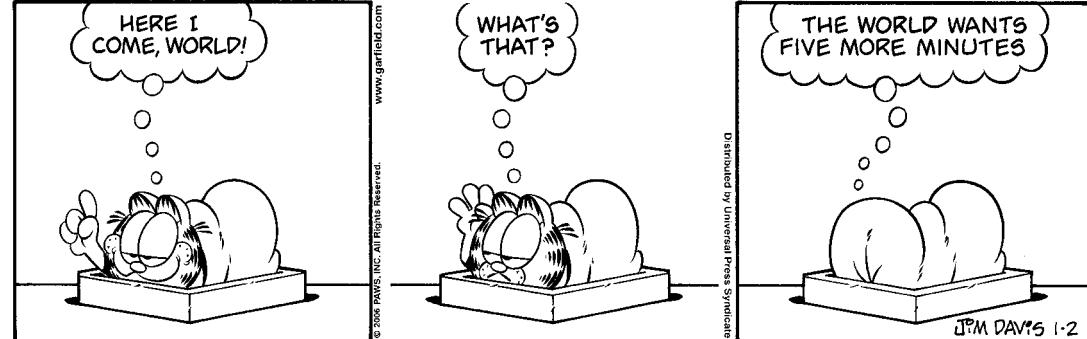
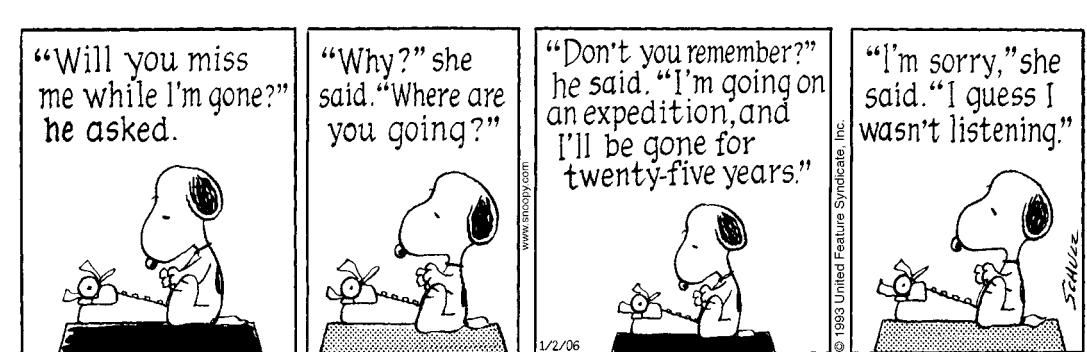


