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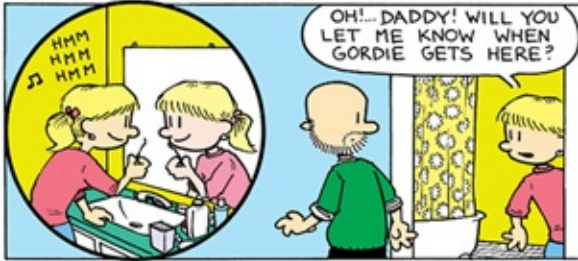
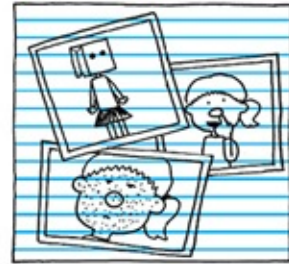
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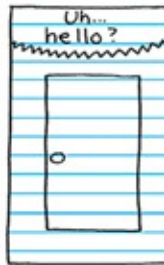
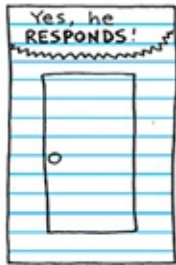
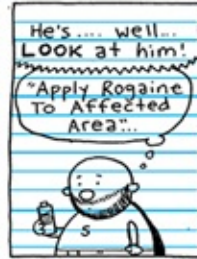
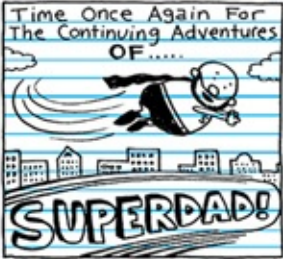
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Time Once Again For

Celebrity
INTERVIEW!
 Here's Your Host:
CHIP CHIPSON!




Hello, friends!
 My special quest
 today is none
 other than
 famed sleep-
 meister...
**MISTER
 SANDMAN!**


Call
 me
 "Sandy,"
 Chip.



So, Sandy... Not ALL
 You're in people,
 charge of Chip!
 helping people My area
 fall asleep. of
 am I expertise
 right? is children!



I see... It CAN
 and is it be! There
 difficult are a lot
 to get of factors
 children to con-
 to sleep? sider!



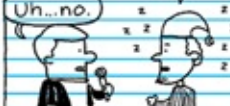
Such
 as?

Well, like
SUGAR! You
 let a kid eat
 ice cream
 before bed, and
I'M in for a
 long night!



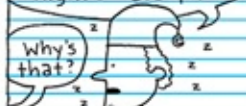
SLUMBER PARTIES
 are brutal, too!
 Ever try to get a
 dozen ten-year-olds
 to fall asleep at
 the same time?

Uh...no.



The **SEASON** has a lot
 to do with it, too!
AT THIS time of
 year, it's almost
IMPOSSIBLE for kids
 to get a good
 night's sleep!

Why's
 that?



WELLLLLOME
 BAAAAACK!

**NO!
 NO!
 NO!**





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The LAST Summer Blockbuster... EVER!!

DAY OF RECKONING!

Starring: MOE MENTUM!

Washington, August 1998:

WHAT?? A giant asteroid is on a collision course with Earth?

Right, Mr. President! Only ONE MAN can save us!

Give me a plane, a jackknife, a soldier of fortune! I'll stop that asteroid COLD!

SLADE MCSUEDE, and a box of baking soda, and

AND SOON...

Houston, this is Roger McSuede. I'm about to blow this asteroid to kingdom come!

Roger McSuede!

?!?! oh, NO! My missiles aren't firing!

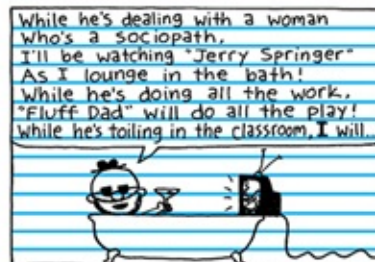
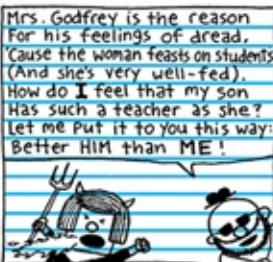
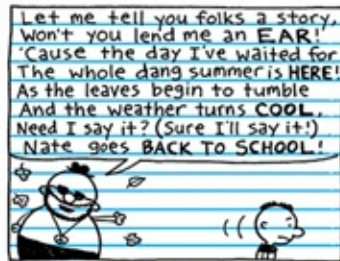
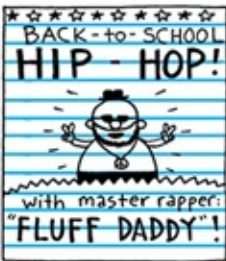
Backup systems have failed!

DO something, TOO LATE! The McSuede! asteroid is entering Earth's atmosphere!

THE EARTH IS DOOM!

AAAAAH! I SMUDGED!

OH, IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD.



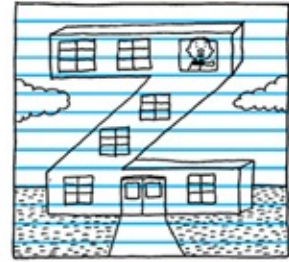
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A cartoon illustration of a boy with spiky hair, wearing a blue shirt and yellow pants, running to the right. He is carrying several drawings and a pencil.



SHLOX-TV presents...
"I WANT TO BE A JILLIONAIRE!"
 ...APPLAUSE!
 with your host:
KEN DOOLITTLE!

Friends, let's welcome our next contestant: 15-year-old cheerleader and "Dilly Burger" employee **ELLEN WRIGHT!!**

CLAP! CLAP!
 CLAP! CLAP!
 CLAP! CLAP!

Ellen... **GOOD LUCK!** Now **HERE'S** your **FIRST QUESTION!**

"Little Miss Muffet sat on a..." **BLANK!**

Is the answer
 A. swing
 B. hilltop
 C. chair, or
 D. tuffet

TICK TICK TICK
 TICK TICK TICK
 TICK TICK TICK
 TICK TICK TICK

? ? ?

Uh... Ellen?
 Yes, Don?
 It's Ken.
 Yes, Ken?

Do you guess A, B, C or D?
 I'll guess B, Don.
 Is that your **FINAL ANSWER?**
 What does "final answer" mean?

BZZZZZ!

AWWWWW!
SORRY, Ellen! You should have used your "lifeline!"

What's that?

That's when you admit you're not **SMART** enough to answer the question **YOURSELF...**

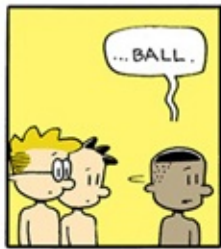
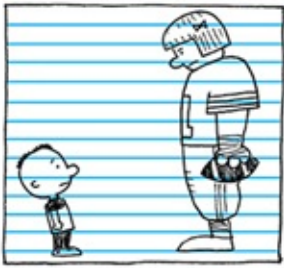
...So you **REACH OUT** to someone you **KNOW!**



I'M **REACHING OUT** TO SOMEONE I **KNOW.**

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Time For Another Edition Of...
CELEBRITY INTERVIEW!
with your host:
Chip Chipson
Today's Guest:
Celebrity Psychic
CLAIRE VOYANT!

Greetings, Friends!
Today psychic
CLAIRE VOYANT
will make some
PREDICTIONS
about the
coming school
year!

I knew you were going to say that.

Claire, what's in the future for everyone's favorite 6th-grade Renaissance Man, **NATE WRIGHT?**

Hmm...

Nate will be lucky in love. He will be awash in a virtual "babe tsunami."

animal magnetism

His prodigious athletic skills will bring him great success on the playing field.

Look! NATE'S playing goal!

Why even try?

We forfeit.

But...hmm...in Nate's **IMMEDIATE** future, something else is coming into focus!... a **NUMBER!**

What kind of number, Claire?

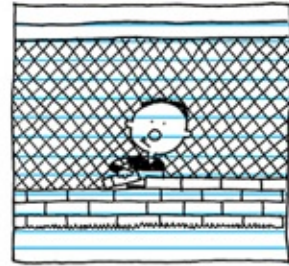
Still hazy... It... it's a two-digit number! A **LOW** two-digit number!

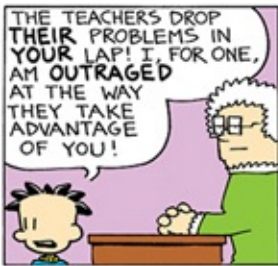
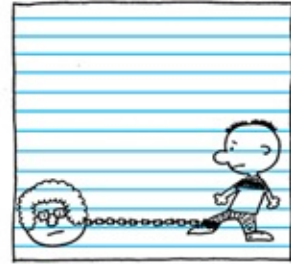
A 12?

FOR THE NEXT TEST, AT LEAST **PRETEND** TO STUDY.

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Time Once Again For...
"FEELINGS"
 with your host:
DR. WARREN FUZZY!
 Greetings, Soul travelers!



Friends, I'm here today to talk about a common but serious condition among middle-aged men: **"PETER PAN SYNDROME"**!




Peter Pan, of course, is the beloved hero of children's literature who simply **REFUSES** to grow up!




Likewise, the world is **FULL** of men who are determined **NOT** to act their age!

examples: trophy wife
 comb-over




Desperate to recapture their youth, they feebly attempt to act like the boys they once were, unaware of just how **PATHETIC** they look!


Word up, homeys!



How can we help these poor souls? The answer is surprisingly simple: by doing **NOTHING**!!



These men **CAN'T** turn back Time! Eventually, reality will set in and they'll discover the cruel truth: they're **OLD**!



!! GASP!!... WHEEZE... G-GOING... INSIDE...
 FINALLY.



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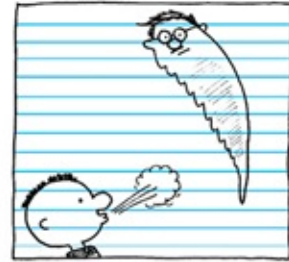




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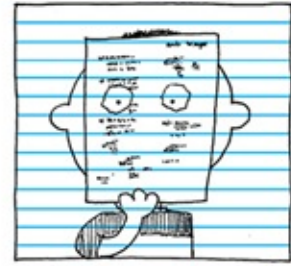


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Hello, friends! CHIP CHIPSON here with a special report: **AT HOME WITH MRS. GODFREY!!**

Mrs. G., a lot of people are wondering: what's your life like AWAY from the classroom? Will you show us around?

Sure, Chip.

E-GAD! A jar of slugs and maggots!

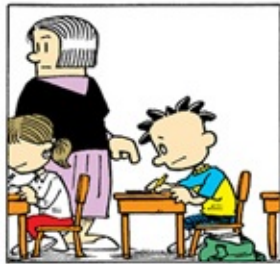
Careful, you fool! That's my dinner!

Nice... um... coffin.

I need a firm mattress

here?

WAP!



