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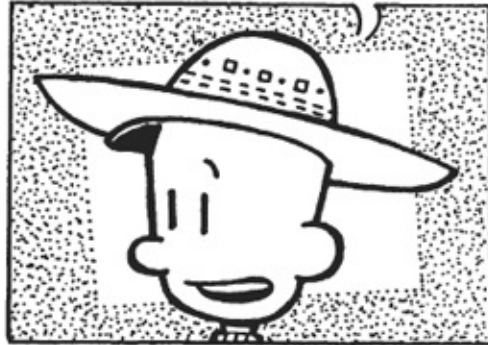


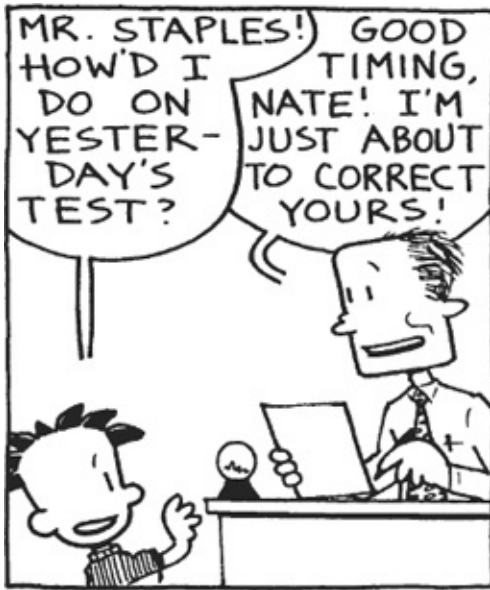


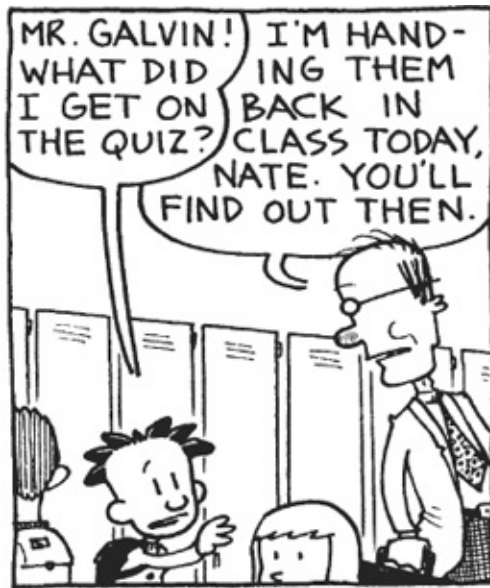




SOON EVERYBODY WILL COPY ME BY GETTING THEIR **OWN** SOMBREROS! IT'LL BE SOMBRERO MANIA! AND IT ALL STARTED WITH **ME!**







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THE GRASS HASN'T
STARTED GROWING YET,
SO THERE'S NOTHING
TO **MOW**...



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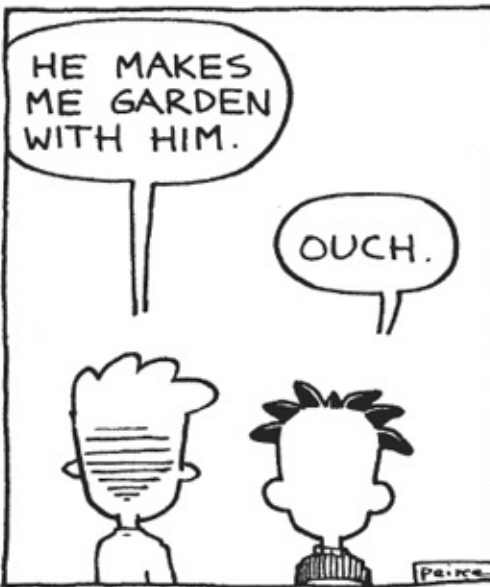


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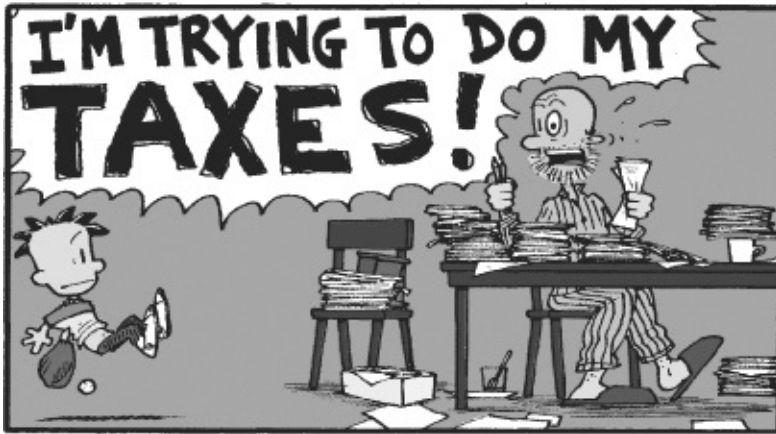




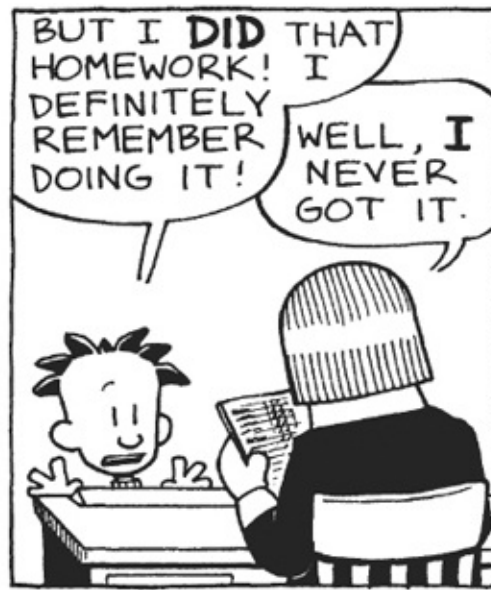




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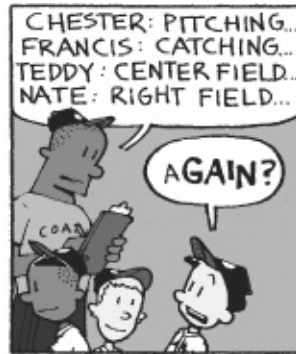
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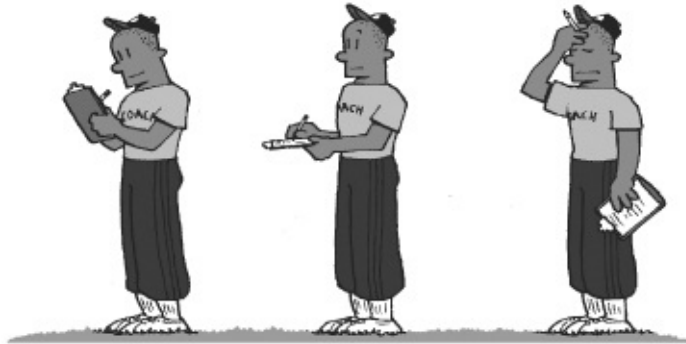




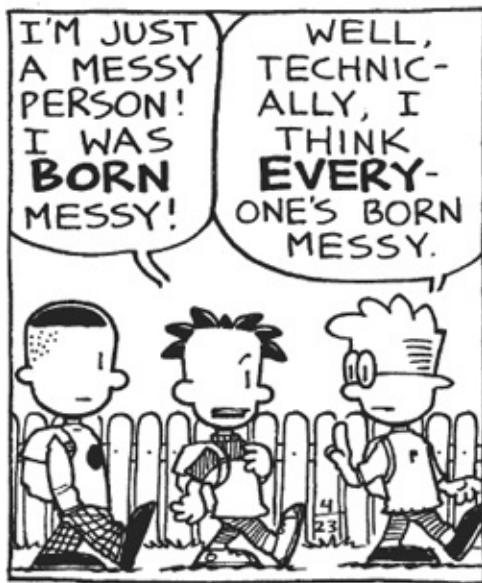








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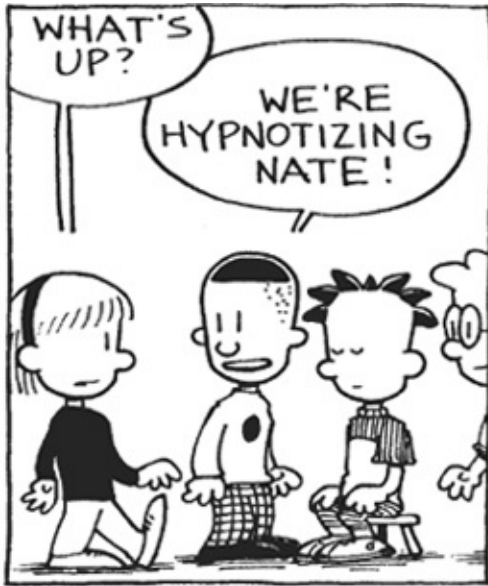
IT WORKED BEFORE, REMEMBER? FRANCIS AND I HYPNOTIZED YOU TO FIND OUT WHY YOU'RE AFRAID OF CATS!

