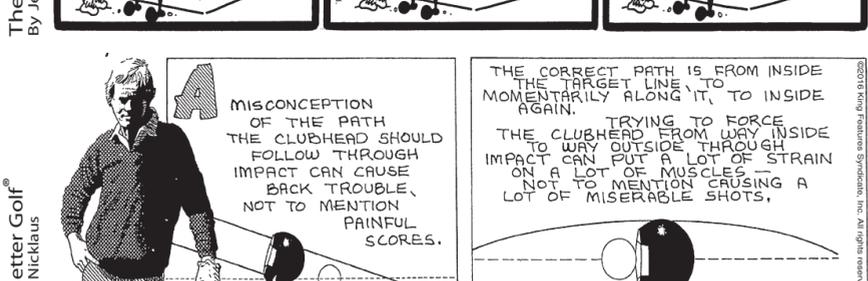
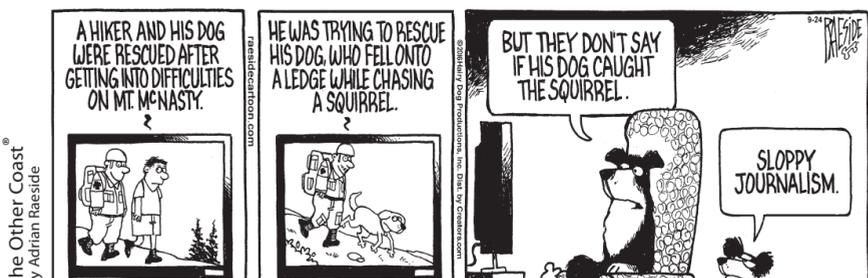
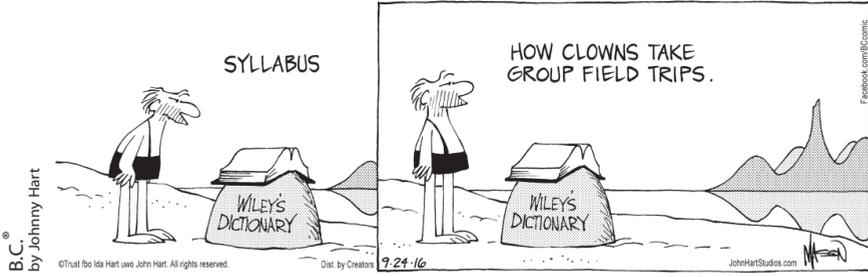