$\frac{17}{102} = \frac{x}{36}$

$\frac{17}{102} = \frac{60}{x}$

$\frac{36}{612} = \frac{60}{x}$

$102 \overline{) 612}$

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WELL, NATE, I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU WORKING SO HARD.

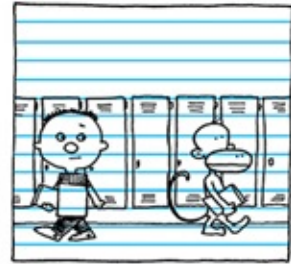
UNFORTUNATELY YOU'RE WORKING ON MATH. THIS IS SOCIAL STUDIES.

I WHIPPED OUT THE WRONG DECOY SHEET.

ARE THOSE DRAWINGS UNDER THERE?

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A BANANA PEEL?

YUP! I'VE GOT A POINT TO PROVE!

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN - REALLY SEEN - SOMEONE SLIP ON A BANANA PEEL?

WELL, IN CARTOONS I'VE -

AH-HA! IN CARTOONS! BUT NOT IN REAL LIFE!

...AND WHY NOT? BECAUSE BANANA PEELS ARE NOT SLIPPERY!

SEE? I COULDN'T SLIP ON THIS IF I TRIED!

HMM! YOU'RE RIGHT!

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF PEOPLE BELIEVING A MYTH!

PEOPLE JUST DON'T SLIP ON BANANA PEELS IN REAL LIFE! IT DOESN'T HAPPEN!



THIS ISN'T HAPPENING.

PRINCIPAL SHUT UP

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HELLO, friends!
BIFF BIFFWELL
 here! Time for our
 annual conversation
 with **HOWARD**
PLOTZ, resolution
 accountant!

Yo,
 Biff.

As we all know,
HOWARD here keeps
 track of all the New
 Year's Resolutions
 that people make
 at this time of
 year!

Correct

Tell me, Howard.
 Do people get
 in trouble
 when they
 break a
 resolution?

Not
 always,
 Biff

Some resolutions
 simply **CAN'T** be
 kept! They're
MADE to be
 broken!

Because they're
 made under
DURESS!
 And
 why's
 that? Usually
 at
 the suggestion
 of a misguided
PARENT!

What ends up
 happening? People
 make resolutions
 they really **DON'T**
WANT to keep!

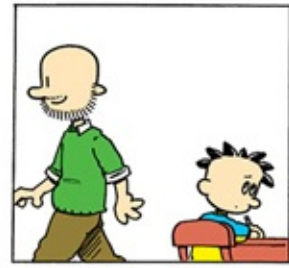
So...it's
OKAY to
 break
 those
 kinds
 of reso-
 lutions?

ABSOLUTELY,
 Biff!
 To do
 otherwise
 would be
UNNATURAL!



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Hello, Folks!
My name's
KEN DOLITTLE!
Welcome to...
THIS IS YOUR LIFE!

CLAP! CLAP!
CLAP! CLAP!

...And our special guest today is... **DAD!**
Guess what, Dad? **THIS IS YOUR LIFE!**

What's a life?

Dad, we've searched the country for friends and neighbors from your past!...People who want to tell you just how much you've **MEANT** to them over the years!

And now it's time to **MEET** those friends and neighbors! Let's bring 'em in, Johnny!



Uh... Johnny?

Yeah, Ken?

ON THE AIR

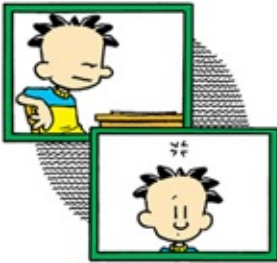
Where are the friends from Dad's past?

We couldn't find any, Ken.

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON?



THIS IS MY LIFE.





CARTOONING CLUB Meeting TODAY! ROOM 215

GANG, AS YOUR FACULTY ADVISOR, I WANT TO ADDRESS SOME CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CARTOONS.

I'VE NOTICED THAT MANY OF YOU SPEND A LOT OF TIME DRAWING CARTOONS ABOUT YOUR CLASSMATES.

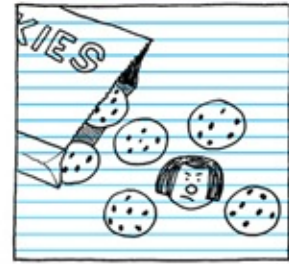
THE PROBLEM IS THAT THESE CARTOONS ARE OFTEN CRUEL!... EVEN VICIOUS!

THERE'S NOTHING FUNNY ABOUT BELITTLING OTHERS FOR YOUR OWN ENJOYMENT! DO YOU HAVE TO MAKE OTHERS FEEL BAD SO THAT YOU CAN FEEL GOOD?

STARTING TODAY, I'M IMPOSING A NEW RULE: NO MORE COMICS ABOUT YOUR CLASSMATES!

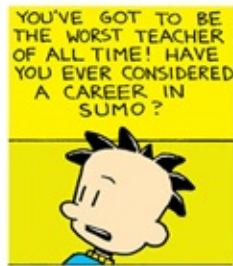
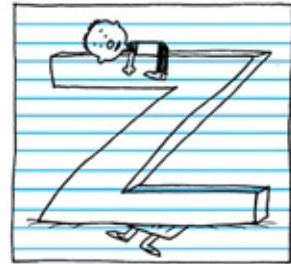
OKAY? HAVE FUN.

DUHH... I DON'T MEAN TO BE "PICKY" BUT...
Dang! jug ears
Ow!



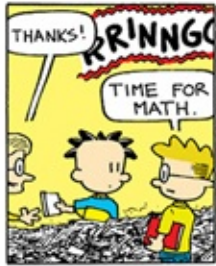
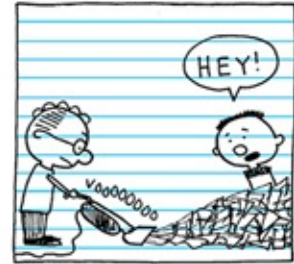
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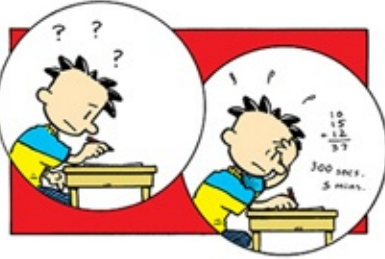

1.) Carl is taking a math test. There are 10 questions which take 30 seconds each; 15 questions which take 40 seconds each; and 12 questions which take two minutes each.



Carl pauses for 5 seconds between questions. In addition, he sharpens his pencil twice, which takes 20 seconds each time. The test begins promptly at 10:00 am. When Carl hands in his completed test,



what time is it?

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ + 15 \\ \hline 25 \end{array}$$
 300 sec.
 5 min.



$$\begin{array}{r} 40 \\ + 15 \\ \hline 55 \\ 55 \times 15 = 825 \\ 60 \text{ min.} \\ 70 + 45 = 115 \\ 75 \\ + 35 \\ \hline 110 \\ 3 \text{ min.} \\ 40 \text{ sec.} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 120 \\ + 15 \\ \hline 135 \\ 135 \times 12 = 1620 \\ 140 \text{ sec.} \\ 55 \\ 60 \text{ min.} \\ 110 \\ 140 \\ \hline 250 \\ 300 \\ 110 \\ 100 \\ \hline 520 \\ 1720 \end{array}$$

YAAAAAAAH!

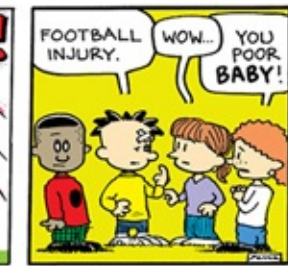
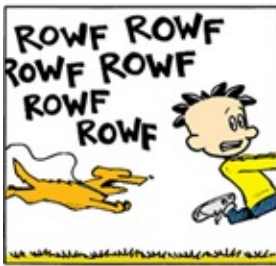
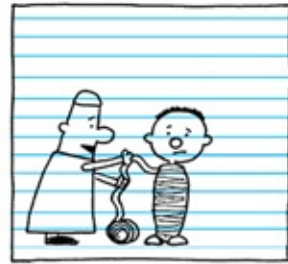




TICK
TICK
TICK
TICK
TICK

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The title card features the name "big NATE" in large, stylized, block letters. "big" is in yellow with black outlines, and "NATE" is in black with yellow outlines. To the right, a cartoon boy with spiky hair, wearing a blue shirt and yellow pants, is running. He is carrying a book and a pencil, and there are some papers or cards floating around him. The background is white with a black border.

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* UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL!

with your host: **CHIP CHIPSON!**

Greetings, friends! I'm here with "Cucurbita Pepo," or as he's more commonly known... **PAT PUMPKIN!**

You da man, Chip.

Well, Pat, I'm sick of sitting almost around Hal-lowe-en! like a... a **VEGETABLE!**

So you look forward to this time of year, eh?

Oh, my Gourd. **YES!** It's the highlight of our year!

There's no greater honor for a pumpkin than getting picked, taken home and carved into a first-class Jack-o'-Lantern!

So it's not **SCARY** getting carved up?

Not at all! Unless... Unless...

Unless **WHAT?**

Unless you end up with a **CLUMSY CARVER!** You see, most people can easily carve a reasonably attractive pumpkin face...

... But there **ARE** a few hacks out there who don't know what they're doing! Getting carved by one of **THEM** is every pumpkin's greatest fear!

I HAD A LITTLE TROUBLE WITH THE MOUTH.

YOU'RE BLEEDING.

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A cartoon illustration of a boy named Nate running to the right. He is wearing a blue shirt and yellow pants. Several papers or drawings are flying around him, suggesting he is in a hurry or has just finished a project.

MMM!...
NATE'S
HALLOWEEN
CANDY!

A close-up of the pumpkin character's face, looking towards the left.

JUST A LITTLE
TREAT TO KEEP
ME GOING...

Nate is running to the right, looking back over his shoulder.

WAIT A
MINUTE!
WHAT
AM I
THINKING?

bonk
bonk

Nate is standing still, looking thoughtful. He has his hand to his chin. There are small starburst symbols around his head.

THE LAST
THING THIS
GUT NEEDS
IS ANOTHER
PIECE OF
JUNK FOOD!

FAT
FAT

Nate is shown in profile, looking to the right. He has a large speech bubble coming from him.

STILL... IT WOULD JUST
BE ONE PIECE...

Nate is standing still, looking thoughtful. He has his hand to his chin.

WHO'S IT GOING
TO HURT?

TRIP!

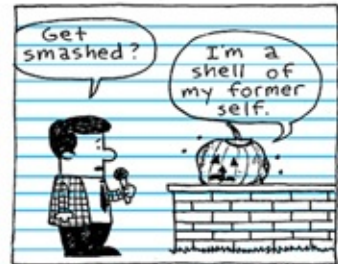
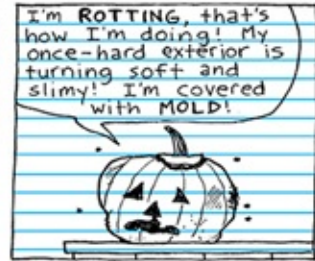
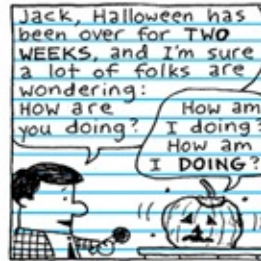
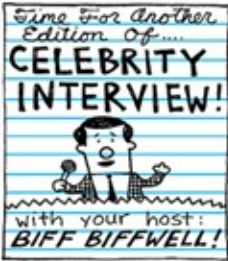
Nate is tripping over a small object on the floor. He is falling forward.