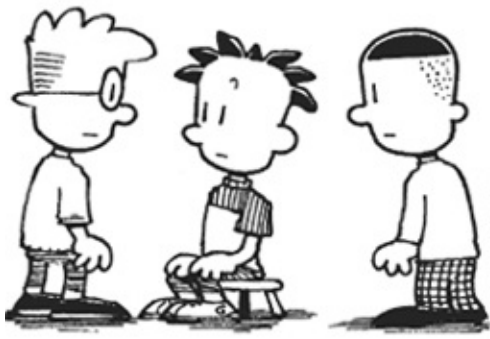




YOU HAVE TO BE **SUGGESTIBLE** TO GET HYPNOTIZED! THAT'S NOT ME! MY WILL IS TOO STRONG! MY MIND IS TOO SHARP!







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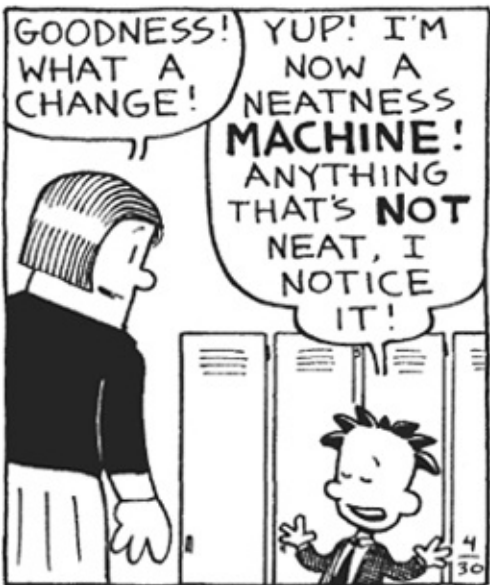
NOT BY BRINGING A TROMBONE ONTO THE FIELD!



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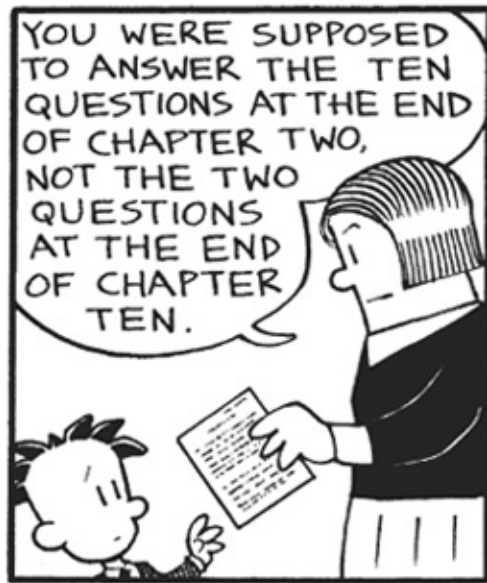


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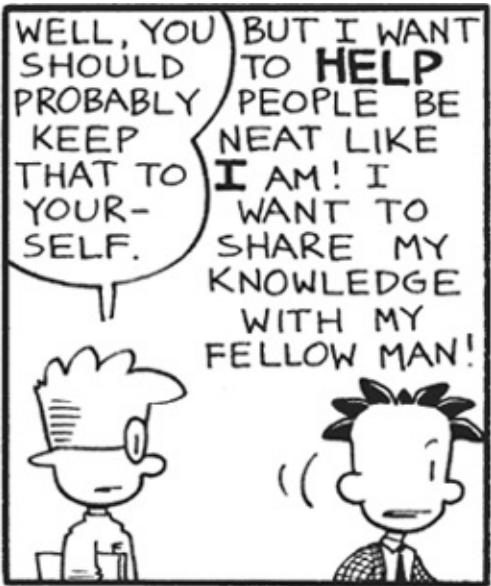
NO RIPS, NO WRINKLES,
NO SMUDGES, NO STAINS!
ABSOLUTELY NO MIS-
TAKES OF ANY KIND!





I'VE BECOME **NEAT**, MY DEAR! NOTE THE NEW WARDROBE! NOT A WRINKLE OR CREASE ANYWHERE! I AM TOTALLY PUT TOGETHER!







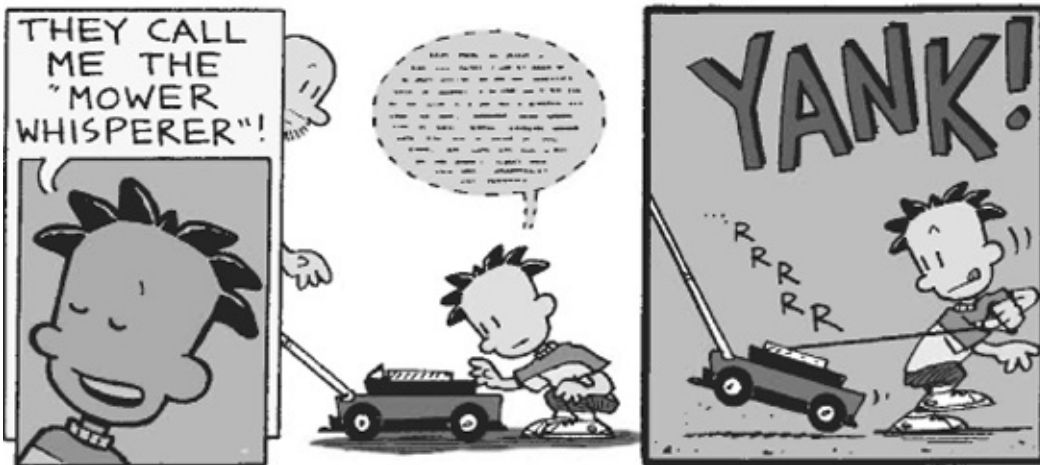
I MEAN, THE GRASS IS SORT OF PATCHY... THERE'S A PUDDLE OVER THERE... AND ALL THESE ACORNS SEEM SORT OF... YOU KNOW... RANDOM.





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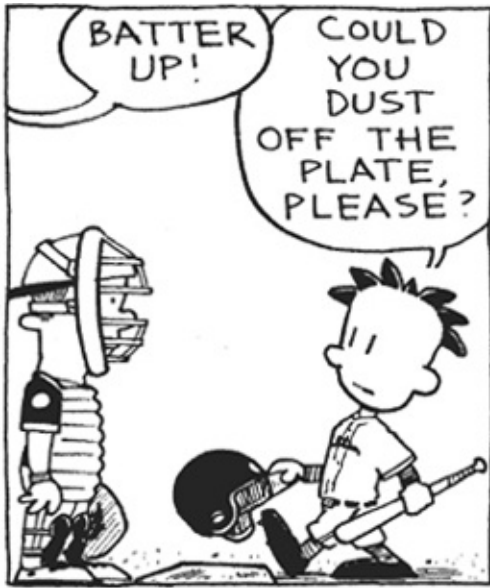
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I MEAN, LOOK AT THESE CHEEZ DOODLES! LOOK HOW THE ORANGE POWDER GETS ALL OVER EVERYTHING!... IT'S **DISGUSTING!**





I CAN'T **ENJOY** ANYTHING ANYMORE, BECAUSE ALL I CAN **THINK** ABOUT IS BEING **NEAT** AND **TIDY** ALL THE TIME!



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BUT REST ASSURED: THE PAPER MAY LOOK A BIT SLOPPY ON THE SURFACE, BUT UNDERNEATH THE QUALITY OF MY WORK IS JUST THE SAME AS EVER!

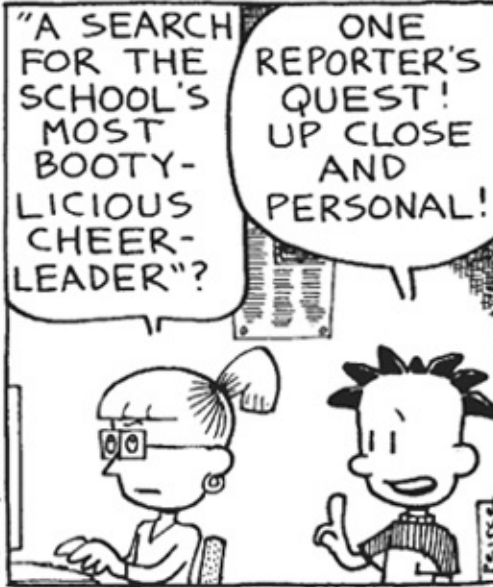


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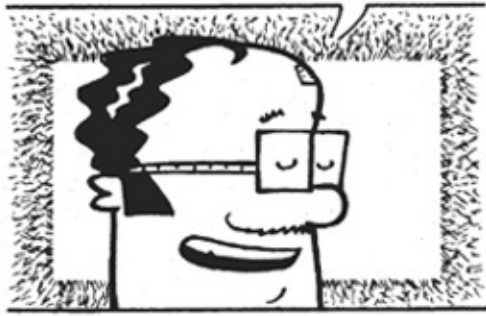
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WELL, LET ME GIVE YOU THE LAY OF THE LAND, MY FRIEND! I'VE ATTENDED **MANY** OF THESE IN MY CAPACITY AS A FREE-LANCE PHOTOGRAPHER!