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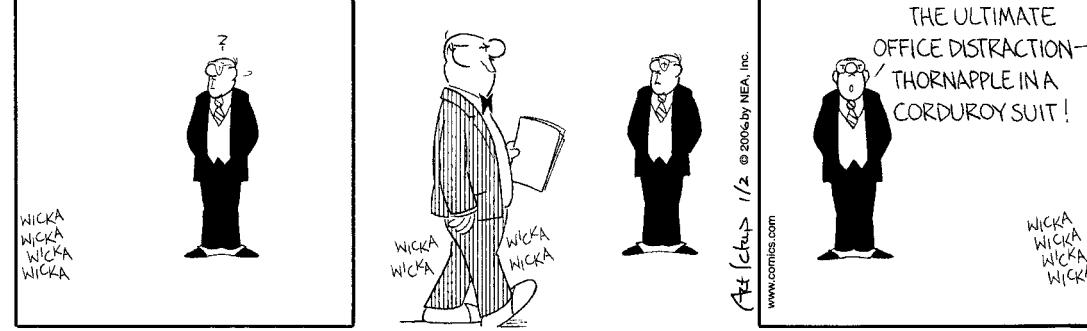
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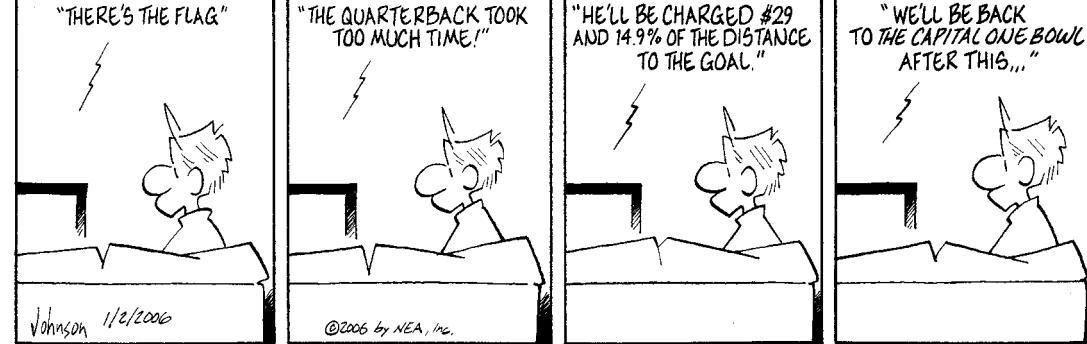
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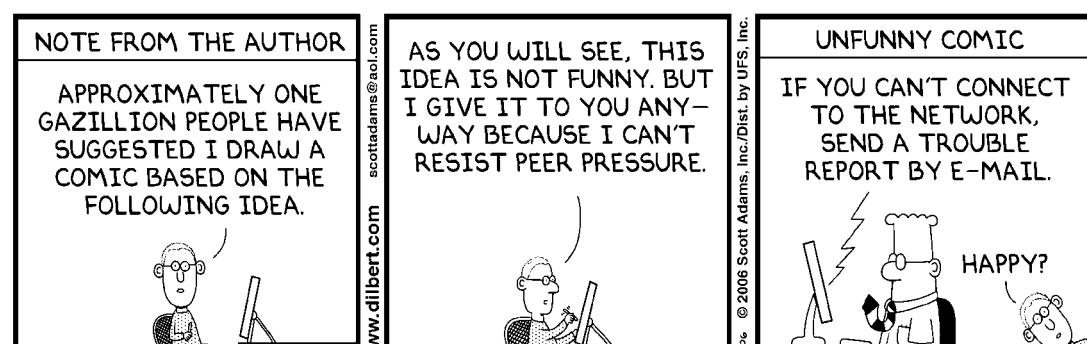
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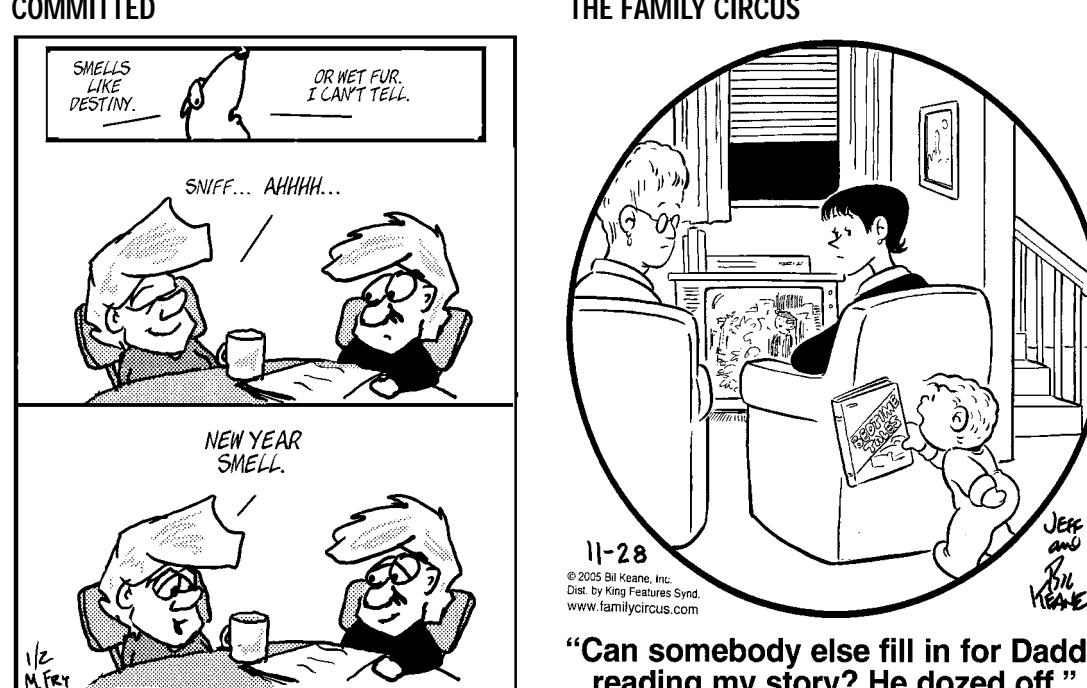
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## COMICS