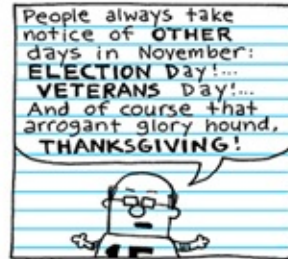
CLANG CLANG CLANG CLANG CLANG CLANG

OW.

PAY UP.

Nate is lying on the floor, looking up. A girl with blonde hair is standing over him, and a boy is standing next to her. A man in a top hat is sitting on the floor next to Nate.





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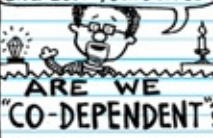


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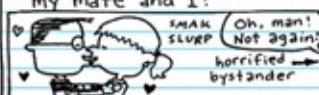



Greetings, fulfillment-seekers! Dr. WARREN FUZZY here, inviting you and your mate to take this quiz and ask yourselves:




ARE WE "CO-DEPENDENT"?

1) When in public together, my mate and I:




A) are proud to be seen in each other's company;
 B) enjoy our mutual interests and hobbies with peers;
 C) inevitably succumb to the urge to play "pass the gum."

2) My mate and I get along so well because:



A) We respect and admire each other;
 B) We share the same morals and values;
 C) we wear matching outfits.

3) Before I met my mate, I was:




A) happy and well-adjusted;
 B) unaware I could love another person so much;
 C) I have repressed that entire meaningless time of my life from my memory.

4) Our other friends:



A) are happy that we are so perfect together;
 B) enjoy spending time with the two of us;
 C) What are "other friends"?

5) The world would be a better place if:



A) we could eradicate hunger;
 B) all wars would cease;
 C) The world cannot get any better because the two of us will be together forever and ever!

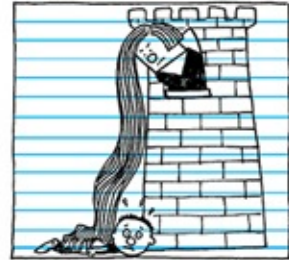
...AND EVER... AND EVER... OH, GORDIE...

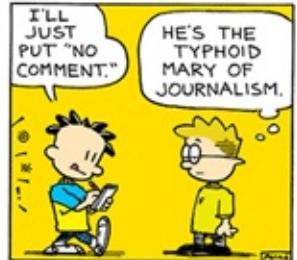
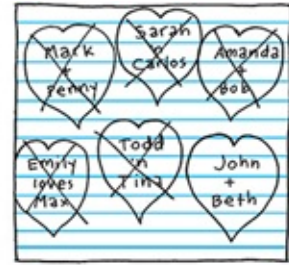


HEY, VELCRO COUPLE! WANNA TAKE A QUIZ?

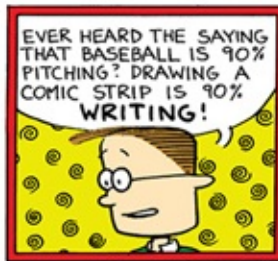
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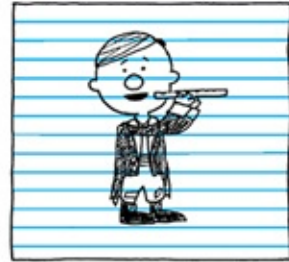






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HAVE YOU EVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT HOW UNFAIR SCHOOL IS?



THE STUDENTS HAVE NO RIGHTS! IT'S THE TEACHERS WHO TELL US WHAT TO DO, WHEN TO DO IT, WHERE TO GO!



A BELL RINGS: WE GO TO HOMEROOM! ANOTHER BELL RINGS: WE GO TO LUNCH! ANOTHER BELL RINGS! WE GO TO SOCIAL STUDIES!



ALL THESE BELLS ARE THEIR WAY TO CONTROL US! THEY'RE THE GUARDS! WE'RE THE PRISONERS!


I NEVER THOUGHT OF IT THAT WAY...



RRRRRIINNNGG

OOP! TIME FOR MATH!

NO! DON'T GO!



RRRRRRRRRRRIIIIIIIINNNNNNNGGGGGGG

IGNORE THAT BELL! TAKE BACK CONTROL OF YOUR LIVES!!

OH, NATE! YOU'RE WONDERFUL!



RRRRRRRRRRRIIIIIIIINNNNNNNGGGGGGG

STAND YOUR GROUND!

NATE!... NATE!... NATE! NATE!

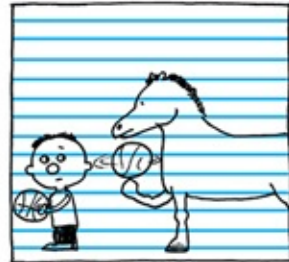
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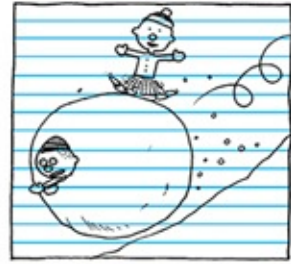
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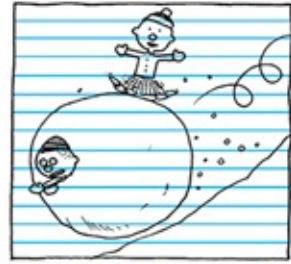


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A cartoon illustration of a boy named Nate running to the right. He is wearing a yellow shirt and blue pants. He is holding several papers or cards in his hands, some of which are flying through the air behind him.



Howdy, friends!
BIFF BIFFWELL
 here with another
 edition of...

**WHAT'S
 YOUR JOB?**

seems like a pretty big job for one guy!

Oh, it is. I can't possibly keep up with the numbers by myself!

Here's our first quest,
HOWARD PLOTZ!
 Tell us, Howard:
 "What's your job?"

Resolution accountant, Biff.

That's why I employ a world-wide network of helpers to act as my eyes and ears!

Hmm... What does that involve?

Well, Biff, at this time of the season, that millions of people are making New Year's resolutions!

You have SPIES?

Hey, SOME-one's got to be there when a resolution gets broken!

And you keep track of them?

Right! As you can see, my ledger has two columns: resolutions KEPT and resolutions BROKEN!

AH HA!

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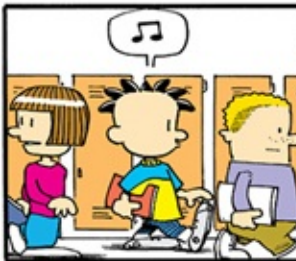

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A cartoon illustration of Nate running to the right, carrying several papers and a book. The background is a simple white space with a few papers floating around him.

MAN, THAT SOCIAL STUDIES TEST WAS A BREEZE!

SOME OF THOSE QUESTIONS WERE SO EASY! WE'RE TALKING TOTAL SLAM DUNKS!

A close-up cartoon illustration of Nate's face, looking smug and confident.

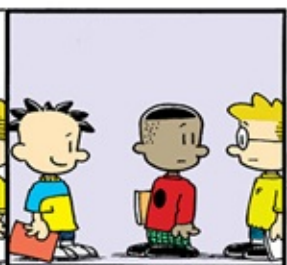
LIKE NUMBER FIVE, FOR EXAMPLE: "WHO PUBLISHED 'POOR RICHARD'S ALMANAC'?"

A cartoon illustration of Nate talking to two other boys in a hallway. They are all holding books.

I MEAN... DUH! THAT'S LIKE "WHO'S BURIED IN GRANT'S TOMB?"

A cartoon illustration of Nate looking thoughtful, with a hand on his chin and a dotted cloud around his head.

OBVIOUSLY THE PUBLISHER OF "POOR RICHARD'S ALMANAC" WAS POOR RICHARD!

A cartoon illustration of Nate talking to two other boys in a hallway. They are all holding books.

WHAT DID HE MEAN, "POOR NATE"?

FIGURE IT OUT.

A cartoon illustration of Nate talking to one of the boys from the previous panels. They are both looking at each other.

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HEY, FRANCIS! GIVE ME A HAND!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE? I'M PREPARING FOR THE MOTHER OF ALL SNOWBALL FIGHTS!

HELP ME BUILD UP MY SUPPLY OF AMMO!

OKAY!

THAT'S IT! KEEP MAKIN' 'EM! YOU CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MANY SNOWBALLS!

WHAT AN ARSENAL!

I THINK WE'RE READY TO START THE BATTLE!

SCOUT OUT THE AREA AND SEE IF YOU CAN SPOT THE ENEMY!

RIGHT!

?

SAY, WHO IS THE—?

POW!

TAP TAP TAP

FORT NATE

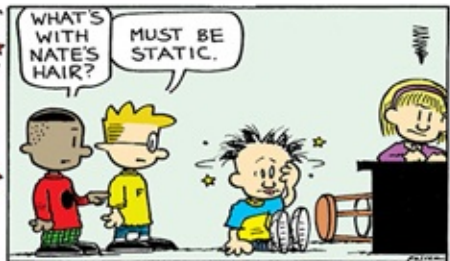
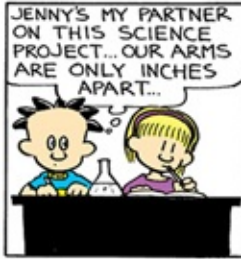
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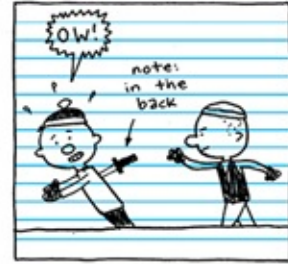
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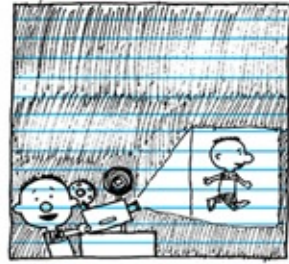
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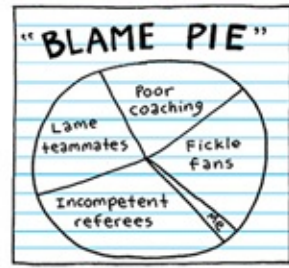
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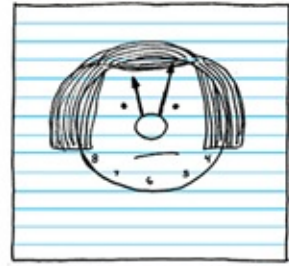


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Test Your Knowledge! Test Your Skill!

TAKE THE...

Mrs. GODFREY
"FUN FACTS" QUIZ!