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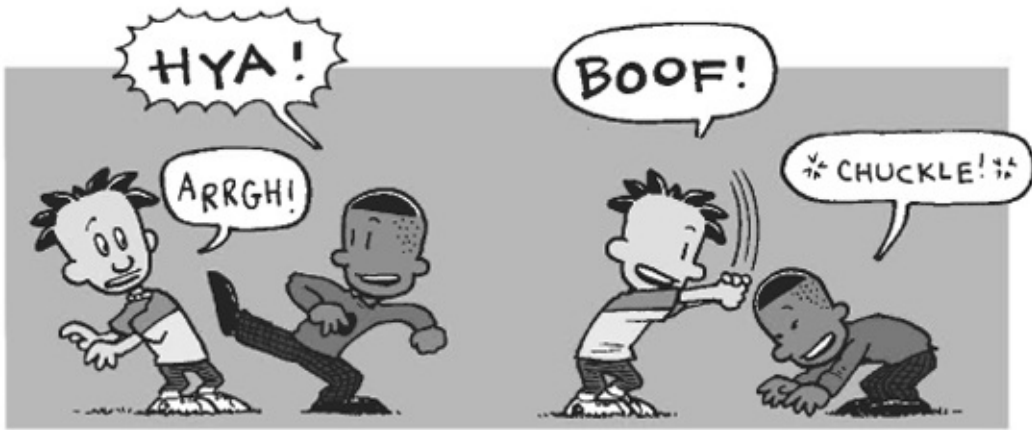


RIGHT NOW THEY'RE DISCUSSING THE "GIFTED AND TALENTED" PROGRAM, OF WHICH I WAS A PART BACK IN THE DAY!



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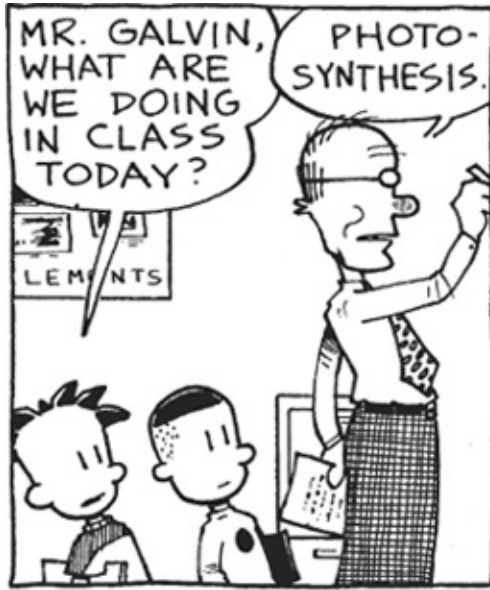
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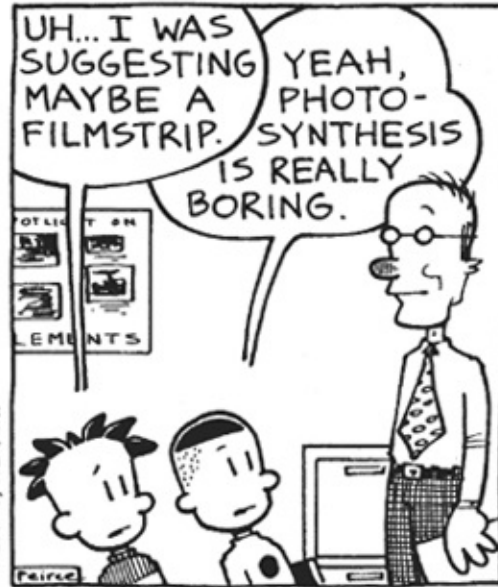
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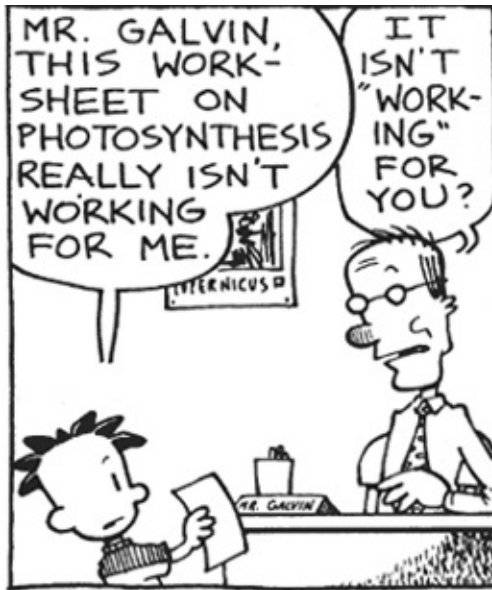


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ARE YOU SUGGESTING SOME SORT OF **WAGER**?



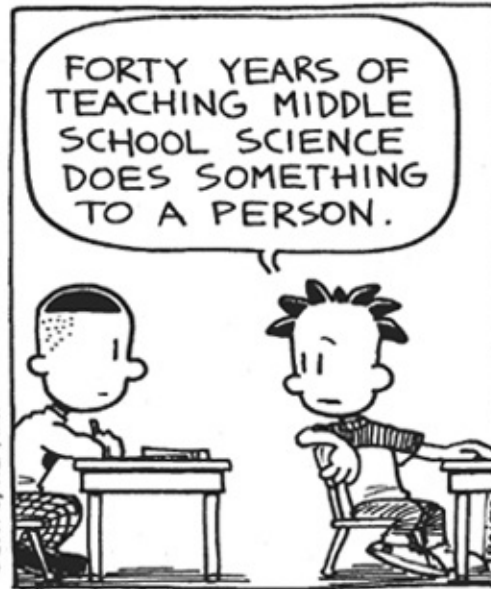
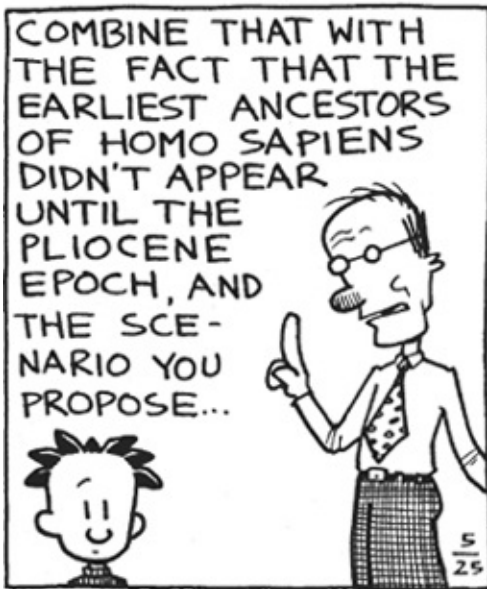
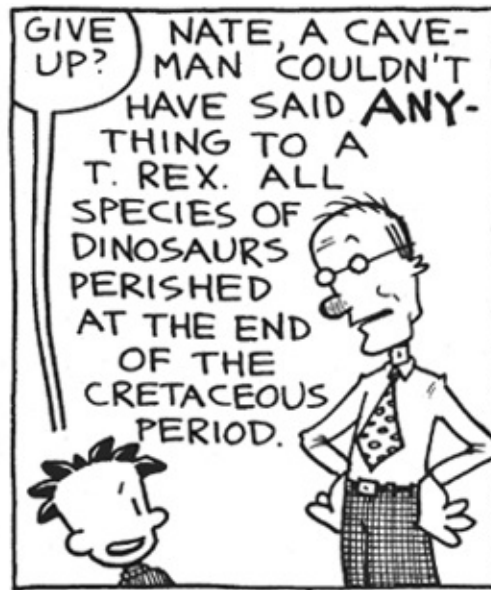


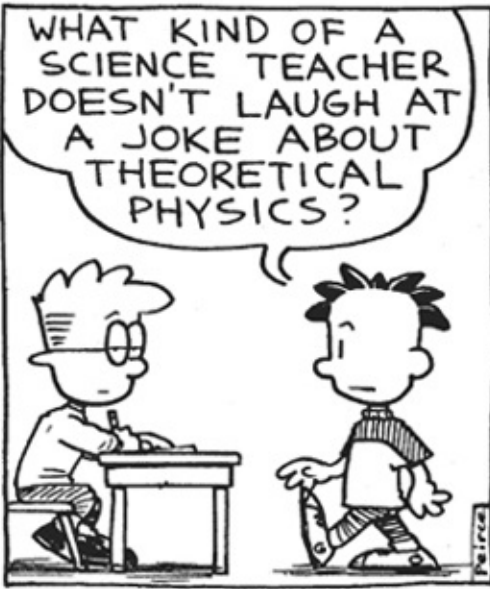
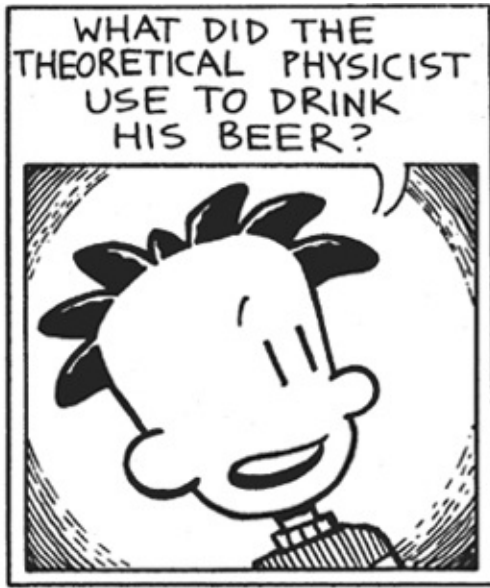
WELL, LET ME EXPLAIN SOMETHING, NATE. THE WORKSHEET ISN'T "WORKING" FOR YOU BECAUSE IT'S A **PIECE OF PAPER!** IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO "WORK"!











