BEETLE BAILEY

BY MORT, GREG & BRIAN WALKER

THE POWER WENT OUT!

I'LL GO GET A FLASHLIGHT!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

SOMEONE HAS TO EAT ALL THIS FOOD BEFORE IT SPOILS!

DOONESBURY

by G.B.Trudeau

WELL SAID, BOYS! SO WHAT DOES ARE YOU TWO PLAYING TODAY?

I'M PLAYING A BIT LESS POLITICIAN. I FLED EARLY TO A SECURE LOCATION.

I'M PLAYING MYSELF, A PATRIOT! BUT THIS TIME I'M TAKING MY OWN HERO!

INTERESTING. WHAT FOK?

TO USE AT YOUR TRAIL, RIGHT, HANKY? YEP! TO PROVE MY INNOCENCE!
ZITS
BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

OH, DID YOU ALREADY START THE DISHWASHER?
YES!

I ASKED IF YOU HAD ANY DIRTY DISHES AN HOUR AGO, AND YOU IGNORED ME!

NOW YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO FACE THE CONSEQUENCES!

I THOUGHT "CONSEQUENCES" WERE SUPPOSED TO BE BAD.

CANDORVILLE
BY DARRIN BELL

HOW ARE YOU TWO GETTING ALONG?
SHE WOULDN'T SEE REASON!

I THOUGHT SHE'D CHANGE. I THOUGHT THAT ONE DAY, SHE'D BECOME KINDER AND LESS SELF-CENTERED.

I SEE.

BUT DECADE AFTER DECADE, IT'S THE SAME THING! SHE hasn't CHANGED AT ALL!

SHE STILL WON'T ADMIT THAT THERE was PLENTY OF ROOM FOR JACk ON THAT POOR ROSE, Didn't HAVE TO LET THAT POOR MAN DROWN!

WAIT... ARE WE TALKING ABOUT "TITANIC"?

HE HAS TROUBLE LETTING THINGS GO.

EVERY TIME SHE'S MAD AT ME, SHE LEAVES A ROSE ON MY PILLOW!

DILBERT
BY SCOTT ADAMS

I INVENTED A DEVICE THAT CAN DETECT LOSERS.
HOW DO I KNOW IT'S ACCURATE?

POINT IT AT A KNOWN LOSER AND SEE IF IT PINGS.

HEY! IT KNOWS TED IS A LOSER!

HA HA HA!!! IT SAYS DILBERT AND ALICE ARE LOSERS TOO!
AND CAROL AND WALLY TOO! HA HA HA!! THIS THING IS TOTALLY ACCURATE!

PING! PING!

YOU'RE HOLDING IT BACKWARD.

HOW EXACTLY DOES IT DETECT LOSERS?

THEY'RE THE ONES WHO HOLD IT BACKWARD.
**STARS AND STRIPES**

**THE OTHER COAST**

SON IT WON’T BE LONG BEFORE YOU’LL BE LEAVING THE NEST.

MAKING YOUR OWN WAY IN THE WORLD, RELYING ON YOUR EAGLE SKILLS TO SURVIVE.

FROM UP HIGH, YOU’LL SPOT YOUR PREY AND SWOOP DOWN ON IT AT AN AWESOME RATE OF SPEED.

NOTHING WILL BE SAFE FROM YOUR TALONS OF STEEL.

DOES THAT MEAN I’LL BE JUST LIKE DAD?

FIRE UP THE BARBECUE! I FOUND A WORM IN A PUDDLE!

I HOPE NOT.

**BABY BLUES**

WHIFF!

STRIKE ONE!

I WASN’T READY!

STRIKE TWO!

I WASN’T READY!

STRIKE THREE!

I WASN’T READY!

STRIKE FOUR! STRIKE FIVE! STRIKE SIX!

WHIFF!

WHIFF!

WHIFF!

I THINK IT’S MY TURN TO BAT

JUST KEEP PITCHING! IF I HIT ONE, I WAS READY.

**BALDO**

IT WON’T START.

HAMM, WHAT’S WRONG WITH IT?

SORRY, I WAS SO BUSY CELEBRATING...