1) Mrs. Godfrey became a social studies instructor because:

You'll never amount to anything.

A) A career as a ballet dancer just didn't pan out.
B) She loves useless facts about obscure 16th century explorers.
C) She enjoys wapping teaching young people.

2) Mrs. Godfrey's middle initial, B, stands for:

A) Beth
B) Barbara
C) Beelzebub

3) Mrs. Godfrey's favorite perfume is called:

Oooh! What a stench!

A) "Charlie"
B) "Myron"
C) "Dead Fish"

4) Which of the following can be found in Mrs. Godfrey's desk:

What are you looking at?

A) Breath mints
B) "Sweatin' To The Oldies" tape
C) Magazine article entitled "Rodents: Our Misunderstood Cousins"

5) "1776" refers to:

A) The signing of The Declaration of Independence.
B) Washington crossing the Delaware.
C) Mrs. Godfrey's weight.

6) When not behind her desk, Mrs. Godfrey can be found:

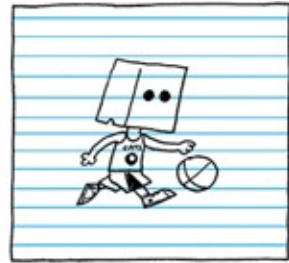
A) At the candy machine in the teachers' lounge.
B) Performing her twice-daily eyebrow trimming.
C) Under a nearby rock.

PERSONALLY, I'D PUT "C" FOR NUMBER SIX!

UH... I'LL JUST PUT "NONE OF THE ABOVE."

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AHM



MY LOVE IS LIKE A RED, RED ROSE
THAT BLOOMS WITH PETALS SWEET.
MY LOVE, LIKE MOUNT ST. HELENS, GLOWS
WITH AWE-INSPIRING HEAT.



MY LOVE IS LIKE A PERFECT PEARL
PLUCKED FROM AN OYSTER PRIME.
MY LOVE IS LIKE A FUZZY SQUIRREL
(I HAD TO MAKE IT RHYME).

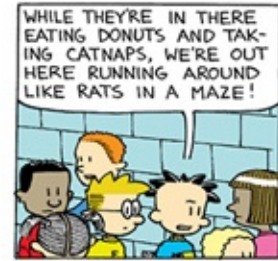
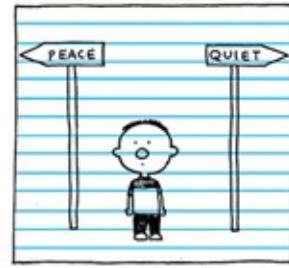


MY LOVE JUST CANNOT BE DENIED,
CANNOT BE STOPPED OR SQUELCHED.
IT'S LIKE A SIGH THAT MUST BE SIGHED,
A BURP THAT MUST BE BELCHED.



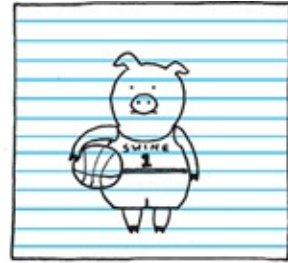
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OOOH, MAN, WHAT A GAME! I MEAN, WE LOST AND EVERYTHING, BUT I DID PRETTY WELL!



ESPECIALLY SINCE IT WAS MY FIRST GAME BACK! NO RUST ON ME, NO SIR!



DON'T YOU THINK I LOOKED PRETTY GOOD OUT THERE, FRANCIS?

HMM? WHAT'S THIS?



TWO WORDS... FIRST WORD: SOUNDS LIKE... BIG?... HIGH?... TALL?... TALL!



FALL? WALL? BALL? BALL!



SECOND WORD... UMMM... NOSE? BALL NOSE? NO... WHAT?... BIG NOSE? NO... PIG NOSE?



SECOND WORD PIG? NO... WHAT?... HOG? SECOND WORD HOG?... BALL... HOG?



BALL HOG!

SNAP SWAP



I'M A BALL HOG?



OKAY, WHATEVER. BUT DID I LOOK PRETTY GOOD OUT THERE OR WHAT?



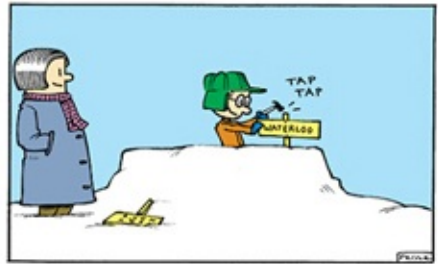
HE'S YET TO GRASP THE CONCEPT OF THE "SILENT TREATMENT"

AND WHAT'S WITH THE CHARADES THING?



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A cartoon illustration of a boy named Nate running to the right. He is wearing a blue shirt and yellow pants. He is holding several papers or drawings that are flying behind him.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE ART ROOM?

IT'S STILL LIFE WEEK!

WHY SO MANY?

BECAUSE I LET THE STUDENTS CREATE THEIR OWN STILL LIVES!

IT'S MUCH MORE INTERESTING THAN HAVING THEM PAINT STILL LIVES THAT I SET UP!

THIS WAY, THEY'RE PAINTING THINGS THAT ARE SIGNIFICANT TO THEM! THEY TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THEIR ARTWORK!

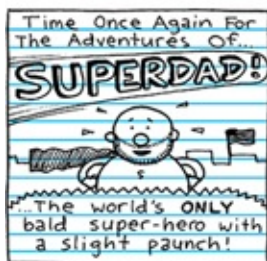
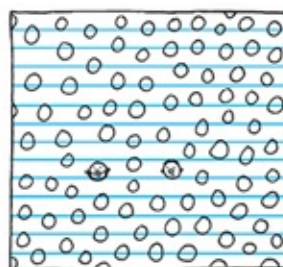
IT'S FUN FOR ME, TOO! I CAN LOOK AT THESE STILL LIVES AND TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THESE KIDS ARE ALL ABOUT!



SOME OF THEM ARE EASIER TO DECODE THAN OTHERS.

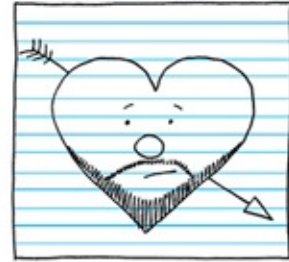
COMIN' THROUGH! MY STILL LIFE NEEDS MORE CHEEZ DOODLES!

A cartoon illustration of Nate pushing a blue wheelbarrow filled with brown material, likely representing "cheez doodles". He is wearing a blue shirt and yellow pants.



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Time Once Again, Friends, To open...



Dan Cupid's MAIL BAG!


Hello again, gang! Today's first letter is from **NATE** and **ELLEN WRIGHT**, a brother and sister who ask: "Dan, please bring some **ROMANCE** into our father's life!"



At first, this seems like a **SIMPLE REQUEST!** BUT... watch what happens!



First, I shoot Nate and Ellen's Dad with one of my official **LOVE DARTS®!** He is now ready for love! He is **SUSCEPTIBLE!**



SPROING!

But when I search for a **MATE** for Dad, there's trouble! **WHY?** Because Dad has no **LIFE!** He never **GOES** anywhere!



It's hard to find someone to hook up with Dad when all he does is sit around the house!



The result: Dad, still under the spell of my **LOVE DART®**, now inappropriately transfers his affections **ELSEWHERE!**



ISN'T "THE NANNY" THE CUTEST THING?

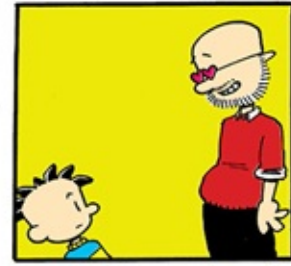
SAD.

PATHETIC.



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Letters! He gets Letters!




DAN CUPID'S VALENTINE MAILBAG !!

Well, friends, it's that time of year again, and the mail from lonely hearts has **REALLY** been piling up!

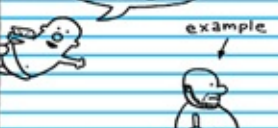


As the world's #1 matchmaker, I can say with confidence that I'll be able to find mates for **ALMOST** all these people!



Why "**ALMOST**," you ask? Simply put, there is a small group of folks out there with **NO CHANCE** of finding love!

example




Yes, it's tragic... but there **IS** something I can do!



Loove... Exciting and new...


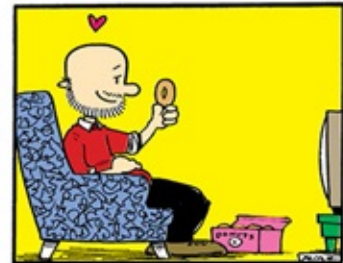


Watch carefully as I aim two love darts: the first at the lonely person; and the second at... well... whatever's handy!



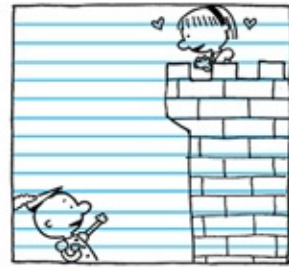
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It might not be true love between two human beings, but it's better than **NOTHING**!

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WHAT'S THAT FOR?

I'VE WRITTEN A VALENTINE SONG FOR JENNY!

I'M PULLING OUT ALL THE STOPS TO SHOW HER THAT SHE'S THE ONLY ONE FOR ME!

OH JENNY... YOU'RE SO FIIINE! WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE?...

PLINK! PLUNK!

OH WO JEN -

OOP! HI.

JENNY AND HER FAMILY ARE OUT OF TOWN.

I'M HOUSE-SITTING.

OH. OKAY.

DANG! SHE'S NOT HOME!

TOO BAD.

YOUR SONG WILL GO TO WASTE.

OOH! HEY! YOU! WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

YEAH, YOU! WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

PATTY

OH PATTY.. YOU'RE SO FIIINE!...

HE'S VERY ADAPTABLE.



Hey, Dang! Let's Play...
"PEERLESS"®!
Directions: Help personality-challenged teen ELLEN WRIGHT find the PEER GROUP that's just right for her!
vacant stare → START →

Group #1: JOCKS!
Dang! Broke my collarbone!
Tore my ACL!
I've got really bad acne!

Group #2: BRAINS!
What'd you get? I got π .
I got π too.
Did somebody mention pie?

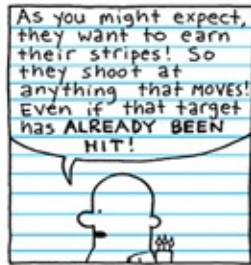
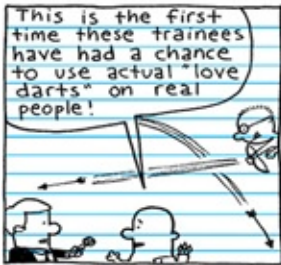
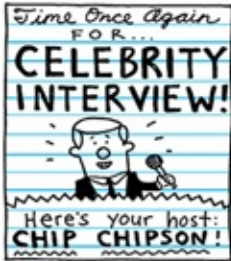
Group #3: DEBS!
Hi, girls!
Just ignore her. Just ignore her.