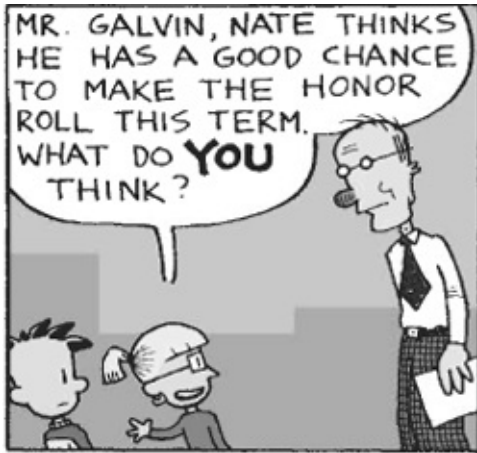
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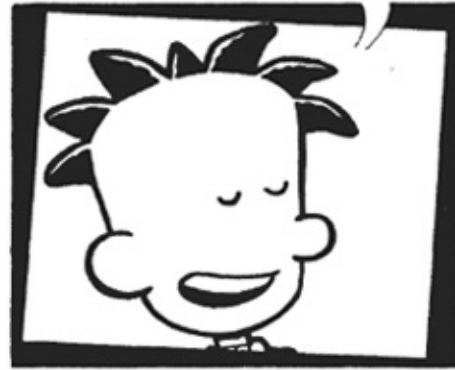
IT'S A SCHOOL RULE THAT CLUBS NEED TO HAVE A TEACHER PRESENT AT MEETINGS, AND WE FIGURED YOU PROBABLY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE GOING ON!







ALMOST ANY SITUATION
CAN BE MADE FUNNY
BY THE ADDITION OF
A HUMOROUS
SOUND EFFECT!





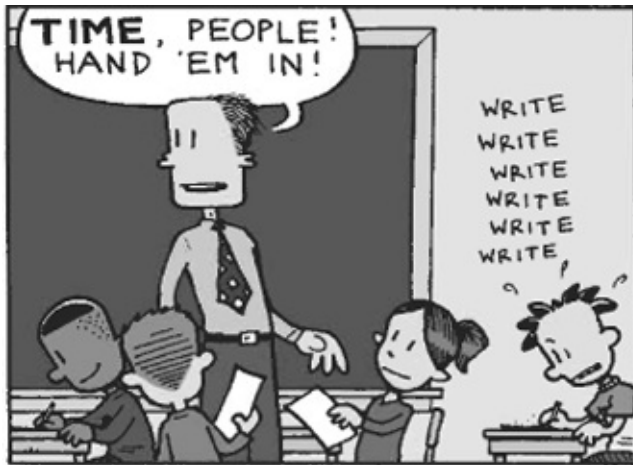


SOMETIMES YOU CAN PUT THE JOKE IN THE **NEXT-TO-LAST** PANEL! THEN THE **LAST** PANEL CAN BE JUST, YOU KNOW, A REACTION SHOT!



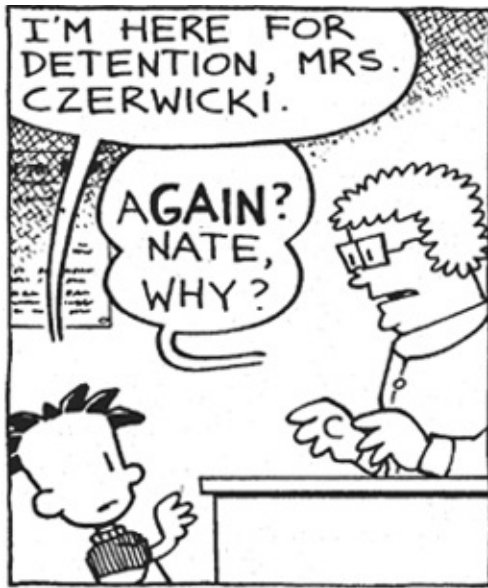


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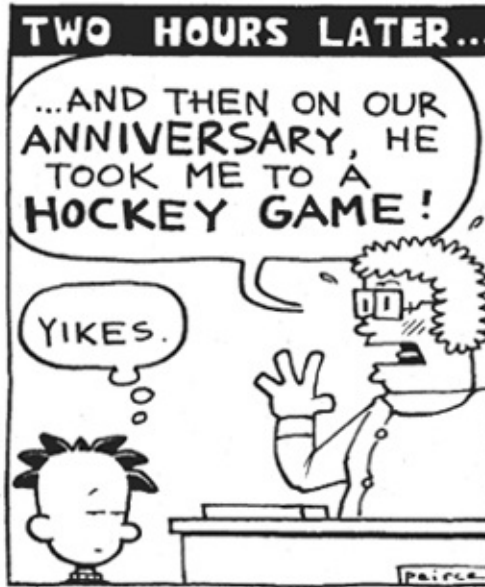
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"WHILE EXCAVATING THE TOMB OF HAKHOTAN, SHAPELY SCIENTIST MAURA ALBRIGHT FINDS HERSELF ENCHANTED BY THE RUGGED EGYPTOLOGIST ADAM CASSEL, BEHIND WHOSE ICY BLUE EYES BURNS A FIRE HOTTER THAN THE DESERT SUN."



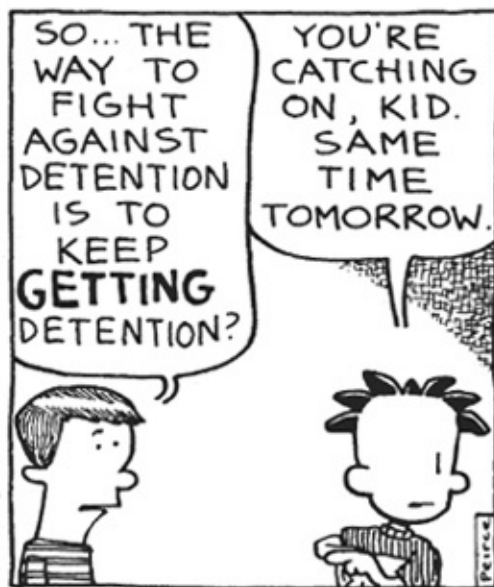


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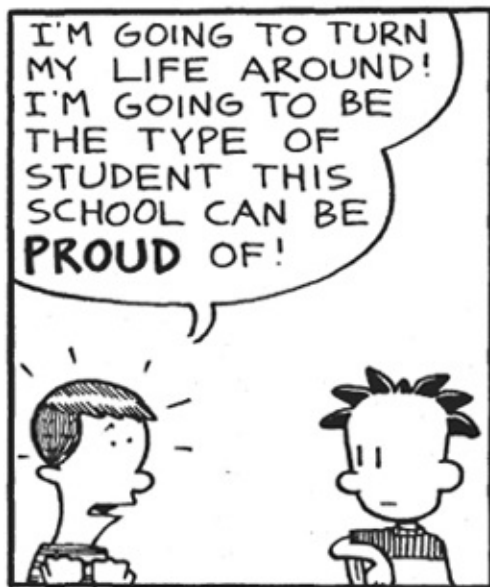
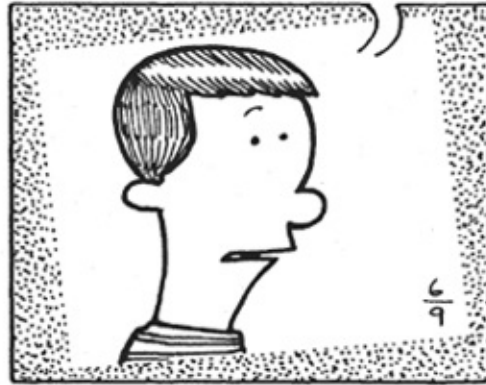


DETENTION IS MEANT TO BREAK OUR SPIRIT! BY KEEPING US TRAPPED IN HERE, THEY'RE TRYING TO BORE US INTO BECOMING OBEDIENT! IT'S WRONG!

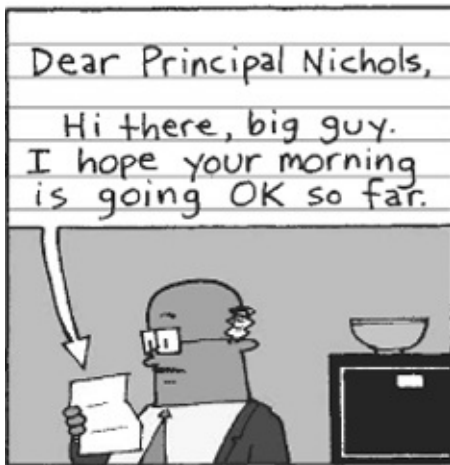




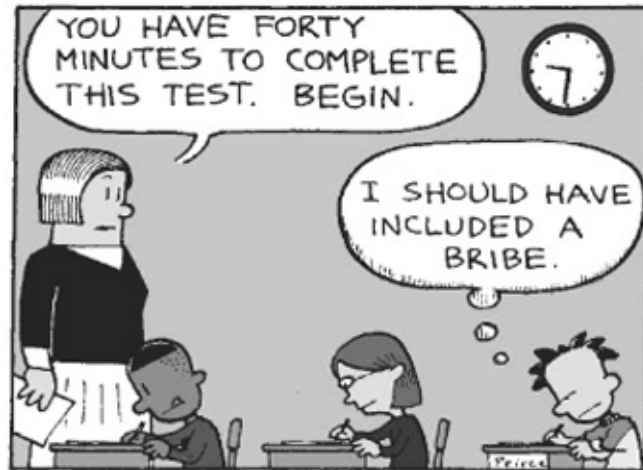
ONCE IS ENOUGH!
I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON!
I'M NEVER GOING TO GET DETENTION AGAIN!