## HERMAN



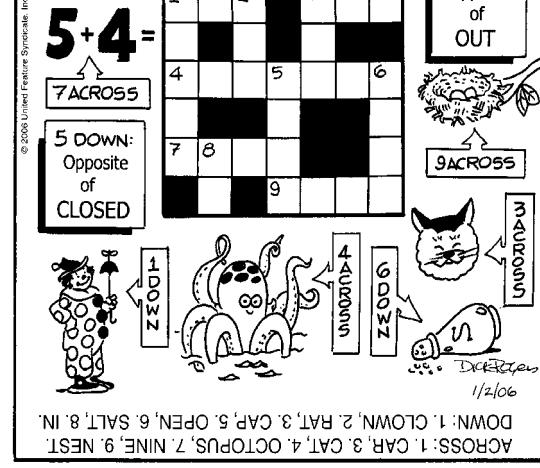
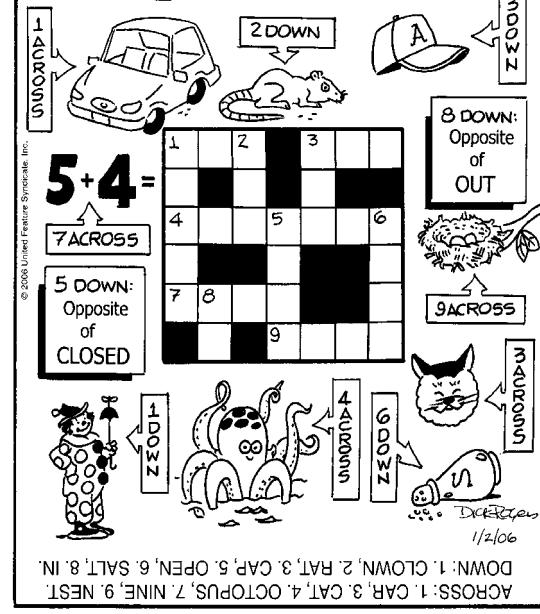
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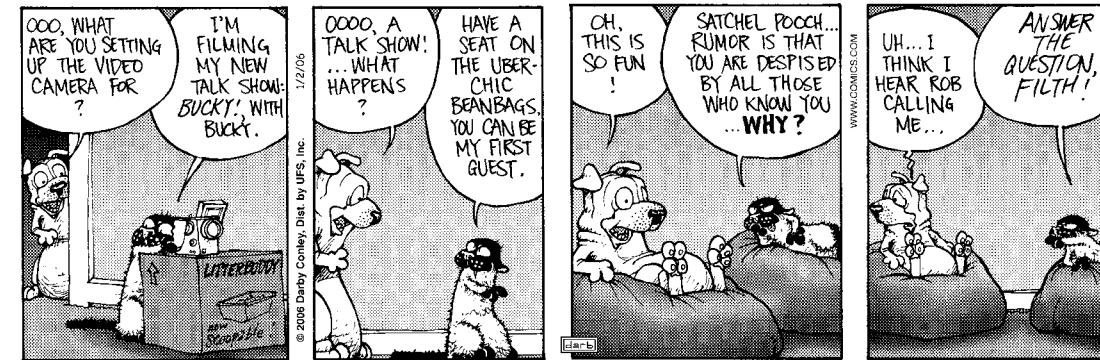
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## KidSpot™

