore new ideas, see new places and meet new faces. Do what you can to give

a lift to someone else's day. Tonight: Learn something new.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You make a great impression on others today because you're basking in the spotlight of the Sun, which makes you look great, even if you don't do anything different. Nevertheless, you might feel challenged if talking to someone younger about funding, contributions and shared responsibilities. Tonight: Check your finances.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your best choice today is to cooperate and go along to get along when dealing with others, especially partners, spouses and close friends. Even discussions with authority figures might be discouraging. Fortunately, travel plans and ideas to explore new adventures look promising. Tonight: Listen genuinely.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Steer clear of controversial subjects today. These discussions will be difficult and no fun. Someone might criticize you or make you feel depressed. You might even feel lonely or cut off from others. You might have to say goodbye to someone. Hang in there. Tonight: Work.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Parents should cut some slack when dealing with their kids

today, because feelings of loneliness and discouragement are rampant. Be understanding. Have a generous spirit. Remember the advice of Goethe: "Correction does much but encouragement does more." Tonight: Be playful.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Family discussions are challenging because Mercury is at odds with stern Saturn. This is not the day to ask for permission or approval. Instead, throw yourself into work. You will be productive because you have a discerning mind. Get stuff done! Tonight: Relax at home.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ In one way, this is a playful, fun-loving day. Nevertheless, something might occur at work that depresses you. You might feel criticized by someone. Or you might be worried, or feel cut off and lonely from others. Hey, this is a brief dark cloud on your horizon. Relax. You've got this. Tonight: Conversations.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Financial worries can get anyone down. We all want to feel we have a secure future and that we can take care of ourselves and our loved ones. Don't be overwhelmed with your concerns today because they're fleeting. (Many people feel this way today.) Tonight: Check your money.

Jumble

JUMBLE • THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

OPIHP
CTKAR
GSRYAU
MSEIPO

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THE ARTEMIS II MOON MISSION DOCUMENTARY THAT THEY WATCHED WAS A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: GRAND FILMY CALLED HEALTH
Answer: They learned how the Earth's rotation causes sunrise and sunset, and it — MADE THEIR DAY