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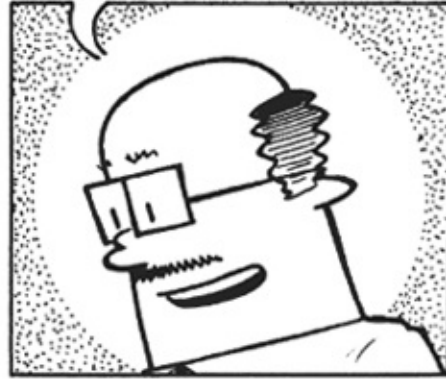
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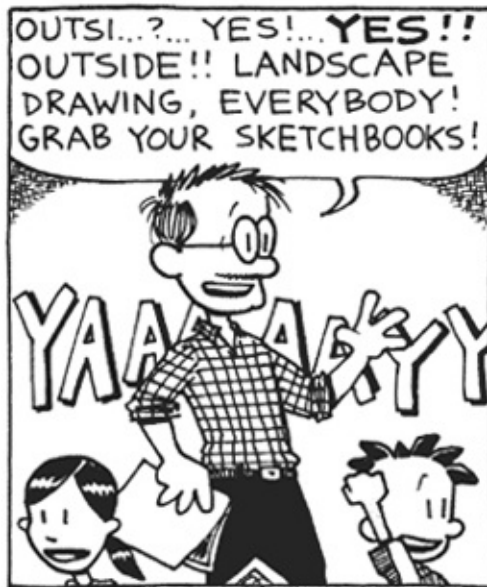


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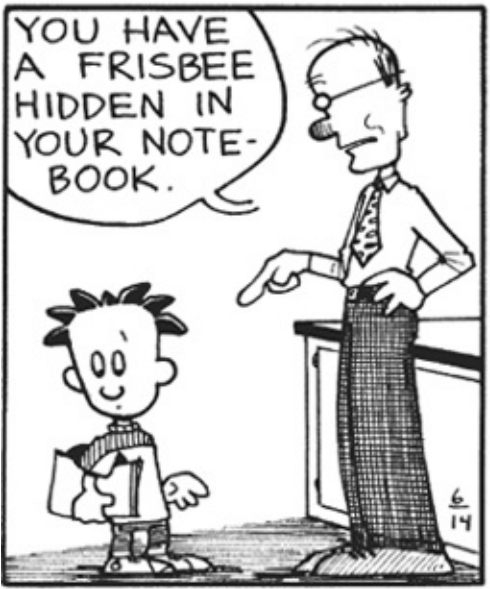
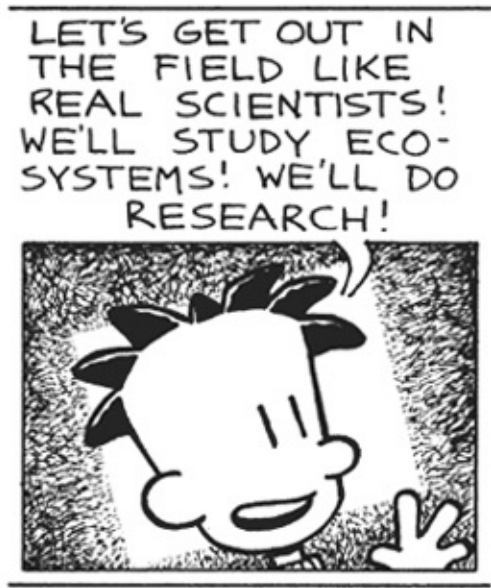
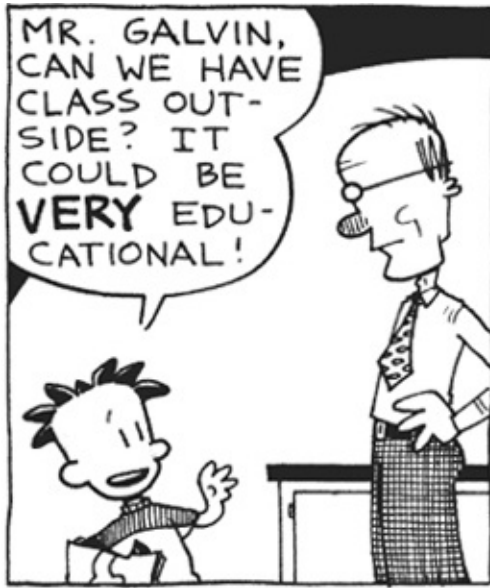
IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY, I SIMPLY HAD TO BE OUTSIDE, SAYING "GOOD MORNING"!





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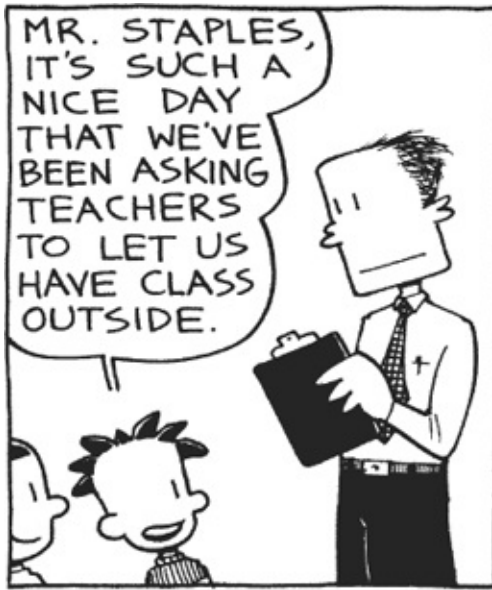


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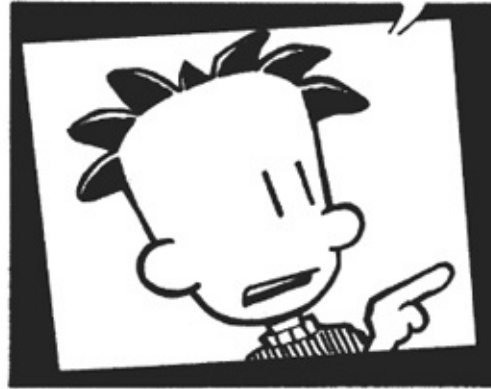


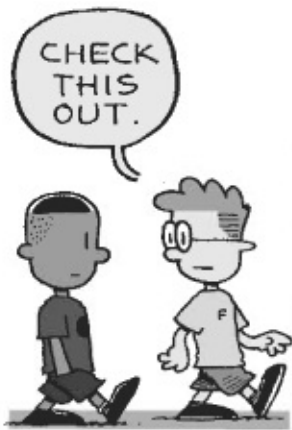
MR. ROSA SAID YES.
MRS. GODFREY AND
MR. GALVIN SAID NO.



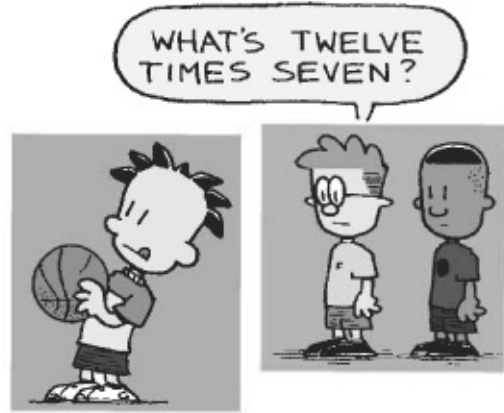


TWO TEACHERS HAVE SAID **YES**, TWO HAVE SAID **NO**. WE HAVE A **TIE**, AND ONLY **YOU** CAN BREAK IT!





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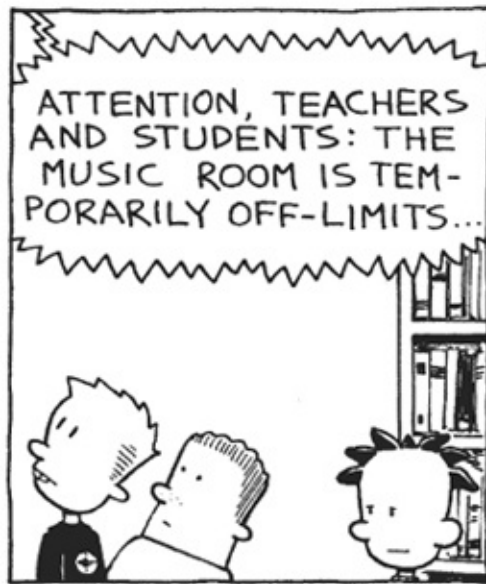


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I TOOK A RECORDING OF PRINCIPAL NICHOLS SINGING KARAOKE AND PROGRAMMED IT TO PLAY OVER THE INTER-COM IN EXACTLY...





