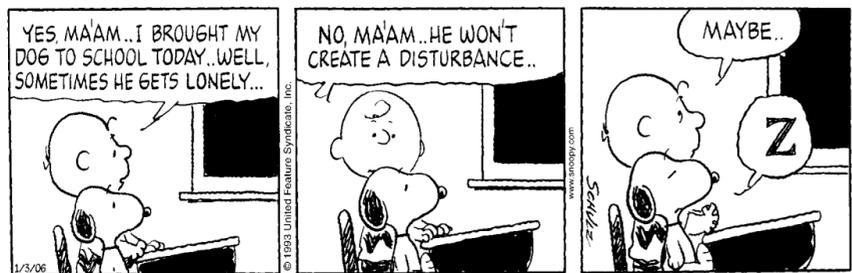


**GARFIELD**



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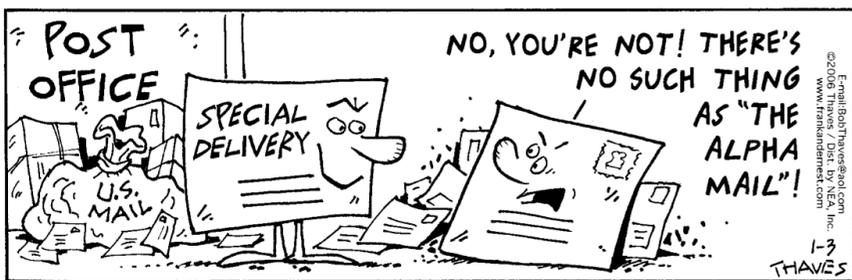
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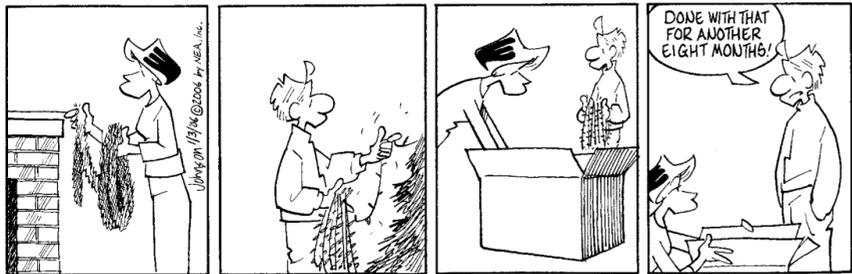
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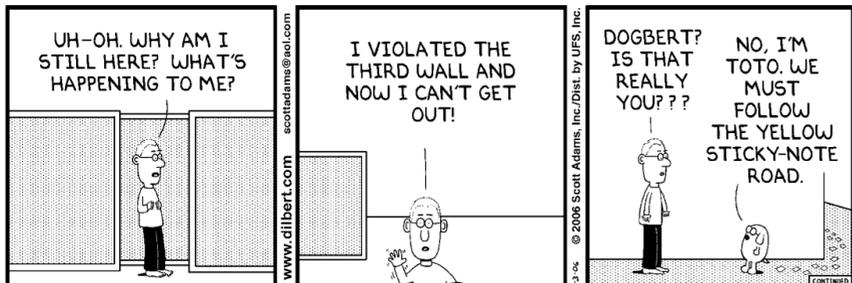
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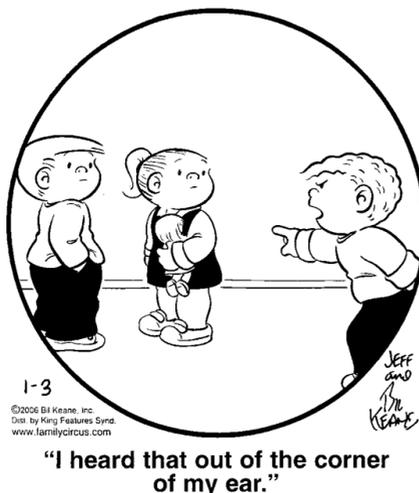
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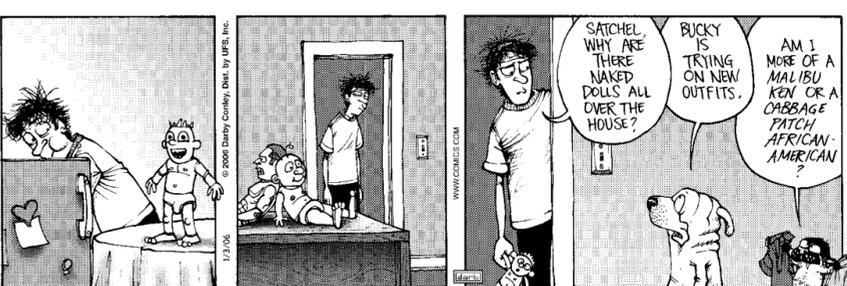
**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