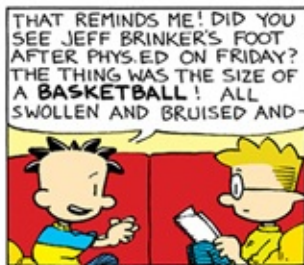
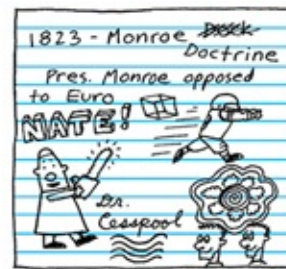
Group #4: PERFORMERS!
FAME! I wanna live forever...
I can catch a frisbee in my teeth!
Hello?

Group #5: FREAKS!
Okay, wait a sec... What's the difference between "Deep Space Nine" and "Babylon 5"?
GASP!

No luck? No PROBLEM! There are **PLENTY** of possibilities!
#6: Losers
#7: Mega-Losers
#8: Friendless Losers
#9: Awkward People You Almost Pity
#10: Wallflowers
#11: Teachers' Pets

??URK!??
HOW ABOUT "ENRAGED SISTERS"?





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SIXTY YEARS FROM NOW...

When did Ponce de Leon arrive in Florida?

Hey, ask me if I care!

OKAY, HERE'S MY POINT...

NOBODY EVER LOOKS BACK ON THEIR LIFE AND REGRETS THAT THEY DIDN'T DO MORE HOMEWORK!

DO OLD PEOPLE SIT AROUND SAYING, "GOSH, I WISH I'D DONE THAT SOCIAL STUDIES HOMEWORK SIXTY YEARS AGO"?

NO! THEY WISH THEY'D SPENT MORE TIME HAVING FUN! PLAYING! DOING STUFF THEY ACTUALLY LIKE TO DO!

I HAPPEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT! I'M NOT GOING TO FRITTER AWAY THE BEST YEARS OF MY LIFE HELD HOSTAGE BY SCHOOL!

HAND 'EM IN, PEOPLE.

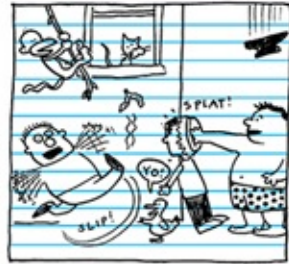
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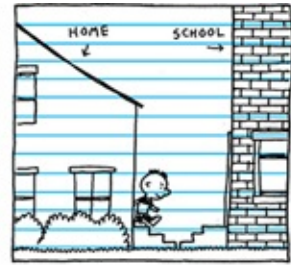
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?? SIGH ??

WHAT'S WRONG, NATE?



THE CONTRACT MY DAD MADE ME SIGN, THAT'S WHAT'S WRONG! IT'S KILLING ME!



UNTIL I BRING MY GRADES UP, HE'S NOT LETTING ME DO ANYTHING!



NO CLUBS!... NO TEAMS!... NO EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OF ANY KIND!



ALL OF A SUDDEN EVERYONE'S TEASING ME AND SAYING I HAVE NO LIFE!



THE WHOLE SCHOOL'S LAUGHING AT ME! THEY CALL ME "STRAIGHT HOME" WRIGHT BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE I GO AFTER SCHOOL: STRAIGHT HOME!

WELL, SHAME ON THEM, THEN!



THE NUMBER OF TEAMS SOMEONE'S ON ISN'T THE MEASURE OF A PERSON!



IT'S WHO YOU ARE THAT MATTERS, NOT WHAT YOU DO!



YOU ARE NOT WHAT YOU DO, NATE! OKAY? YOU ARE NOT WHAT YOU DO!



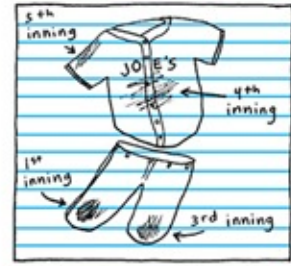
...OR SO I KEEP TELLING MYSELF.



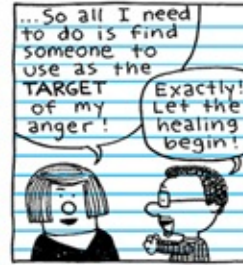
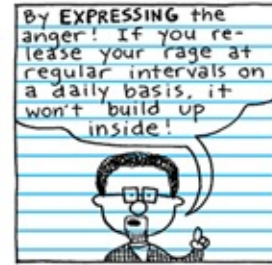
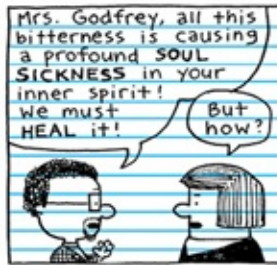
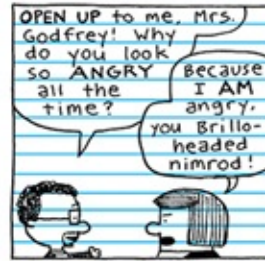
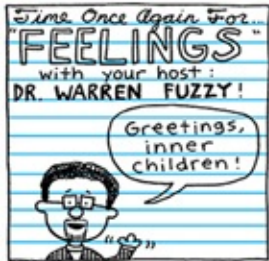


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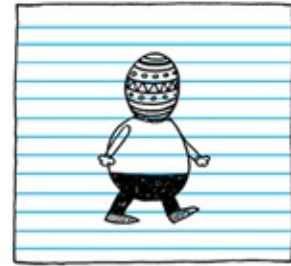






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Time Once Again For...

Celebrity
INTERVIEW!!
 with your host:
BIFF BIFFWELL!



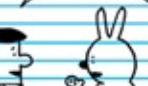
Folks, I'm talking to our old friend **HOPSY the EASTER BUNNY!** Hopsy, you look **EXHAUSTED!**

I am, Biff.



That's understandable, Hopsy... after all, you just delivered candy to millions of children throughout the world!

Not just children, Biff!



Huh?

Bringing candy to kids is the **EASY** part of my job!




The thing that **REALLY** wrinkles my cotton is making those gigantic deliveries to **PARENTS!**



You... you supposed to bring candy to **PARENTS?**

Well... I'm not supposed to talk about it... but **OF COURSE** I do!



...And I'm not talking just a few jelly beans, either! If the **KIDS** ever saw what their **PARENTS** are getting, we'd have a **RIOT** on our hands!



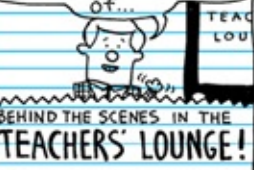

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Hello again, friends! Investigative reporter **CHIP CHIPSON** here with another edition of... **TEACHERS' LOUNGE!**


BEHIND THE SCENES IN THE **TEACHERS' LOUNGE!**



I'm here in the teachers' inner sanctum at P.S. 38, where Social Studies instructor **Mrs. GODFREY** is **GRADING TESTS!**


Multiple choice, Mrs. G?

Essay tests, Chip.




Why essays? So that you can assess each student's writing skills, expressive capabilities and subject knowledge?


Snicker: Chip, you're so naive.




Essay tests are simply more **FUN** to grade! Why? Because there aren't any hard-and-fast "right" or "wrong" answers!



That enables me to indulge all my personal feelings about my students while assigning grades! Watch carefully...




Here's **NATE WRIGHT'S** essay! As we all know, I **DESPISE** Nate because his talent and charisma remind me what a miserable human being I am!



So you'll give him a bad grade? Even if his essay is **BRILLIANT?**

Precisely, Chip. Life's not fair. **NYA HA HA HA!**



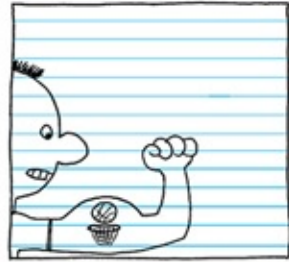
D-MINUS?

JUST AN **OBSERVATION:** HIS FIRST NAME WAS **"BENEDICT,"** NOT **"TOM!"**



big NATE

by Lincoln Peirce



GOOD GRAVY!
TIME OUT!



THIS IS THE LAMEST PRACTICE WE'VE EVER HAD! WHAT'S WITH YOU GUYS?



YOU BIG GUYS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE OUR SCORING THREAT! YOU LOOK PATHETIC OUT THERE!



WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PLAY BETTER THAN THIS AGAINST JEFFERSON TOMORROW!



HOW, YOU ASK? I'LL TELL YOU! I, NATE WRIGHT, AM THE KEY TO THE GAME!



NONE OF YOU GUYS WANT TO TAKE CONTROL OF THIS TEAM, SO I WILL! CLIMB ON MY BACK!



YES, I WILL LEAD US TO VICTORY! I REPEAT: CLIMB ON MY BACK!



SOUNDS GOOD.



HEY, GUYS! HOP ON!

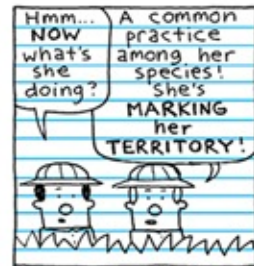
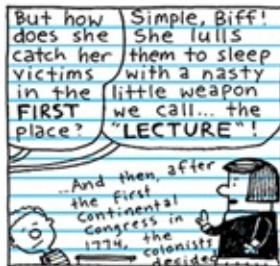
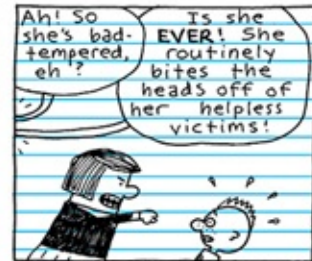
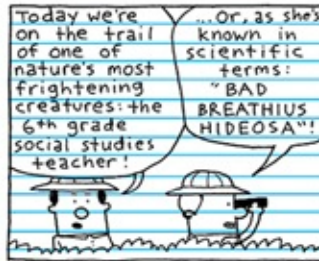
C-CAN'T BREATHE.



big NATE



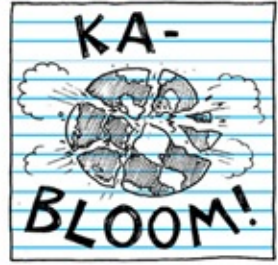
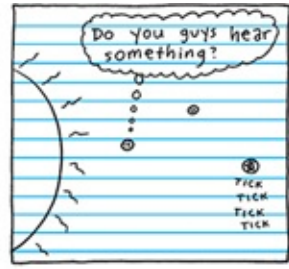
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Biff Biffwell, "celebrity interviewer," speaks with...



APRIL SHOWERS!!

April, I think our viewers are wondering: what's happened to your usual "SUNNY" disposition?

Well, Biff, lately I...



SAAAAY! Whos THAT?

THAT'S the reason I'm in a bad mood: my obnoxious sister, MAY FLOWERS!



LOOK at her, will you? She thinks she's so great, tossing blossoms all over the place!




But who makes the flowers grow in the FIRST place? ME! I do all the work, SHE hogs all the credit!



Nobody LIKES rain, that's the problem! Nobody appreciates my talents! It's so UNFAIR!