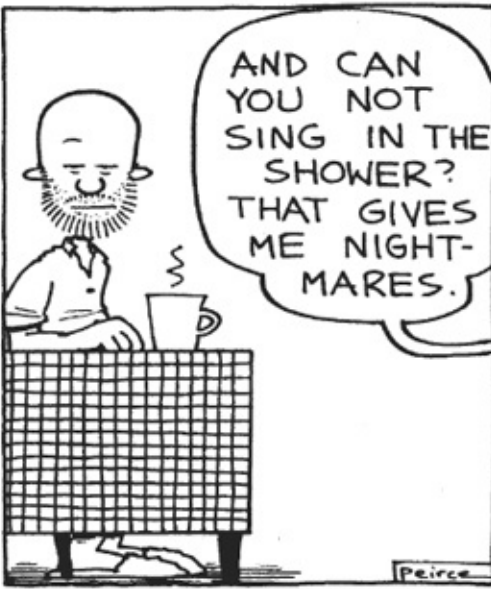




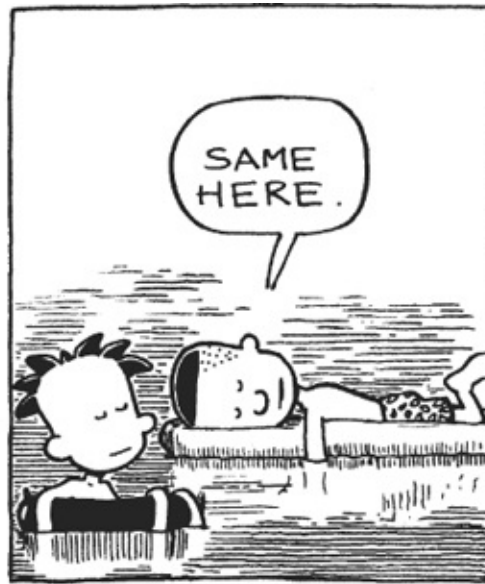
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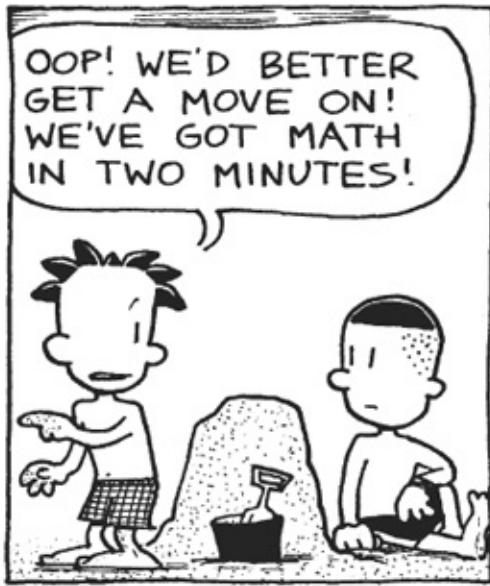
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IT'S 12:30! IF WE WERE IN SCHOOL RIGHT NOW, WE'D BE SITTING IN MRS. GODFREY'S CLASS LISTENING TO HER YAMMERING ABOUT... ABOUT...



...HEY, WHAT'S THE NAME OF THAT GUY SHE TOLD US ABOUT LAST WEEK?

WHO CARES? WHY EVEN THINK ABOUT IT?



YEAH, BUT NOW THAT I CAN'T THINK OF IT, IT'S DRIVING ME CRAZY.

QUIT THINKING ABOUT IT! IT'S SUMMER! DON'T RUIN IT!



MA'AM? WHO WAS THE GUY WHO RAN FOR PRESIDENT AGAINST ABE LINCOLN AND THEN ENDED UP AS THE SECRETARY OF...

YOU'RE RUINING IT!!



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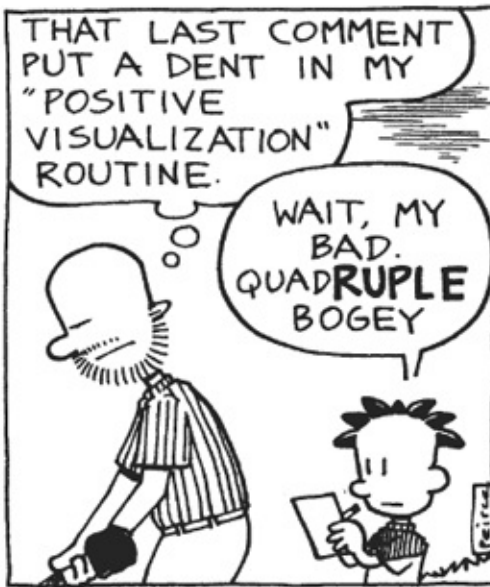
GRIP IT!... RIP IT!...



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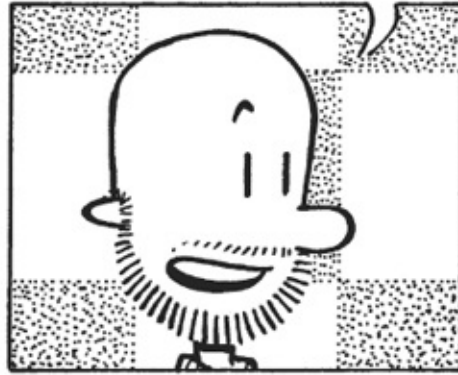
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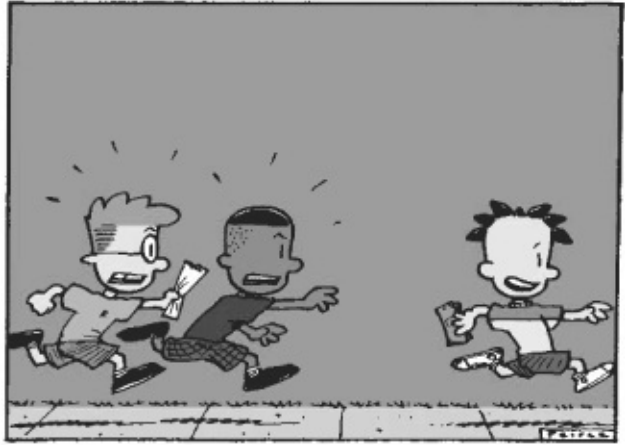


I'D LOVE TO KNOW WHAT IT WOULD FEEL LIKE TO BE A PRO! TO PLAY FOR **HIGH STAKES!**





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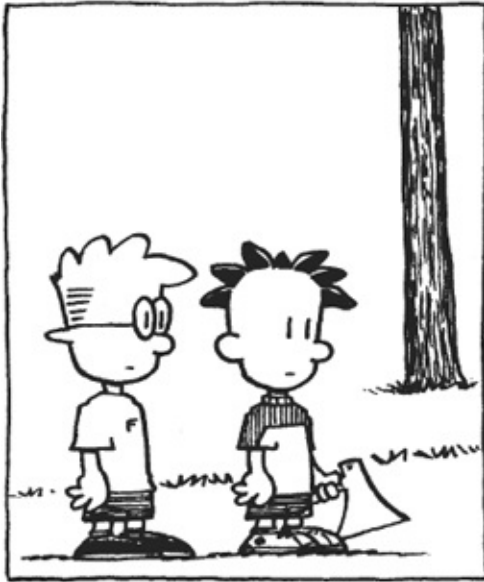
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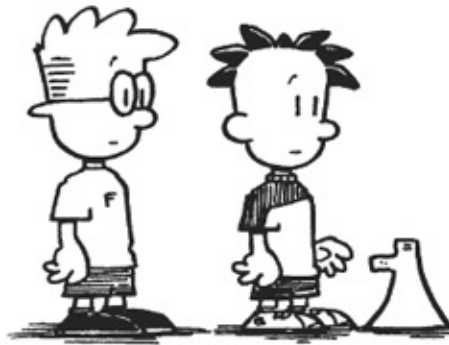








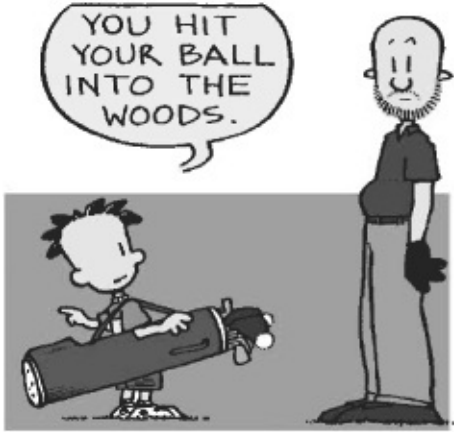
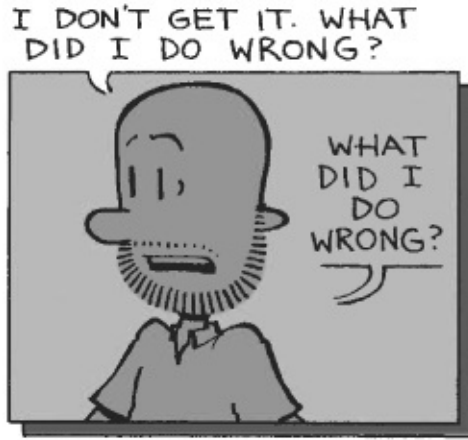




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WE TAKE THE LITTLE BIT OF CASH WE HAVE, SEE, AND WE BUY SOMETHING! SOMETHING THAT **LOOKS** LIKE A WORTHLESS PIECE OF **JUNK!**





"BABY CLOTHES, LAWN FURNITURE, PICTURE FRAMES, NEARLY NEW SNOW TIRES, SHEET MUSIC, USED POWER TOOLS, AND MUCH MORE!"





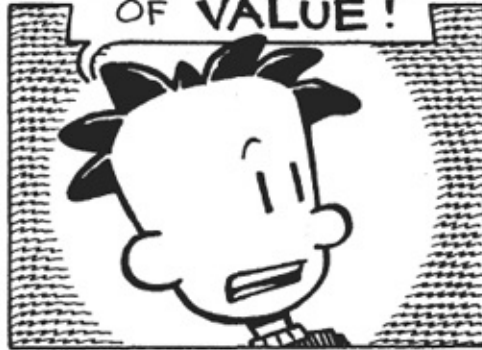




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THERE'S NOTHING HERE I COULD TAKE TO "ANTIQUES ROADSHOW" AND FIND OUT IT'S WORTH A LOT OF MONEY! THERE'S NOTHING HERE OF VALUE!