by Dick Rogers



## GET FUZZY



## GRAND AVENUE



## ASTROGRAPH

## Your birthday:

Monday, Jan. 2, 2006

A number of favorable changes are in the offing for you in the year ahead where your work is concerned.

Obstacles that had blocked your path previously will now be removed, opening up a route to the top.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Where dollars and cents are concerned, there will be no one more clever and perceptive than you are today. This is a winning combination that can only lead to profit when applied.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

By underplaying your presence at a social gathering today, you'll actually become the center of attention. Being low-keyed creates a lure of mystery about you that'll be irresistible.

## PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Conditions are particularly propitious for you today for advancing a secret ambition you're harboring. When you see the "go" signs, don't hold back. Move on it full speed.

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)

One of your greatest assets is your ability to present your facts in such a manner that the points you're making are very clear. To your credit today, you'll also do so by teaching, not preaching.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You're in a particularly good period where anything you do in tandem with another can work out exceptionally well. Join up once again today to form a productive union with a cohort.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

One of the remarkable things you're able to do so well is to draw out the good ideas others might have, and then use them in an advantageous manner to expand your own interests. Do so today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

There's a strong possibility that you will get the opportunity today to reap hidden benefits from situations where you can use your talents to transform something another had begun.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Anything you do with others today has exceptionally good chances of succeeding, due in much part to everyone allowing the others to use their talents to the fullest. Be a joiner.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Even if you have a few difficult conditions with which to contend today, you won't get disconcerted. You'll know by hanging in there, all can be turned around to your advantage.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Your natural executive qualities will be very much in evidence today, so don't be surprised if your associates ask you to organize and manage an event which is very important to everyone.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

As of today, you could start to see returns come in on a number of things for which you've worked hard and long. You'll get everything in equal proportion to which you're entitled.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Today, there will be no question in your mind about what needs doing. More importantly, however, because you'll know how to get things done, your objectives will be successfully concluded.



## Vet worries son's protest could provoke threat

DEAR ABBY: I am an armed forces veteran who spent a tour of duty in Iraq in 2004.

My wife and I separated three years ago, and she and our four children now reside in another state. Neither of us has moved on, and we may reconcile later in life.

I am writing about my oldest son, "Jon," who is 18 and not out of high school due to poor grades. He and I do not have a good relationship and have different views regarding life and politics. Jon is still bitter over his mother and me separating. When I returned from Iraq on mid-tour leave, I gave him the uniform jacket I wore in combat with all the rank, flags, name tags, etc., on it as a gift. I know from my own youth that I would have been proud to have had something from my uncles or father that they wore during the war. Jon started wearing it as soon as I gave it to him, and I was proud of him to do so.

I have not seen him much since my return to the United States from the war. However, I did see him a little over a month ago and noticed that he's still wearing the jacket. My wife says he wears it often.

He has written an anarchy symbol in permanent marker on the American flag on the right sleeve under my combat patch. I am angry and disappointed, but I didn't make waves.

I am not sure how to handle this, and I'm afraid that a returning soldier may take one look and vent his problems from a combat tour of duty on my son.

— VET IN ALABAMA

DEAR VET: Your son may have defaced the jacket to punish you for the separation or as a political statement. We live in a country that guarantees freedom of speech.

Ask him if he realizes the effect that the anarchy symbol he penned on the American flag may have on other vets (including you).

If the answer is yes, then he may have to learn the hard way what can happen when someone does something that's deliberately inflammatory.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## Answer to Previous Puzzle

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