I DIDN’T HAVE TIME TO FIND OUT.

WE NEED TO TALK.

**BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT**

**BY GANTÚ AND CASTELLANOS**

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CARPE DIEM

BY NIKLAS ERIKSSON

PARDON MY PLANET

BY VIC LEE

THE ARGYLE SWEATER

BY SCOTT HILBURN

AFTER HUDDLING FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, PETE DECIDED TO SWITCH SOME THINGS UP.
**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE**

Hey, Steph. This is neighbor boy's kid Julia. She just graduated from Berkeley. Thats great, gosh. I loved my last year at Cal. The campus activities. Drinking at 'Henry's... The football games with Aaron Rodgers. Basketball games with Jason Kidd. And going to 'top dog' for late night hot dogs...

And of course graduation at Zellerbach Hall. My whole family was there. Now how about you? How do you enjoy the experience?

I sat in my bedroom and stared at a computer screen. Maybe don't reminisce around the covid generation. Is she still crying in the bathroom?

**BY STEPHAN PASTIS**

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**B.C.**

By Mason Mastroianni and Mick Mastroianni

Sniff Sniff

Shake Shake

FUUNK

Hi, Grog!

SPOODIE

I’m not even gonna ask. Probably for the best.

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**OVER THE HEDGE**

By Michael Fry & T Lewis

VERNE, WHAT’S INFINITY?

...You see, diverse ancient races, many of which were quite advanced in their...

RJ... YEP?

GOOD QUESTION, HAMMY... AND EITHER A MATHEMATICAL OR A PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTION, DEPENDING ON YOUR POSITION IN HISTORY OR CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE...

...WHAT'S INFINITY?

...TRADITIONALLY, “INFINITY” BROADLY Refers TO BOUNDLESS SIZES AND/OR QUANTITIES, BUT “ANY” WITHIN THAT SIMPLE DECLARATION LIE SEVERAL CONTEXTUAL TRAPS...

THE NUMBER OF TIMES YOU CAN REHEAT A CUP OF COFFEE IN THE MICROWAVE.
**SPEED BUMP**

BY DAVE COVERLY

**FRAZZ**

BY JEF MALLET

What's your Body Mass Index, Frazza?

I don't know. I really don't need to know.

.translation-

It's not flattering.

B.M.I. is a blunt instrument. It isn't useful on an individual basis.

Then why use it?

It's accurate across larger groups, which is what it was designed for.

That makes no sense.

It does, and it works.

If you get a flawed answer, asking it again will magnify the error, not mitigate it.

What are you doing?

Deciding. Call it. If you win, I'll concede you're right.

Heads.

It's tails. I'm right.

Best two out of three.

Right.
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FORT KNOX
BY PAUL JON

YOU NEED TO INVEST IN REAL ESTATE, FATHER.

OH REALLY?

YES, THE PROFITS WOULD BE INCREDIBLE.

AND WHO IS GOING TO MANAGE THESE PROPERTIES??

ME, OF COURSE! IT’S TIME THAT I HELPED OUT MORE.

BECAUSE I WANT TO EARN YOUR RESPECT.

HOW NICE!

AND A 90% CUT.

JUMP START
BY ROBB ARMSTRONG

MARCUS, DO THAT OLD TRUCK A FAVOR...

- AND PUT IT OUT OF ITS MISERY!

I LOVE THAT OLD TRUCK, CLARENCE!

WE’D SUFFERED A TOUGH OVERTIME LOSS TO USC...

AND WHEN I GOT BACK TO MY DORM, THERE IT WAS!

THE ENGINE WAS RUNNING, AND YOU’D SCRIBBLED A NOTE:
“MERRY CHRISTMAS”

I WAS HOPING SOMEBODY WOULD STEAL IT!

PRICKLY CITY
BY SCOTT STANTIS

WITH FAITH, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.

I DON’T THINK THAT’S ALWAYS TRUE, CARMEN.

WITH GREAT FAITH, GREAT THINGS HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

ABSOLUTELY!

I HAVE FAITH!

IT ALL DEPENDS ON WHERE YOU PLACE YOUR FAITH. FAITH IN BIDDERS WOULD BE BAD, HERE...