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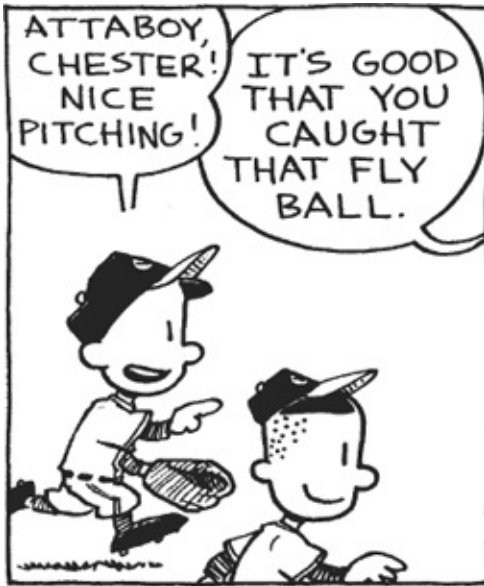


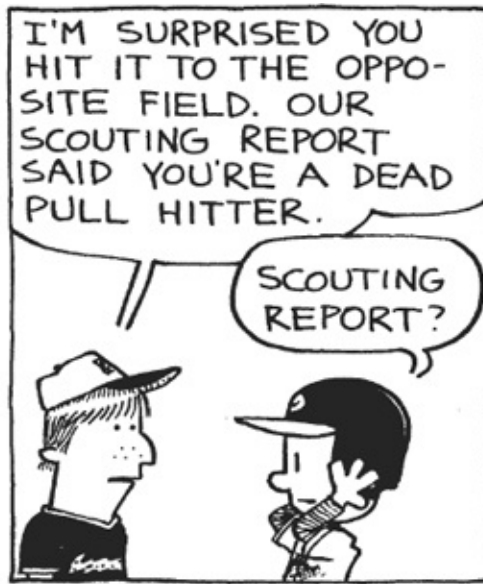
CHESTER PITCHES BEST WHEN HE PITCHES **ANGRY!** SO ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS MAKE HIM **MAD!**

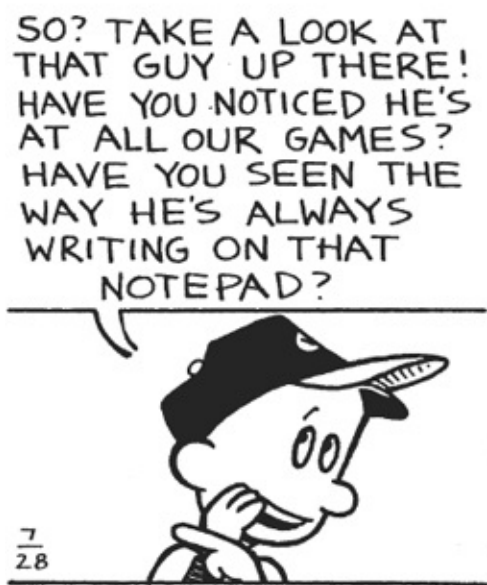




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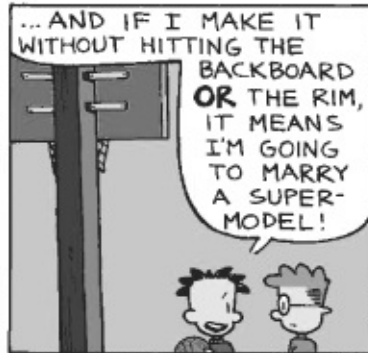








WELL, IF I MAKE
THIS SHOT, IT'S
AN OMEN THAT
I'M GOING TO
BE RICH!



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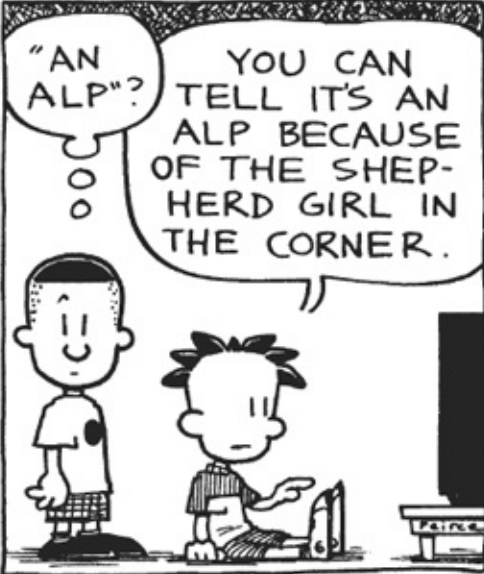
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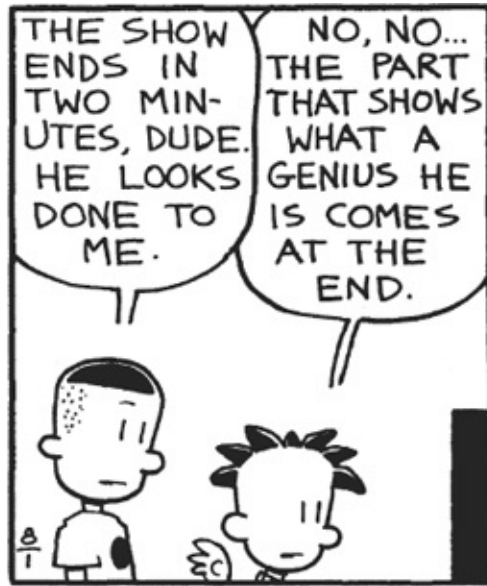


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ALL I KNOW IS: WHEN RUSTY PAINTS A LAKE, IT LOOKS LIKE A LAKE! WHEN HE PAINTS A TREE, IT LOOKS LIKE A TREE! WHEN HE PAINTS AN ALP, IT LOOKS LIKE AN ALP!





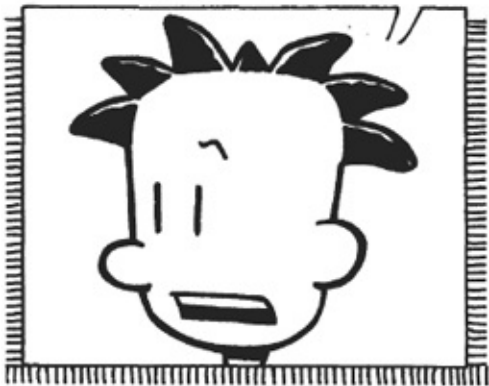
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SO THE MAN I'VE IDOLIZED FOR MY WHOLE LIFE HAS BEEN SECRETLY **DEAD** THE ENTIRE TIME?

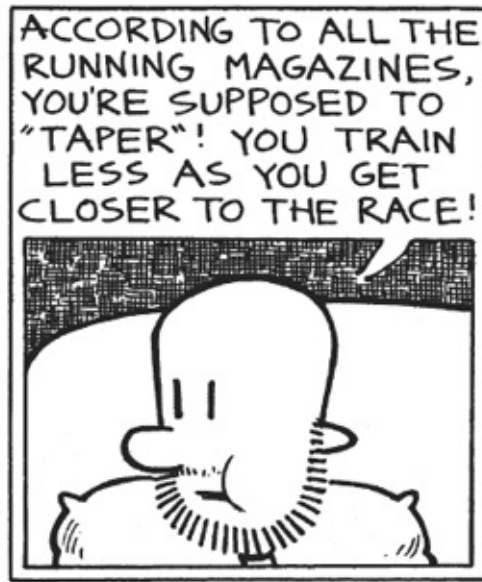




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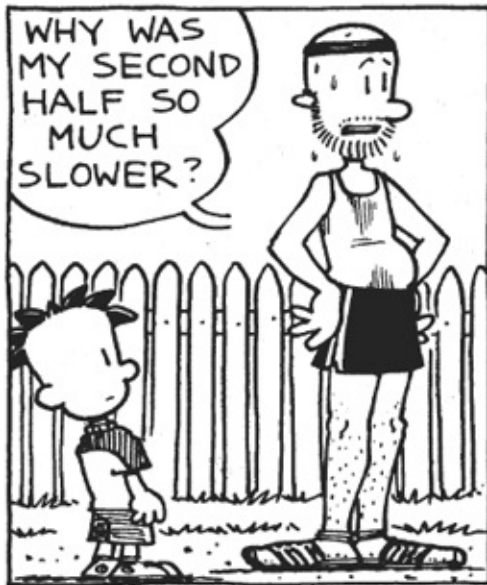
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WHAT? BUT I WAS AT THE HALFWAY POINT IN ONLY **EIGHT** MINUTES!





ONCE THE ADRENALINE KICKS IN, I'LL MANAGE TEN KILOMETERS WITH **EASE!** AND PROBABLY AT A PRETTY FAST CLIP!





THAT... WOW!... THAT SEEMS LONGER THAN... I MEAN... I'VE DRIVEN THAT ROUTE AND IT'S PRETTY... UH... HOW FAR IS THAT, EXACTLY?

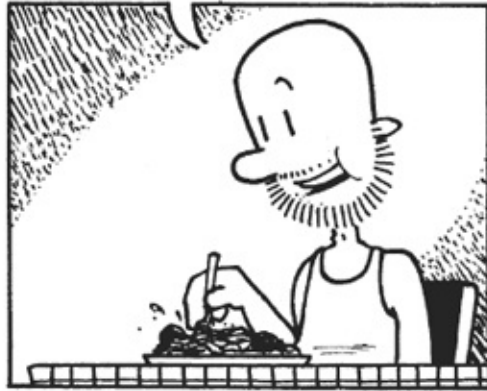


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ACCORDING TO ALL THE ARTICLES, NOTHING BEATS A BIG PLATE OF PASTA FOR A PRE-RACE MEAL!