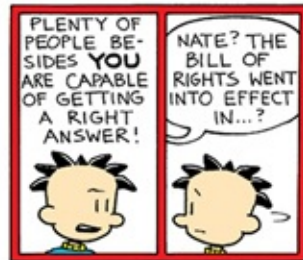
Everyone's always asking, "why can't you be more like your sister?" I'm SICK of it!



ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE A POINT HERE?

YOU'RE AN ONLY CHILD. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH.





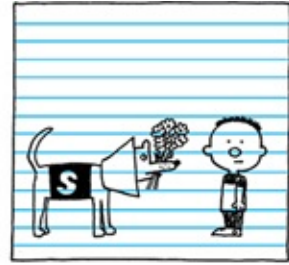
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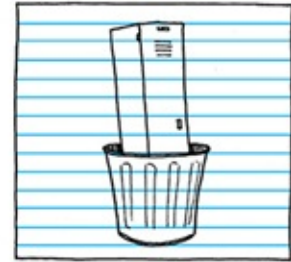
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Big Nate

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big NATE

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ALL RIGHT, "JOE'S CHICKEN"! LET'S LISTEN UP!

GUYS, THE SEASON'S NOT GOING WELL! WE'RE A LAUGHING-STOCK BECAUSE OF OUR RIDICULOUS TEAM NAME!

BUT TODAY WE CAN TURN IT ALL AROUND! WE CAN BEAT THIS TEAM AND START TO CHANGE EVERYONE'S OPINION OF US!

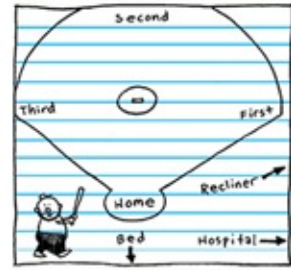
BUT TO DO THAT, WE'VE GOT TO FOCUS ON THE BASICS OF **BASEBALL!** PITCHING! HITTING! BASERUNNING! STRATEGY!

LET'S IGNORE ALL THE LAME JOKES AND WISE-CRACKS AND COME UP WITH A GAME PLAN! HOW ABOUT IT, "JOE'S CHICKEN"?

I THINK WE SHOULD JUST "WING" IT.

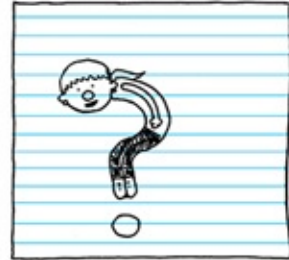
HEH HEH "WING" IT!... HA HA HA GOOD ONE, MAN! HEE HEE HA HA

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA WE HEREBY FORFEIT DUE TO A LACK OF SELF-RESPECT.




Big Nate

by Lincoln Peirce





Hey, TRIVIA LOVERS!!
 Test your knowledge
 of everyone's favorite
 bleached-blond high
 school sophomore!

TAKE THE
 Ellen
 Wright
FUN FACTS QUIZ!




QUESTION 1: Ellen's IQ
 is less than that of:




A Her brother Nate
 B A sickly kitten
 C A potato
 D All of the above

Question 2: Ellen's
 boyfriend Gordie is:



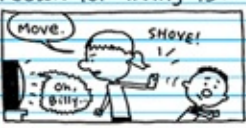
A A gentleman
 B A scholar
 C Woefully misguided
 D Insane

QUESTION 3: Ellen's
 hobbies include:



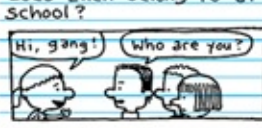
A Mustache-bleaching
 B Quantum astrophysics
 C Sobbing in front of mirror
 D A and C

QUESTION 4: Ellen's
 reason for living is:



A Promoting world peace
 B Ending poverty
 C Achieving enlightenment
 D "Melrose Place"

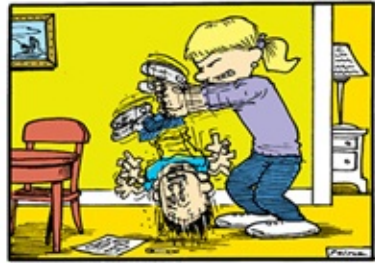
Question 5: Which "clique"
 does Ellen belong to at
 school?



A The "Preps"
 B The "Brains"
 C The "Jocks"
 D The "Friendless Losers"

GREAT JOB!
 To find out
 the correct
 answers, turn
 the page
**UPSIDE-
 DOWN!**

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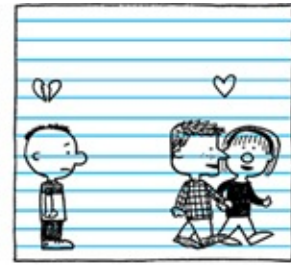
Big Nate

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE



big NATE

by Lincoln Peirce

SO JENNY'S GOING STEADY WITH RONNIE DWYER! POOR NATE MUST BE DEVASTATED!

HE'LL LIVE



WHAT KIND OF ATTITUDE IS THAT, FRANCIS? NATE NEEDS OUR SUPPORT! HE'S PROBABLY REALLY HURTING!

I'M GONNA TALK TO HIM!



NATE? I... UH... I HEARD ABOUT JENNY AND RONNIE, AND... WELL, I JUST WANT TO SAY: I'M HERE FOR YOU!



I MEAN... THERE MUST BE A LOT GOING ON INSIDE YOU!... EATING AWAY AT YOU!



DON'T YOU THINK YOU'D FEEL BETTER IF YOU JUST... LET IT OUT?

LET WHAT OUT?



WHATEVER YOU'RE FEELING! DON'T THINK ABOUT IT! JUST LET IT OUT!

LET IT OUT. WELL. OKAY



BURRP!



HE'LL LIVE

YOU KNOW, I DO FEEL BETTER!



big NATE

by Lincoln Peirce



"You Just CAN'T Win!"
It's
SCHOOL
THE
BOARD GAME!

S
T
A
R
T

Locker is declared public health hazard!

Snoosh! YAAAAH!

Go To Detention!

School Cafeteria celebrates "Our Friend the Beet" week!

eat hearty.

Lose five points!

Substitute gym teacher is ex-marine!

26... 27... 28...
Keep that butt DOWN!

YOU WORM!

Break ankle, lose turn!

Teacher decides to torment you for NO APPARENT REASON!

I don't like you, Nate. Go to detention.

Take

You ride the bus with Sheldon ("Odor") O'paire!

Sardine?

Move back 6 spaces!

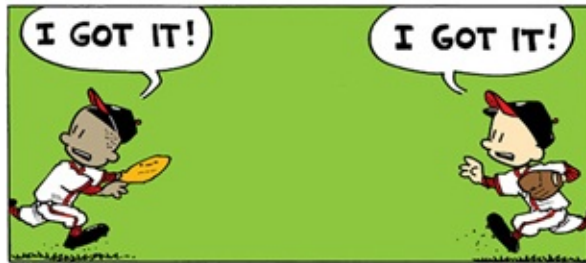
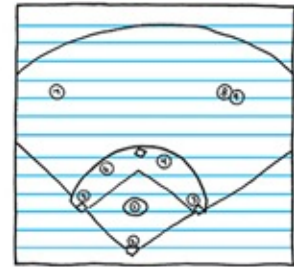
You get back brutally hard math test!

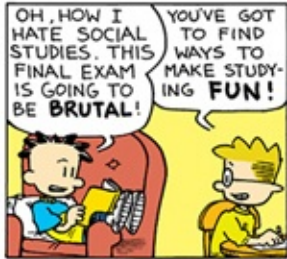
PRINK!

Lose TEN points!

WAIT A SECOND!
HOW DID I LOSE TEN POINTS ON A FIVE-POINT QUESTION?

IF ANYONE CAN DO IT, YOU CAN.





Big NATE

by Lincoln Peirce




"END O' SCHOOL"
(a poem)
by Nate Wright



September brought us back to school,
A situation downright cruel,
And by October, we'd recalled,
Why by our school we're so appalled.

Here's tonight's homework.

Did I mention that homework counts for 80% of your grade?

GROOANN Dang!

November: time for Giving thanks.
I tried, but kept on Drawing blanks.



Thank goodness you didn't get an F-MINUS!

Shut up, man.

We reached December,
Inch by inch.
That Mrs. Godfrey:
What a grinch.

Our January resolution:
Start a 6th-grade revolution!


FOOD FIGHT!

February's short,
You mention?
Not if you spend it
In detention.

sigh...

tick tick tick

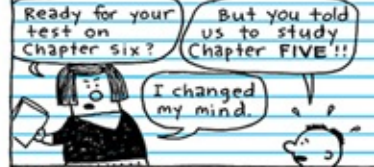


March and April came and went.
Can't we give up school for Lent?
May and June: we got exam'd.
I failed despite how much I crammed.

Ready for your test on Chapter six?

But you told us to study Chapter FIVE!!

I changed my mind.



Now finally it's Really summer!
School's out! Let's get.



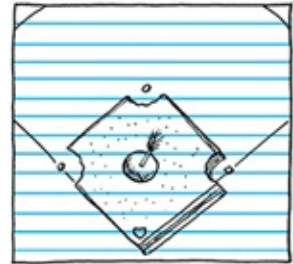
"DUMB AND DUMBER"?

NAH. HOW 'BOUT "MEN IN BLACK"?



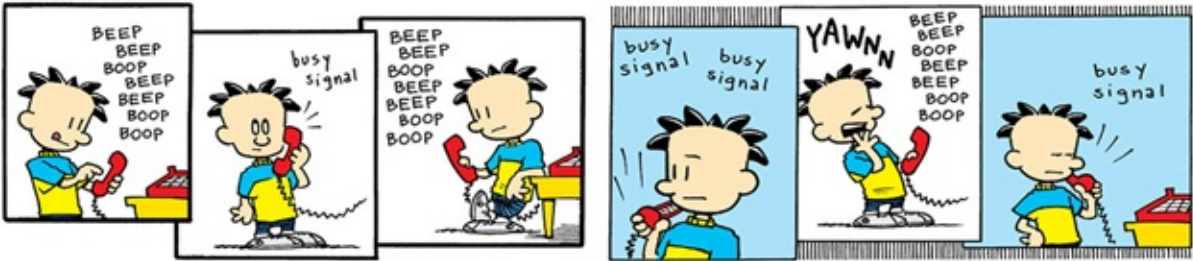
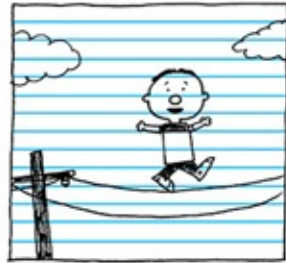
big NATE

by Lincoln Peirce

A cartoon character named Nate is running to the right, carrying several papers and a folder under his arm. He is wearing a blue shirt and yellow pants.

big NATE

by Lincoln Peirce



big NATE

by Lincoln Peirce




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"UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL"
 with your host: **CHIP CHIPSON!**




Hello again, friends! My special guest today: consumer reporter **CELINE PAYCHEK!**

Hi, Chip!