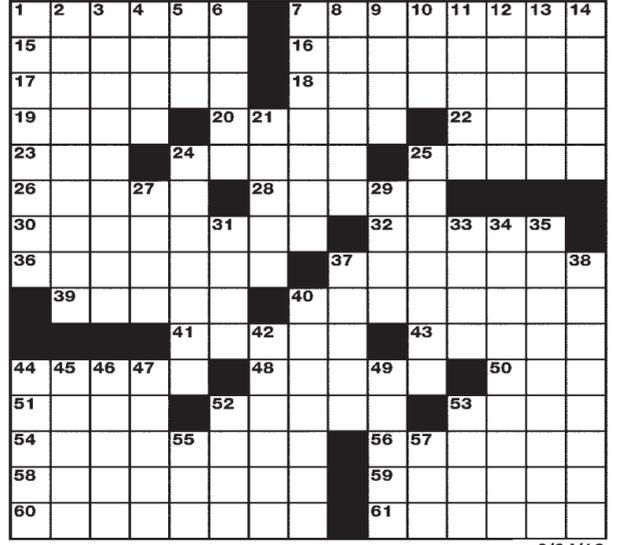
The Lighter Side



Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Matched in a contest
 - 7 Shield from enemy eyes
 - 15 Glorify
 - 16 More than fond
 - 17 Top male R&B artist of the '90s
 - 18 Audio storage units
 - 19 Ration
 - 20 Humbugs
 - 22 Unconvincing
 - 23 "Of hasty love or headlong ___": Scott
 - 24 You-vs.-gravity game
 - 25 Bavaria neighbor
 - 26 Early home of the Cuban sandwich
 - 28 How some townhouses have gone since 1982
 - 32 Raconteur in Ken Burns' *Baseball*
 - 36 Exoticleather.biz offering
 - 37 State of succession
 - 39 Forest harvest
 - 40 Past
 - 41 Leverage
 - 43 Schumann works
 - 44 Nietzsche antagonist
 - 48 Tolkien trilogy, essentially
 - 50 Bills are frequently paid for them
 - 51 British bubbly-texture chocolate bar
 - 52 Traditional three-layer product
 - 53 6 Down, for one
- DOWN**
- 1 Thoughtful offering
 - 2 Prismacolor Magic Rub, e.g.
 - 3 Ezra recounts its rebuilding
 - 4 Improbable concoction
 - 5 Himalayan center
 - 6 "... however improbable..." author
 - 7 Shape of some foreign coins
 - 8 Evaded
 - 9 Major macronutrients
 - 10 Brief qualifier
 - 11 Plebeian
 - 12 Toward where you just were
 - 13 Med. specialty
 - 14 VIP at fordhouse.org
 - 21 1500s conqueror/conqueror
 - 24 She edited Princess Grace's book
 - 25 Least stale
 - 27 Late ___
 - 29 Actor
 - 31 Sort of troublemaker
 - 33 "Logically, then..."
 - 34 Anagram of "redaction"
 - 35 13
 - 37 Shuttle destination, often
 - 38 Setting for any *M*A*S*H* movie
 - 40 Memorable plain preceder
 - 42 Veterinary specialty
 - 44 Strands in hot water
 - 45 Statue toppled in Kiev in 2013
 - 46 Product of some plants
 - 47 Certain hair dryer
 - 49 Cut out suddenly
 - 52 Grill
 - 53 Setting for London's *People of the Abyss*
 - 55 Artful
 - 57 Rural sound



Horoscopes by Holiday FOR SATURDAY BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Libra Sun Celebration

"Equality" is the buzzword as the sun passes from the analytical realm of Virgo to the artistically explorative realm of Libra. This is an aesthetically attuned part of the sky that drives us to examine the pretty parts of life. While our choices don't necessarily define us, they do make a difference in how people see and experience us.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are sensitive, but you're not a drama queen or king. You don't need everyone's attention on you when something unusual happens. One of your friends does need this kind of attention now, and you'll be so generous to give it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A friend of a friend reaches out. Is there a romantic tinge to the gesture? It's unclear, but your feeling of warmth at this do-gooder is well-founded.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It feels to you that the pressure is on. You'd like to show them all what you can do, but the moment isn't right, the people don't seem open, and the performance is under-rehearsed. You'll have your time. Until then, relax.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Though it was an annoying surprise, your ability to meet that sudden need is a testament to your problem-solving prowess. You notice; you help. It's all in the life of a day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You wear your mood or better. If you're not quite feeling sunshine, you'll opt for the optimistic choice and hope that it pushes you into the zone. That's what will work today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you have to go to great lengths to prove your worth to someone, maybe that person isn't right for you. It would be better if you were with someone who could see and appreciate you "as is."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If everyone can see the problem, and no one wants to be the one to fix it, that's the kind of job that has your name written all over it. You do have special talents, after all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Shouldn't your relationship be nearly the same in private as it is in public? Consider the differences between these two scenarios, and fix what needs fixing.

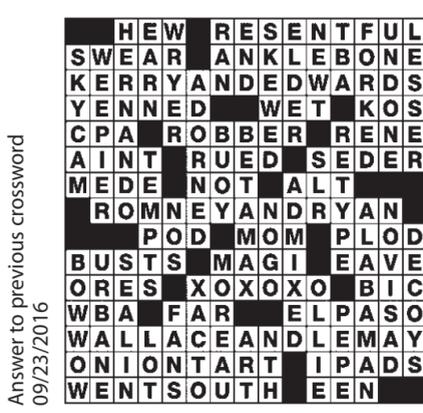
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you know what you need to do, and yet you still don't want to do it, this may not be your fault. Motivations are low when the goals aren't good enough. Make it juicier.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This is the maximum seriousness level. You've reached it, and now it's time to start walking backward to the silly zone. Having trouble? Seek a flirty, funny influence to get you back to your usual buoyant self.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can't change others, but you can change what you think of them -- or that you think of them at all. These days it will be easier for you to disengage with negative influences.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Keep going. Cross the finish line. This is important. Get your award, and drink the complimentary water, too. These rituals mean something. Don't rob yourself of the ending.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 24). You're so observant, and your observations are what make this year great. You'll find and capitalize on rare opportunities in November. December features an education you weren't counting on, but you'll be so grateful for it -- especially when you cash in around May. New additions to your family will happen in July. Capricorn and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 29, 3, 11, and 8.



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2. Blind Innocence

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