ZITS  BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

SO ANY BIG PLANS FOR WINTER BREAK, JEREMY?
NOT REALLY.

YOU SHOULD DO SOMETHING FUN.

SOMETHING INSPIRING.

SOMETHING THRILLING, UNUSUAL AND ADVENTUROUS!

SOMETHING WE COULD DO AS A FAMILY!

WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY ‘MIXED MESSAGES’?

CANDORVILLE  BY DARRIN BELL

WOW, DADDY. THE OUTSIDE IS IN REALLY HIGH-DEFINITION.

DILBERT  BY SCOTT ADAMS

WE WON A GOVERNMENT CONTRACT TO BUILD A CO2 CAPTURE MACHINE, AND WE NEED SOME IDEAS.

WE'RE ONLY BRAIN-STORMING HERE, SO REMEMBER, THERE ARE NO ‘BAD IDEAS.’

WE COULD CAPTURE THE CO2 WITH A NET.

AREN'T YOU GOING TO WRITE THAT ONE DOWN?

NO, I'M FAIRLY CONFIDENT I'LL REMEMBER THAT SUGGESTION FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.

WE COULD ATTRACT THE CO2 WITH SOME SORT OF FOOD.

FORGET IT! YOU'RE ALL IDIOTS! I'LL JUST DESIGN THE STUPID MACHINE MYSELF!

THAT WAS FUN. I LOVE BRAIN-STORMING.
BABY BLUES

BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT

AAAAND...DONE!

MERRY C-

Guns! It's time to plug in the Christmas lights!

THREE! TWO! ONE!

Let's go in before we hear any not-safe-for-Santa language.

AW!

BALDO

BY CANTÚ AND CASTELLANOS

YOU WERE RIGHT!

This is an awesome way to play 'Super Flight!'

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR WHEN I PUT UP THE HOLIDAY DECORATIONS.

SOME OF THESE DECORATIONS HAVE BEEN IN THE FAMILY FOR YEARS.

GLASS BALLS FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE, A WREATH FOR THE DOOR...

HOW FESTIVE.

REINDEER ANTLERS FOR THE DOG...

EEK!

MINE HAS FLASHING LIGHTS AND PLAYS 'JINGLE BELLS.'

YOU HAVE MY SYMPATHIES.
CARPE DIEM

WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON? I'M GONE FOR JUST 30 MINUTES AND YOU'RE OFF PLAYING WITH THE DOLPHINS!

BY NIKLAS ERIKSSON

PARDON MY PLANET

I'VE HEARD THAT YOU SHOULD NEVER GO GROCERY SHOPPING ON AN EMPTY STOMACH. I MIGHT ADD THAT YOU NEVER GO ON AN EMPTY WALLET, EITHER.

BY VIC LEE

THE ARGYLE SWEATER

OK, LEO. FROM NOW ON, YOU INTERVIEW THE WITNESSES, AND I'LL OUTLINE THE BODY.

LEONARDO DA VINCI: SCULPTOR, PAINTER, SHORT-LIVED POLICE CHALK ARTIST.

BY SCOTT HILBURN
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

I don’t know what it is, doctor, but I’m much less happy than I was twenty years ago.

I see. Has your health changed?

No, same.

Job stress?

Same.

Living situation?

Same.

Finances?

Same.

Diet? Same.

Well, that is very mysterious.

Hey, wild guess here, but do you happen to have a communication device on you that has turned all seven billion people on earth into full-time critics, made us all feel inadequate and constantly exposed us to all of the world’s worst news?

I may have had a breakthrough in therapy.

B.C.

BY MASON MASTROIANNI AND MICK MASTROIANNI

We share epic tales designed to evoke great suspense and fear.

—Peter

WE HAVE CABLE NEWS.

OVER THE HEDGE

BY MICHAEL FRY & T LEWIS

Excuse me... I have an announcement...

Christmas has been canceled...

What??

...but by then we will have plenty of X-bones and playstations and an NFT of a pixelated Rudolph doing the mambo.

...there will be no trees or snow or illuminated blinking baby Jesus...

No blinking Jesus??

Yay! Christmas is Saved!

But... Christmas in June?

We’ll gather round the Weber grill and sing classic rock.

And this bird you cannot change... and this bird you cannot change...
**SPEED BUMP**

BY DAVE COVERLY

ALL THAT EFFORT TO MINE OUR DATA WHEN EVERYONE KNOWS WE ONLY WANT ADS FOR FOOD.

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**FRAZZ**

BY JEF MALLETT

MY 4TH-GRADE GRANDDAUGHTER IS CHECKING OUT GRAD SCHOOLS?

SOME GENETIC CODERS THINK THEY CAN REINTRODUCE THE WOOLY MAMMOTH...

...INTO A WARMING PLANET.

WHICH STRIKES ME AS MAKING THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE.

YOU THINK YOU CAN CHANGE THEIR MINDS?

NO, BUT MAYBE I CAN LEARN ENOUGH TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE WARMING PLANET.

OH, SO YOU WANT TO TAKE US BACK TO THE ICE AGE?

I HEARD YOU SHARED A COMPLICATED THOUGHT WITH... AN UNCOMPLICATED PERSON.

I WON'T MAKE THAT MISTAKE TWICE.
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FORT KNOX

By Paul Jon

Why would anyone buy a "snowman kit" from you??

Because I'm the only one selling them.

It's a huge detail!!!

The kit includes something to fix that.

No, they won't! Because it doesn't snow here!

That's a very minor detail, Betty.

Build a frozen friend. Cheap!

Frosty lives. Rent it for $5.

Why?

Directions to the North Pole.

I HIRE SNOWFLAKES.

GOT SNOWMAN!

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JUMP START

By Robb Armstrong

What do you want from me, Joe?

I've acknowledged my alcoholism... and I'm doing something about it.

I'm in George Crunchy's recovery program, and it's helping!

I haven't touched any booze since I started working at the rescue mission!

I keep this place spotless and very well-organized.

I've even taken up chess... almost beat Sarah once!

Have you made amends with the people you've hurt?

Grrrrrr.

I HIRE SNOWFLAKES.

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PRICKLY CITY

By Scott Stantis

Today's national Poinsettia Day.

Do you know where the poinsettia came from, Washington?

No, but I have a bad feeling you're about to tell me.

Josh Roberts, founder of Poinsettia, the first poinsettia to Mexico, sent cuttings back to the U.S. in 1925.

But it wasn't until 1920 that a farmer named Paul Ecke discovered a grafting technique that caused the seedlings to branch. His son, Paul Ecke Jr., grew the business into the popular holiday plant it is today!

So why are they called Poinsettias and not Ecke?

I think you answered your own question there, old Chum.

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