Celine, at this time of year, kids everywhere are wondering: **WHAT CAN I get Dad for FATHER'S DAY??**

I can help, Chip!




I've got plenty of gift ideas for the Dad who has everything!

For example: the **NOSTRIL PILOT®**, a handy little nose-hair trimmer!




Or how about the **PANTS-HORN®** to help Dad into those slacks that have gotten *zchuckle!z* a bit snug!



HERE's a handy little item! An edible couch! No more pesky trips to the fridge during that big game!

AND it comes in chocolate, beef, and monterey jack!

YUM!

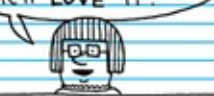


But Celine... what if a kid spent all his money on candy and video games, and can't AFFORD one of these gifts?

No problem at all, Chip!



Just dust off the ol' "it's the thought that counts" excuse! Give Dad something **HOMEMADE**, like a lame DRAWING you were planning to throw away ANYWAY! He'll LOVE it!



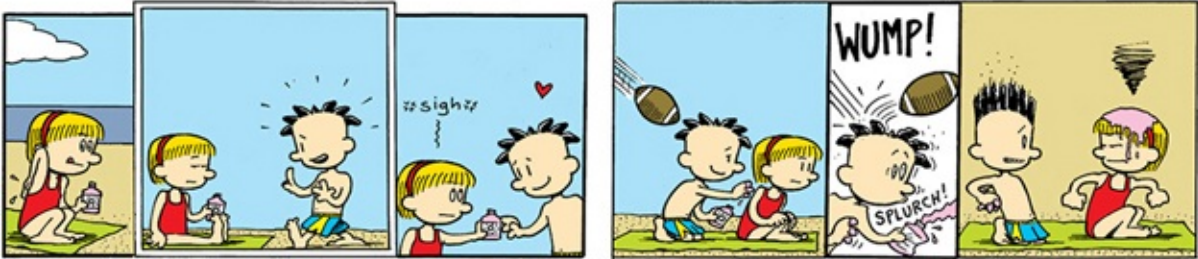
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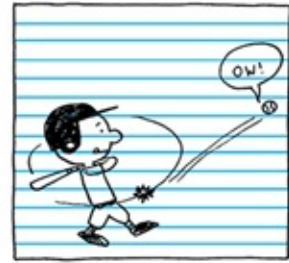
#PHEW!z



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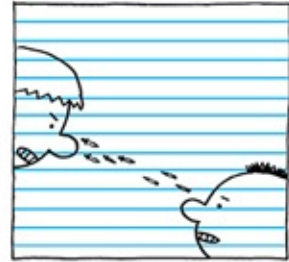
by Lincoln Peirce





The
SOUNDS
of
BASE-
BALL





IN HONOR OF "CARTOON APPRECIATION WEEK," I'M GOING TO DO A LITTLE DEMONSTRATION!

I'LL START OFF WITH A SIMPLE DRAWING OF MY SISTER ELLEN!

NOW OBSERVE AS I USE A FEW CARTOONING TRICKS TO COMPLETELY CHANGE HER APPEARANCE!

FIRST I'LL ADD SOME EYEBROWS AND TEETH.

NEXT, I'LL MAKE HER FACE ALL FLUSHED...
...AND I'LL ADD STEAM COMING OUT OF HER EARS!

SWEAT BEADS ARE GOOD! AND I'LL CHANGE HER EYES A BIT!

HOW 'BOUT HER EYES SHOOTING DAGGERS?

AND... UH OH! SHE'S THINKING NASTY THOUGHTS!

SEE HOW EASY IT IS TO MAKE HER MAD?
GOOD THING IT'S JUST A CARTOON!

Big NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

♥ Oh, Nate! Seeing you hit that home run off my current boyfriend Ronnie has made me change my mind and fall madly in love with YOU!

KRAK!

voice of Jenny

WELL, WELL, WELL! LOOK WHO'S PITCHING!

RONNIE DWYER! THE ALL-AMERICAN BOY!

WHAT DOES JENNY SEE IN THIS GUY? HE'S SUCH A JERK!

BALL ONE!

BALL TWO!

BALL THREE!

HA! NOT ONLY IS HE A JERK, HE'S AFRAID OF ME! HE'S PITCHING AROUND ME!

WHATS A MATTER, RONNIE? AFRAID I'M GONNA PUT ONE OVER THE FENCE??

GIMME ALL YOU GOT, WIMP! COME ON! COME RIGHT AT ME!

WUMPI!

WAS THAT REALLY CALLED FOR?

PRETTY MUCH FOR WORD.

Big NATE


by Lincoln Peirce





"Pull Up A Desk!"
TIME once **AGAIN**
 for....
Dan Cupid's
LOVE
SEMINAR!




Recruits, I'm here to tell you that being a matchmaker isn't all flowers and valentines! It can be a tough business!




Take **THIS** time of year, for instance! We're coming face-to-face with the phenomenon called "**SUMMER LOVIN'**"!



"What's wrong with summer romance?" you ask? **EVERYTHING!!** It wipes out all of **OUR** hard work!



All year long we bust our humps bringing people together! We **TIRELESSLY** pair folks up and help them get through the long, cold winter!



But then **SUMMER** comes along! People get crazy! Blood runs hot!



Before you know it, some mindless summer flirtation can destroy the romances that **WE** worked so hard to create!

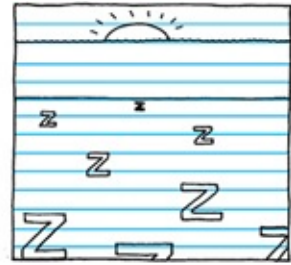


AHEM! **HI**



Big Nate

by Lincoln Peirce



Big NATE

by Lincoln Peirce




Time For Another Edition Of...
UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL!
with your host:
BIFF BIFFWELL!




Greetings, friends! Since today is Independence Day, it's a very appropriate time to chat with everyone's favorite relative... **UNCLE SAM!**

Yo, Biff. What it is!



Many folks probably don't know that the name "Uncle Sam" is an extension of the initials **U.S.!**

Righto, Biff! I'm one patriotic dude!



And **RECOGNIZABLE**, too! **EVERYONE** knows Uncle Sam!

Hey, when you dress like this, you can't be anonymous!



So you like the attention, then?

Oh, yeah! What's not to like?



Especially TODAY! The 4th of July is the highlight of my entire **YEAR!**



It's a great feeling to know that at picnics and parades all over the country, people are going to be paying tribute to me however they can!



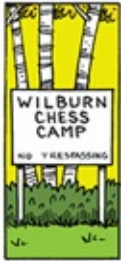
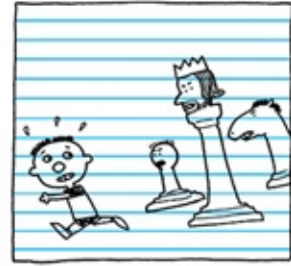
HEY, JENNY! "I WANT YOU"! HA HA! GET IT?

☹️SIGH...☹️



big NATE

by Lincoln Peirce



ANOTHER MATCH?

NO. LET'S PLAY THE "SCRIBBLE GAME." I NEED TO THINK ABOUT SOMETHING BESIDES CHESS!

WHAT'S THE "SCRIBBLE GAME"?

I CLOSE MY EYES AND MAKE A QUICK SCRIBBLE, SEE...

THEN YOU HAVE TO TURN IT INTO SOMETHING!

THAT'S EASY! IT'S A CHESS BOARD!

OKAY, THEN... TRY THIS ONE!

Scribble Scribble

THIS ONE'S OBVIOUS! IT'S A KNIGHT CAPTURING A ROOK!

ALL RIGHT, DEREK... GET A LOAD OF THIS ONE!

Scribble screw!

LOOKS LIKE A DUCK PLAYING CHESS!

NO! NO! IT'S NOT A DUCK PLAYING CHESS! NOT EVERYTHING IS ABOUT CHESS!

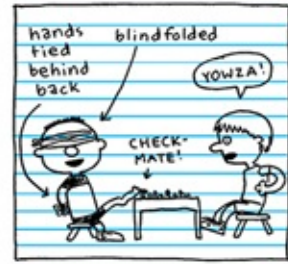
YOU! KID! DOES THIS SCRIBBLE LOOK LIKE A DUCK PLAYING CHESS?

A DUCK PLAYING CHESS? NO...

IT'S A MONKEY PLAYING CHESS!

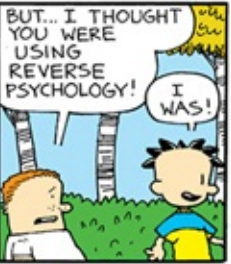
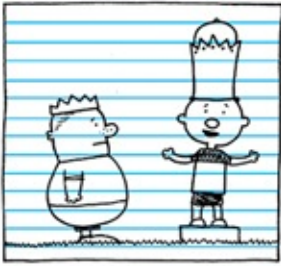
OOOH! YOU'RE RIGHT!

THEY'RE SCARING ME.



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by Lincoln Peirce



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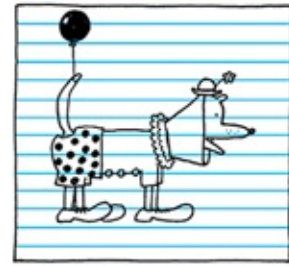






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by Lincoln Peirce

NATE! IS THAT YOUR DOG?

WHO, SPITSY? HECK, NO! HE'S MY NEIGHBOR'S!



DO YOU HONESTLY THINK I'D OWN A DUMB DOG LIKE THIS? HE'D CHEW HIS OWN PAWS OFF IF YOU LET HIM!



THAT'S WHY HE WEARS THIS IDIOTIC COLLAR! TO PROTECT HIM FROM HIMSELF!



I MEAN, LOOK AT HIM IN THAT THING! HE LOOKS LIKE A CLOWN!



IF I WERE A DOG, I'D BE EMBARRASSED TO BE SEEN IN A COLLAR LIKE -



YANK!

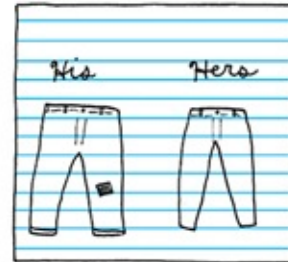


OOF!
OW!
GAK!





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GREETINGS, teen-age boys! Doctor WARREN FUZZY here, urging you to take a close look at your relationship and ask yourself the burning question:

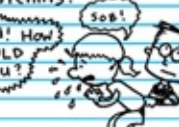


WHO WEARS the PANTS: HER OR ME??



Select the response that most applies to YOU!

1) During TV time with my girlfriend, we usually end up watching:



Richard! How COULD you? Sob!

A) Something I like
B) Something we both like
C) "Caroline In The City"

2) Some nights I wake up screaming because I was dreaming about:



YAIEE!
NO! NO!

A) drowning in quicksand
B) falling off a cliff
C) my girlfriend going public with the fact that she calls me "pookie bear"

3) When I take my girlfriend to a restaurant, I order:



Ooh! That looks yummy!

