

Blondie • Chic Young





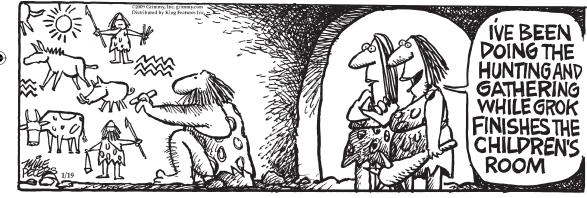


Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne





Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



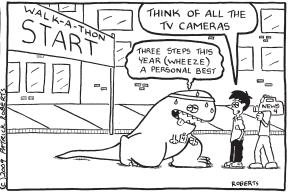
Sally Forth • Greg Howard





Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts





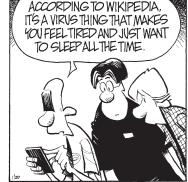
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Dr. Joyce **Brothers**

Ask Dr. Brothers

Woman loses everything

Dear Dr. Brothers: I'm a chronic loser. That is, I lose everything I own, all the time. My wallet, keys, cell phone, whole purse, files of important documents, iPod - you name it, I've lost it.

I've tried every strategy for keeping track of my possessions, and nothing works. At this point, I'm just trying to reconcile myself to the idea that I can lose things and it's not a big deal. How can I teach myself to become less frustrated with myself, without feeling like I don't deserve to own anything? – D.E.

Dear D.E.: As you seem to be realizing, losing things is not the end of the world. It can be very frustrating, especially if you lose expensive things. But at least it sounds like most of what you usually lose is replaceable.

You just have to start being strategic about the things you use on an everyday basis, and therefore the things that are most prone to getting lost.

Don't take your grandmother's favorite diamond earrings with you on a road trip, where you'll drop one and lose it in the car. And put your bank on speed dial for those times when you lose your wallet so it's not a big deal to order new debit cards. Put crucial records online, where you can retrieve them later.

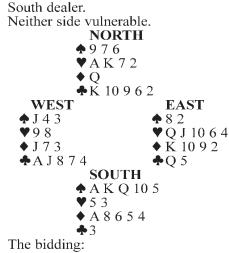
The main thing to realize, which it sounds like you're coming to terms with, is that your possessions are just that: they're only things, and you can always get new ones.

Yes, it's frustrating, when you just spent \$300 on a new iPod, to leave it on the subway, but blaming and punishing yourself isn't the way to make the best of the situation. Nor does it have any bearing on whether you'll lose your replacement item!

Think about those things that you haven't lost, or times when you've been responsible with possessions -- maybe your cat has never snuck out the door and gotten lost, or maybe you've kept your car in spotless condition for years. Whatever it may be, think about the positives, and don't dwell on each little loss.

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Bridge • Steve Becker



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2 ♦	Pass	2 💠	Pass					
3 ♦	Pass	4 🛧						
Opening lead — nine of hearts.								
Famous Hand								

Famous Hand

This deal arose in the final of the 1997 World Women's Team Championship, which saw the U.S. defeat China by 60 International Match Points. It occurred at a point when the Chinese were holding a 12-IMP lead over the Americans.

With Mildred Breed and Tobi Sokolow North-South for the U.S., the bidding went as shown, and West, Lu Yan, led the nine of hearts. Sokolow won with dummy's king, crossed to the diamond ace and led her singleton club. Lu put up the ace and returned a second heart to dummy's ace.

Declarer discarded a diamond on the king of clubs and then crossruffed clubs and diamonds until Lu ruffed a diamond with the jack of spades, the defenders' last trick. Making five, plus 450.

This result seemed likely to be repeated at the second table, where the Chinese pair of Gu Ling and Zhang Yu also reached four spades. But Marinesa Letizia upset the apple cart when she found the far more effective opening lead of a spade.

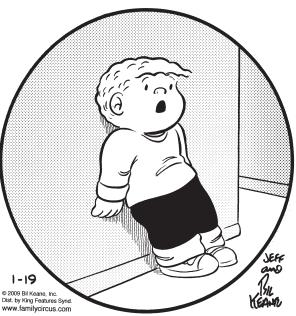
Zhang won with the ten, and, with an eye toward ruffing two diamonds in dummy before the opponents could regain the lead and play a second trump, she cashed the diamond ace and ruffed a diamond. Zhang then played the A-K of hearts and ruffed a heart, but Letizia overruffed the five with the jack and returned her remaining

With no trumps left in dummy and no way now to reach dummy's king of clubs after it became established, Zhang eventually lost a club and two diamonds in addition to the overruff and so finished down one.

Obviously, if declarer had known the club ace was onside, she could have made her contract by leading a club toward dummy at trick two, winding up with five spades, two hearts, a diamond, a club and a diamond ruff in dummy. As it was, the trump lead presented her with a chance to go wrong, and when she did, the U.S. gained 11 IMPs.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Is today peaceful or just boring?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★

This is a logic-based number placement puzzle.

The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral.

The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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Cryptoquip

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals B

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46 Witness

45 Recipe

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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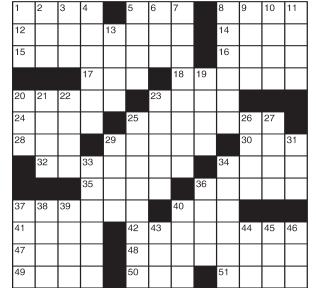
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