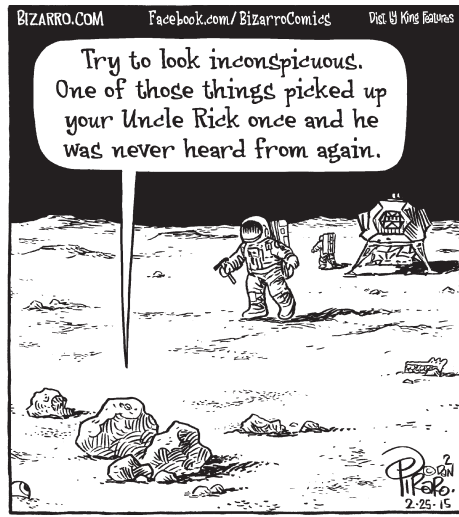


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# Overpacking For Business Trip Prompts Questions Of Trust

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my 40s and my boyfriend of three years is 12 years older. We are in love and our relationship is great. He travels for work and lives in another state, so he flies in to see my daughter and me every other week. Because he is older, he uses Viagra, and it's kept at my place in a drawer. I assumed that's where it was always kept.

boyfriend should talk to your mother about it and explain why she'll be seeing less of you unless she visits you — alone. Because this isn't the first time your stepfather has acted inappropriately, it won't be news to her. And because she has tolerated his behavior in the past, I doubt it will cause problems between them now.



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

Abby, when he left for his trip yesterday, he took his Viagra with him! He says he grabbed the bottle without thinking and that I'm overreacting. The rest of his things are kept in his travel bag, so it's not like he just gathered up all of his pills. They were the only ones. Now he's upset with me because "I don't trust him." Can you help me get my thinking straight? I caught him lying about something when we first started dating, so he's not all squeaky clean like he acts. — SUSPICIOUS IN VIRGINIA

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: Unless your boyfriend prescribed the Viagra for a condition other than ED, I'd say you have a right to be suspicious. Because his little blue pills were kept apart from his other medications, it took special effort for him to pack them. Talk with him further because he may have been contemplating a "party of one" during his travels and not have been looking for adventure.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's family gave us a large painting that is not our taste at all. We would love to get rid of it, but of course we feel obligated to keep it and hang it in order to not hurt their feelings. They live nearby and visit often, so putting the painting away doesn't seem realistic. We live in a small apartment and there is nowhere "discreet" to hang it. Plus, it is too large to take to our offices.

Other than staging a robbery, are there any options that would keep everyone happy? — GRINNING & BEARING IT

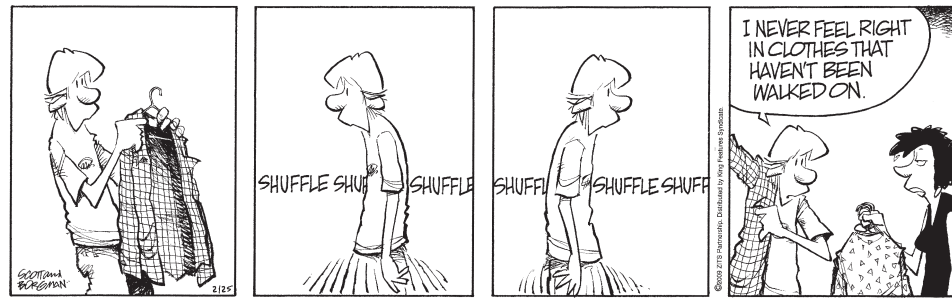
DEAR GRINNING: Another option would be to level with your in-laws. Tell them you are grateful for their generosity, but the artwork is not your taste, and then ask if they would mind if you exchanged it.