A) whatever I want
B) what I can afford
C) whatever my girlfriend suggests, then let her eat off my plate

4) My most frequently-worn item of clothing is:



A) my letterman's jacket
B) my favorite jeans
C) a lavender cardigan my girlfriend gave me for our 3½-month anniversary

5) When I pick up my girlfriend for a date, I bring with me:



Sigh... Ahh... Ahh...

A) flowers
B) candy
C) a magazine to read while waiting for her to get ready

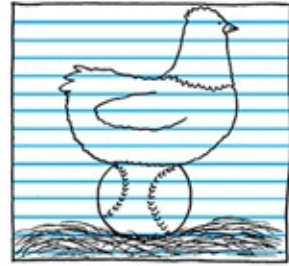
HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE JUST TO PUT ON A DRESS?



ACTUALLY, I THINK SHE'S WEARING THE PANTS.

big NATE

by Lincoln Peirce

WHO ARE WE PLAYING TODAY?
THE BULL-DOGS.

YYYESSS! THE BULLDOGS STINK! THEY'RE THE ONLY TEAM IN THE LEAGUE WITH A WORSE RECORD THAN OURS!

FOR ONCE, WHEN "JOE'S CHICKEN" TAKES THE FIELD, WE'LL BE THE FAVORED TEAM!

FOR ONCE, WE WON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO THE OTHER TEAM LAUGHING AT US! THEY'LL KNOW THAT WE ARE A BETTER TEAM THAN THEY ARE!

I'VE ALMOST FORGOTTEN WHAT IT'S LIKE TO SEE FEAR IN AN OPPONENT'S EYES!

HEY, GUYS! LOOK WHO'S HERE!
IT'S "JOE'S CHICKEN"!
CLUCK! CLUCK!

HEH HEH!
BUCK BUCK BUH-GAWK!
HA HA HA HA
CLUCK CLUCK BUCK BUH-GAW!

BUCK HA HA
BUCK HEE HEE
BUH-GAWK!
CLUCK HA BUCK CLUCK
CLUCK CLUCK HA HA HA
I'VE COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN.

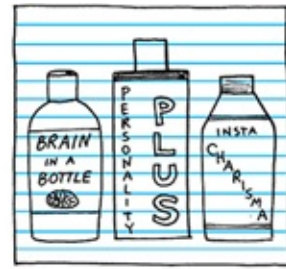
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"FEELINGS"
with your host:
**DOCTOR
WARREN FUZZY!**

Let's COMMUNICATE!



Friends, today
I'll focus on
the **INNER
LIFE** of a
TYPICAL TEEN!

... Say! Here's
one **NOW!**



It's **ELLEN WRIGHT**,
fifteen years old
and sharp as a
sack of wet sand!

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...But isn't it true, Ellen,
that your vapid and
self-absorbed **EXTERIOR**
masks a complex **INNER**
existence?

Is "vapid"
good or
bad?



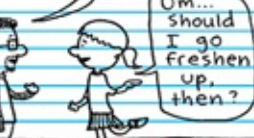
What I mean is... your
frequent trips to the
mall and obsession with
the "Backstreet Boys"
CAN'T be enough to
nourish your
SPIRIT!

I don't
understand
you 'cuz
you're
using
such big
words.



I'm asking you to
describe your hopes...
your dreams... your
fears! Show us the
REAL Ellen Wright!

Um...
should
I go
freshen
up,
then?



For Heaven's sake,
NO! Just tell us:
**WHAT IS ELLEN
WRIGHT ABOUT??**



SHE'S ABOUT
**TWO FEET
BEHIND YOU.**




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BALL FOUR!



OKAY, HERE WE GO! RALLY TIME! LATE INNING LIGHTNING!



LET'S SEE WHAT SIGN'S COACH IS GIVING ME... HMMMM...



TWO TUGS AT HIS CAP... TWO TAPS ON HIS ARM...



WAIT A SEC... THAT WAS THREE TAPS... IS THAT THE 'STEAL' SIGN?... HMM...



TWO HANDS ON HIS HIPS... ONE... NO, TWO CLAPS...



NOW ANOTHER CLAP... AND TWO TAPS ON HIS SHOULDER... WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?... THREE TAPS... TWO TUGS...



FOUR CLAPS... TWO SCRATCHES... THREE WHISTLES... ONE... TWO AAARRRH!



SMAK!



Yer OUT!

TAG!



OKAY, HOW MANY FINGERS?

SHUT UP.



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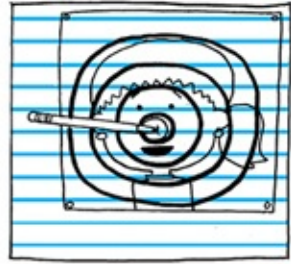
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Time For
Biff and
Chip
ON SAFARI!
G'day, mates!



Friends, we're here in suburbia to hunt for... the **TEEN-AGER** in her natural habitat!



Her scientific name is "BLEACHED BLONDIUS SELF-ABSORBIA"!
E-GADS, Biff! There she is!!

wipe spritz
wipe spritz
puff puff



What on Earth is she doing, Chip?


It's a bizarre grooming ritual, Biff! It's called "applying makeup"!

KLIK KLIK

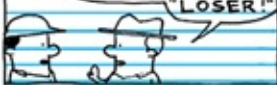


Now she's looking in a mirror...
That's typical of the species, Biff! She NEVER tires of gazing adoringly at her own reflection!

Heh-Lo!

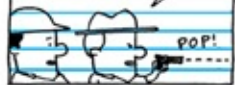


Why is she ALONE, teen, Biff! Chip? Don't you see? She's an **OUTCAST**, rejected by her peers! She's what we in the safari biz refer to as... a **"LOSER!"**




Careful! I hear you, with my friend! That there are **gun!** more **TER-RIFYING** than an angry teen-ager!

POP!

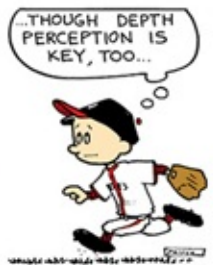
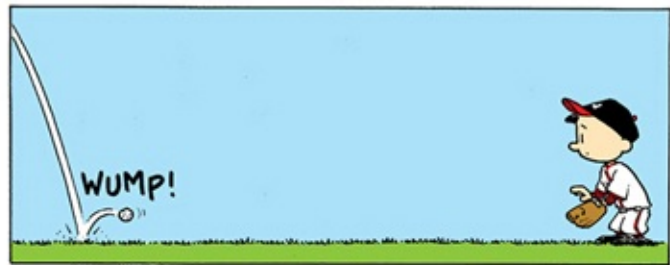
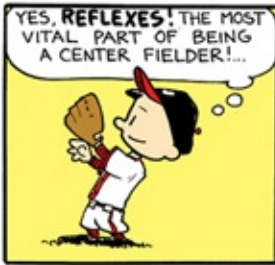


A direct hit! But... **NO!** The sedative isn't working! OH, She's going to charge! **RUN!**




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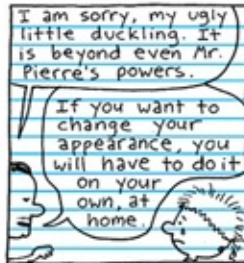
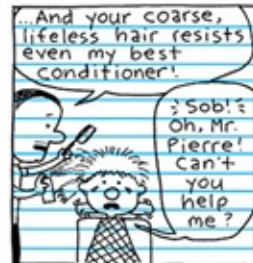
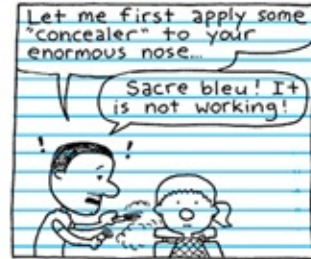
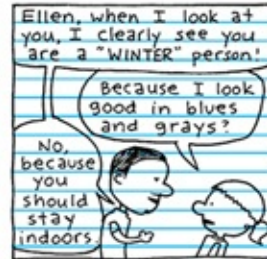




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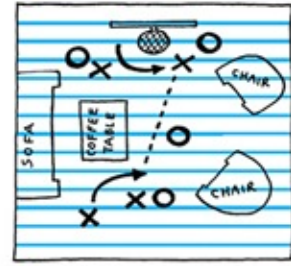
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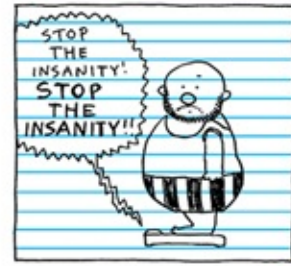


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Hello, sports fans! BIFF and CHIP here again to bring you...



A "SLICE OF LIFE!"
The Golfing Misadventures of DAD!



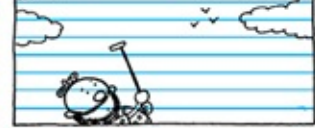
Here's Dad get loose, loosening up on the first tee! When things get loose, Biff, they often fall apart COMPLETELY!



His swing reminds me of BOBBY JONES! But... Bobby Jones is DEAD! Exactly.



Say, he got a lot of height on THAT Shot! Yes, he did... Unfortunately, he was PUTTING at the time!



They say golf is a game of inches, Chip! In Dad's case, a whole LOT of them!



Okay, QUIET everyone! Dad is preparing to hit! Why are we whispering?



WOW! This is AMAZING! He... he HIT it! Dad's ball is actually in the FAIRWAY!

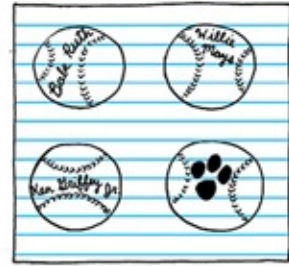


WRONG FAIRWAY, DAD. COULD YOU GO GET THAT ONE, SON?



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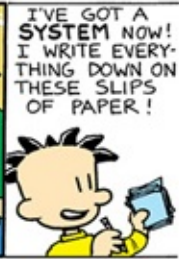
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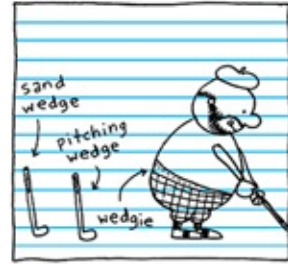


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Time once again for the adventures of...
SUPERDAD!
 ...the world's ONLY bald superhero! (with a slight paunch)

And introducing dim-witted sidekick...
MegaTEEN!
 She fights crime... AND Chronic acne!

One fine day...
 Ye GADS! What is it, Superdad?

It's that fiend **GARBAGE-MAN!** He's coming up the street!
 ALREADY? It's not even 8:00 AM!

The devious devil! He knows we're not ready for him!
 What will we DO?

What else?
 dramatic pause
TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE!
 Um... what are you looking at ME for?

Well, I certainly can't do it! Not with my bulging disk!
 Well, I can't either! Garbage is so smelly and GROSS!

Then that means this is a job for...
CHORE-BOY!

NATE!



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