**HERMAN**



**GET FUZZY**



**GRAND AVENUE**



**ASTROGRAPH**

**Your birthday:**  
Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006

Conditions in general look like they could turn out to be particularly interesting for you in the year ahead. You might unexpectedly find yourself actively involved in a new enterprise that will not only be successful, but fun as well.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Rely as much as you can on your mental abilities as you do your physical ones when involved in some type of competitive sport today. Strategizing your game gives you an edge.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)**  
Conditions look quite favorable for you today, but the area where you could be the luckiest concerns your financial affairs, especially spontaneous opportunities.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**  
Greater strides can be made today if you focus on your personal ambitions and interests, instead of half-heartedly trying to fire up others who have little desire in doing anything progressive.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
You could be surprisingly fortunate today, especially when you don't broadcast your plan of action or business intentions to others. Embrace solitude and do your own thing quietly.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
A glimpse into what lies ahead could flash into your head today. Don't underplay it; instead effectively blend your present efforts with something you believe could become a possibility.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
Impromptu words and actions could have a powerful impact on your affairs

today, so be sure that whatever you do or say in front of others leaves the kind of impression you desire for yourself.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Because you are exceptionally sharp today, you could find yourself being bombarded by a profusion of constructive thoughts. Try to implement as many as you can when the ideas strike.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
You have a special aptitude today for ferreting out the root causes of vexing problems that pop up. Finding solutions to them will be fun and easy for you when you're so inclined to do so.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
A suggestion that offers you and your partner some kind of change regarding a joint interest should not be ignored today, but instead given considerable weight. It could do you both a lot of good.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**  
A frustrating condition concerning your work, which has been plaguing you for some time, could suddenly make a right turn today. That weight will be lifted as you go down a path to success and profit.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**  
Try to pal around today with a person who acts and thinks young, because it will have a marvelous rehabilitating impact on your own outlook. Let your hair down and have some fun.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**  
There is no reason whatsoever that you should settle for the status quo today. If you know of a bold new way of changing something for the better, don't drag your feet.

**KidSpot™** by Dick Rogers  
**THE KUIZ KIDS** Keat and Kate

You'll find ice all around on a cold winter's day

Pick the correct letters to complete these cool words that end in ICE

1. A game \_\_\_ + ICE  
2. Rodents \_\_\_ + ICE  
3. Pleasant \_\_\_ + ICE  
4. More than once \_\_\_ + ICE  
5. Law officers \_\_\_ + ICE

ANS: 1. DICE, 2. MICE, 3. NICE, 4. TWICE, 5. POLICE



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

**Peer pressure leads youths to deadly games**

**DEAR ABBY:** I turned 21 on the 11th of last month, and my friends wanted me to celebrate with 21 shots of liquor.

But after reading your columns about the 21 deadly birthday shots, I told them it was one tradition I wouldn't be trying.

Thank you for addressing this issue and printing the letters from the parents. I decided that my life is more important than impressing my friends.

— TARA IN CLINTON, MISS.

**DEAR TARA:** I'm pleased beyond words that the column helped you make that wise decision.

Too many young adults cave in to peer pressure and put their lives at risk when a spot of common sense would prevent it.

Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** The other night, my 19-year-old daughter, "Erin," told me about a game some teens are playing for kicks. She didn't seem to realize it could get her killed.

Erin jumped on the hood of a friend's truck, and he took off as fast as he could. He was unaware that she didn't have her grip. When he slammed on the brakes, she went flying and landed on her back.

She hit her head, scraped her back, backside and elbows, then hit her head again. She got up and nearly fainted, but no one bothered to call an ambulance or take her to the hospital.

Talking with people, I'm hearing that this game is not uncommon. I'm still shaken about how close I came to losing my daughter.

Please, Abby, warn kids that these games are life-threatening, that burying a child or caring for one who is brain-damaged for life is a big deal.

— STUNNED MOTHER, ESCONDIDO, CALIF.

**DEAR MOTHER:** I'm spreading the word in the hope that it will cause some of the risk-takers to wake up and realize that no one is invincible.

My advice to you is to do whatever you must to get your daughter away from the immature and irresponsible crowd she's hanging around with.

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**ACROSS**

1 Pull gently  
4 Vanilla source  
8 Mr. DiMaggio  
11 KLM datum  
12 Strauss  
13 of denim fame  
14 Matador's foe  
15 Guinness or Baldwin  
16 Shortly  
17 Citrus fruits  
19 Yada yada ...  
21 Oven shelf  
22 Whaler of fiction  
25 Casual wear (hyph.)  
29 Thousand bucks  
31 Came to  
34 Bob Hope sponsor  
35 Free electrons  
36 Insinuate  
37 Lawyer's thing  
38 Bilko and Preston

**DOWN**

1 Greenish-blue color  
2 Sheer  
3 Type of ray  
4 Uncut keys  
5 Sushi fish  
6 Gladiator's hello  
7 Pleasant  
8 Voight of film  
9 Gonzalez's gold  
10 Many years  
13 RPM dial  
18 Sonnet stanza  
20 Trim a doily  
23 All excited  
24 Crooked  
26 Let fly  
27 Shrink's reply (2 wds.)  
28 Sub —  
30 Mountain curve  
31 Reporter's query  
32 Sound piggyish  
33 Leg part  
35 Campaign topic  
40 Snapshot  
41 Puts out a fire  
43 Heap  
45 Musical signs  
46 Gets the news  
48 Seesaw (hyph.)  
49 Ambivalent  
50 Confound it!  
51 Wine cask  
52 Kind of system  
53 DJ gear  
55 Physique

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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