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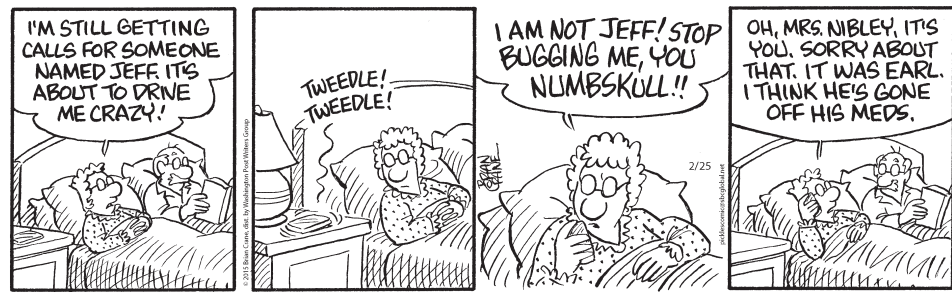
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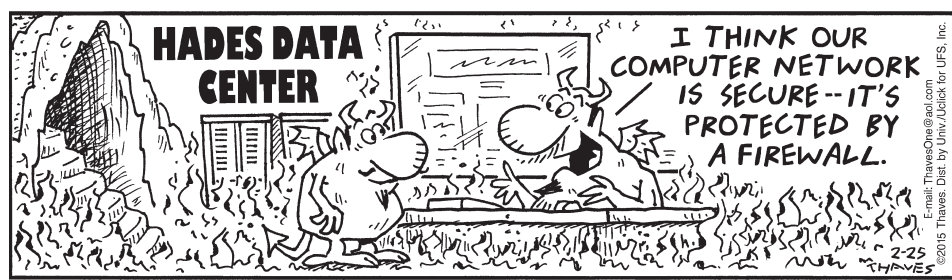
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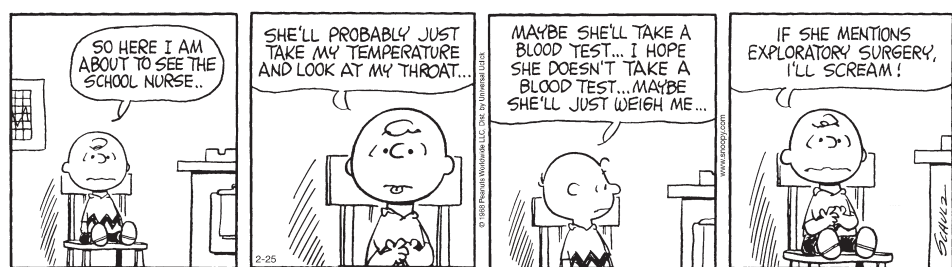
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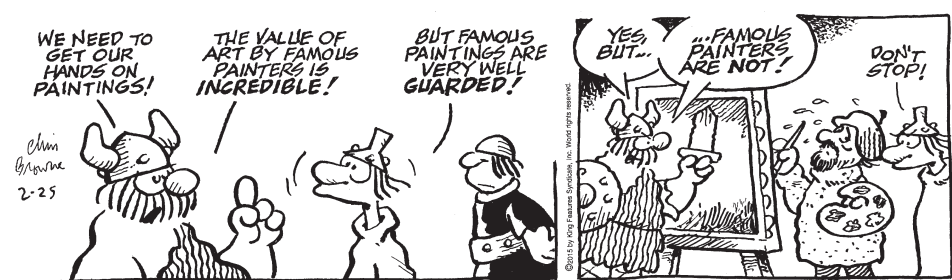
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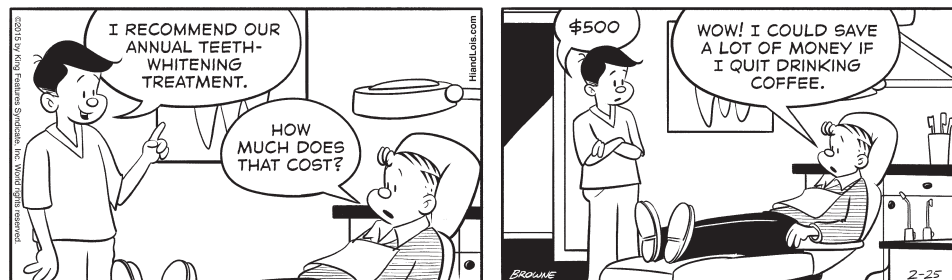
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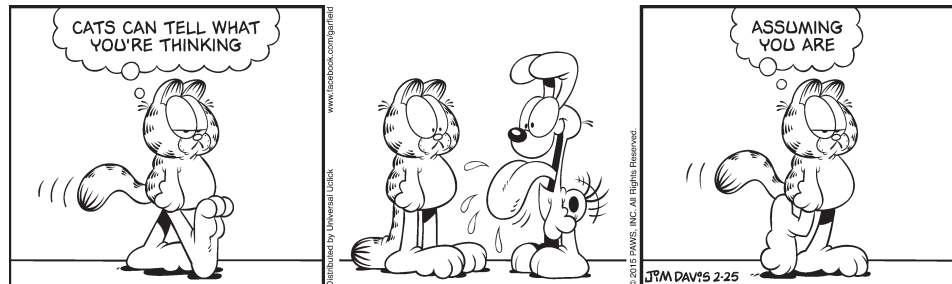
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DEAR ABBY: I'm in the middle of a situation that I'm not sure how to deal with. My mother's husband made a pass at my boyfriend. My boyfriend thinks I should tell her. Abby, my mother and her husband are in their 70s, and I don't want to cause problems in their marriage. I'd like to write it off as a "misunderstanding," but my stepdad has a history of doing things like this. — ANONYMOUS IN OREGON

DEAR ANONYMOUS: If your boyfriend didn't already, he should tell your stepfather the pass was unwelcome and he doesn't want it to happen again. If it does, you and your

## JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun in Pisces and a Moon in Gemini.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25, 2015:

This year confusion seems to surround you. You'll need to sort through what is happening between you and a family member. Don't compromise who you are, but remain sensitive to others. You discover the importance of handling your finances on your own. If you are single, from August to your next birthday is an extremely important period, as you will meet someone who could have a long-term effect on you. If you are attached, you'll find that you and your sweetie often are on different paths. It will be important for both of you to make room for each other's individuality. GEMINI often seems superficial to you.

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### VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

\*\*\* You might be asked to fill in for someone, which will add to your responsibilities. Know when to say that you have had enough. Open up to suggestions, but also be willing to say "no." Your high energy could take you in a different direction. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

### LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

\*\*\*\* Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. You might not realize how complicated you have made a situation. Detach, and you might see a pattern. It would be wise to consider updating or changing it. Ask a friend if he or she sees this same pattern. Tonight: Follow the music.

### SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

\*\*\* Be aware of the cost of saying "yes" to a loved one. You could be upset by what happens when you deal with this person. Share this problem with a partner, and discuss different ways of handling it. You might be amazed by how simple it is. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

\*\*\*\* You might want to let others make the first move. A lot seems to be changing, and quickly at that. Be sure of your expectations with a money matter. It is better to discuss it too much rather than not enough. Tonight: Go along with someone else's suggestion.

### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

\*\*\* You know how much you need to do. Count on one idea triggering another. You could experience a tremendous gain as a result. Relax and work with the moment. You might discover what a good time you can have when you are less rigid. Tonight: Whatever suits you best.

### AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

\*\*\*\* You could be on top of a situation if you really wanted to be. However, you seem to be in another world. Be careful with financial matters, and stay on top of your priorities. Any sloppiness could cause a problem, and you won't want to deal with that. Tonight: Throw a party!

### PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

\*\*\* Tension builds, as it appears as though a family matter needs handling. You are likely to have other domestic responsibilities, so understand that you will need to prioritize them. Only time will tell whether someone honors your choices. Tonight: Head home early.

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)

\*\*\*\* You could not be in a better frame of mind than you are early in the morning. Tension builds, as others also will have very strong ideas. There is a fact that is eluding you or that has not been shared, which could change your perspective. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

\*\*\* Understand that you might need to say "no" to an indulgence or to a request from a loved one. You might be surprised by this person's reaction. Funnel your energy into pursuing a goal that is very important to you. Open up talks. Tonight: In the thick of things.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

\*\*\*\* Put your best foot forward. You could find that someone disagrees with you over a key issue. Try to understand why, but know that the answer might not be readily available, as there seems to be so much confusion between you. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

\*\*\*\* Your ability to read between the lines emerges. However, until you validate your hunches, hold off on making any decisions based on them. Detaching could be difficult, as your imagination leaps from one idea to the next. Enjoy the unexpected. Tonight: Do your own thing.

### LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

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