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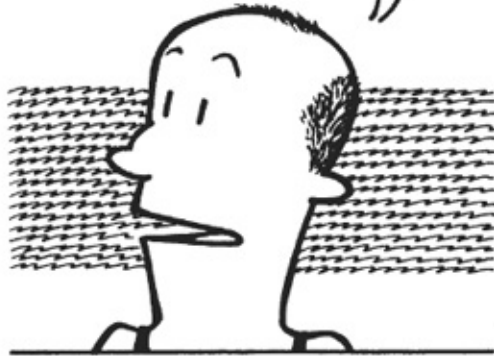


REMEMBER: IT'LL ONLY LAST AN HOUR, AND THEN IT'LL BE OVER!





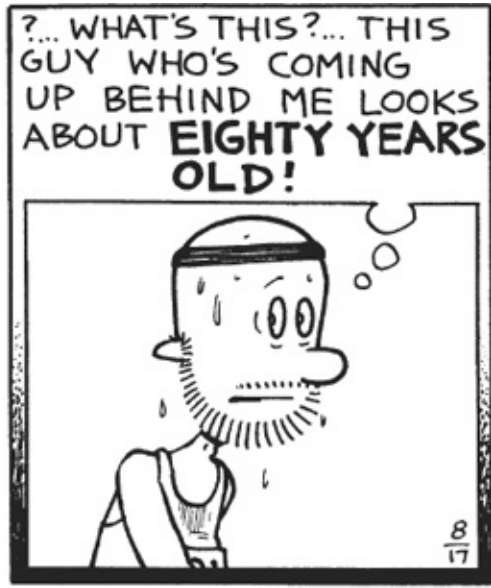
I'VE RUN THIS COURSE MANY TIMES, AND IT'S BRUTAL! IT'S PUNISHING! THAT'S WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!



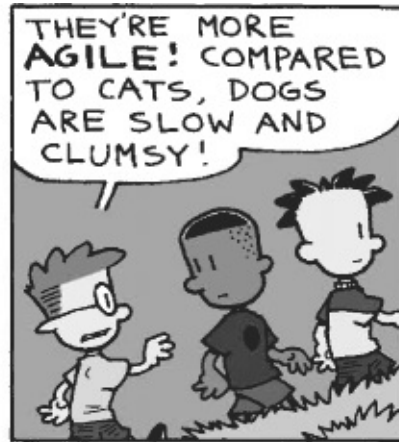


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NOW!... WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU DROPPED A **DOG** UPSIDE DOWN FROM THAT VERY SAME SECOND-FLOOR WINDOW?



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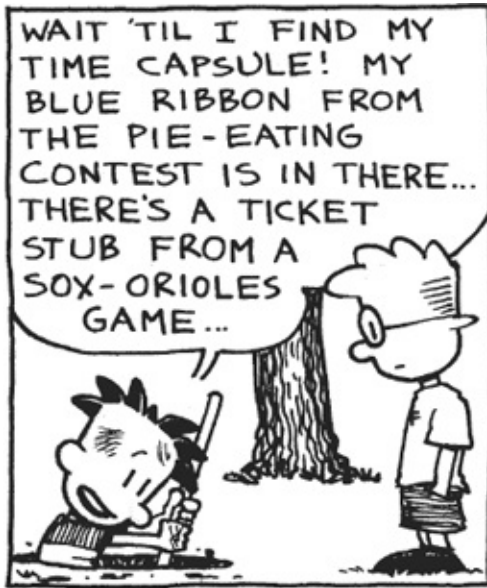
REMEMBER WHEN WE MADE TIME CAPSULES BACK IN THIRD GRADE? WELL, I BURIED MINE **RIGHT HERE!**

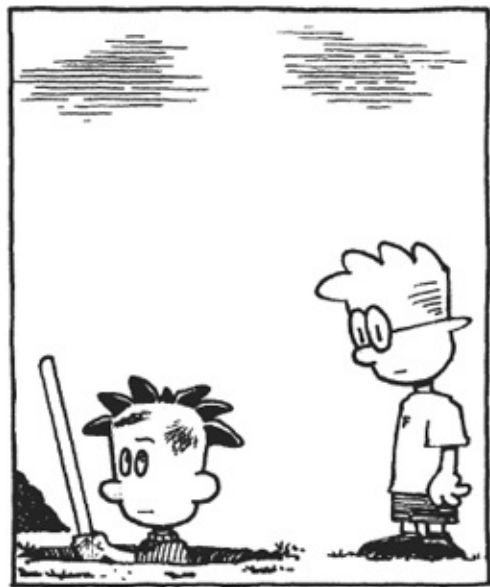
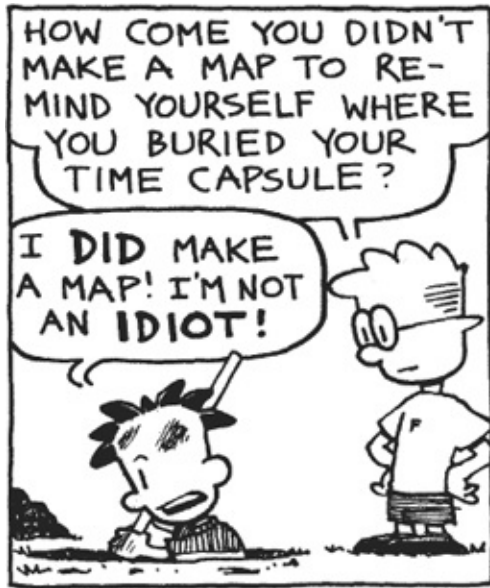




MY MEMORY IS **PER-FECT!** I REMEMBER DIGGING FOR HOURS IN THE BLAZING SUN, AND IT WAS ALL DUSTY, AND I FOUND THIS LITTLE THING WITH INITIALS ON IT, AND...



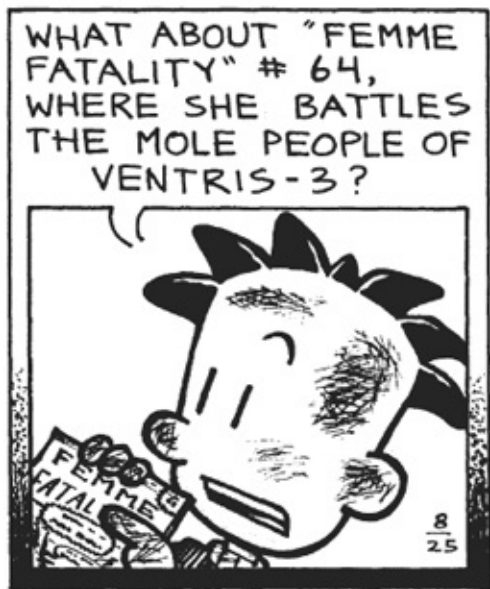




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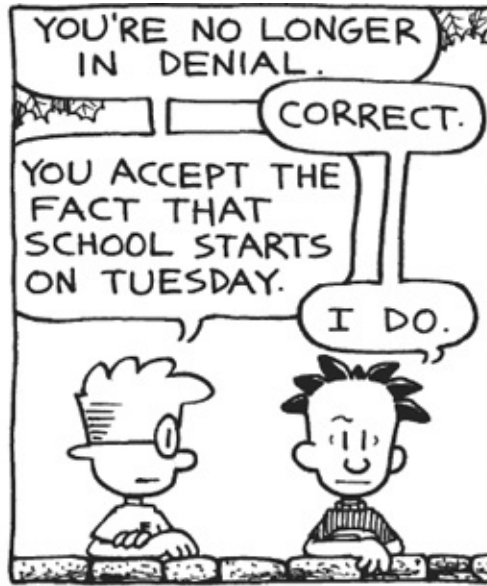
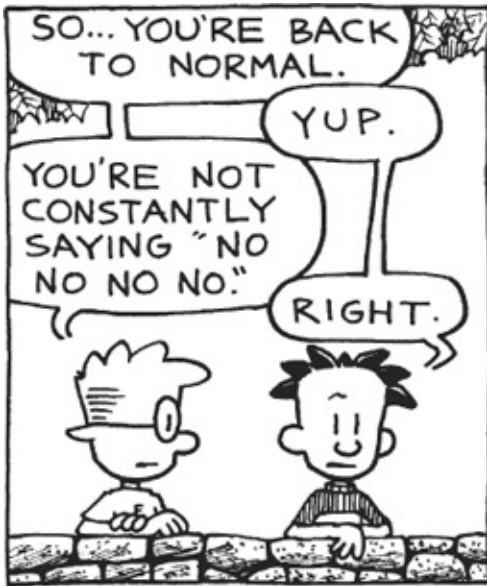
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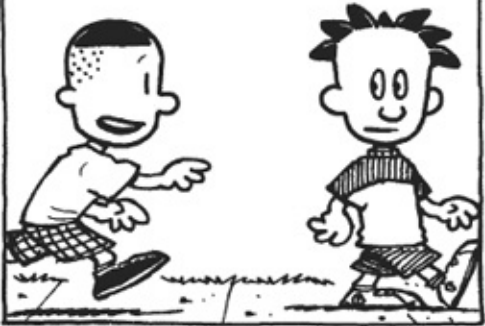
The Monday known as Labor Day
Is cause for celebration;
A tribute to the efforts of
All those who've built this nation.



How is this day devoted to
The "Working Man" observed?
We leave our jobs behind and take
A rest most well-deserved.



I say to you: enjoy yourself!
And seize the day, my friend.
For when tomorrow rolls around...

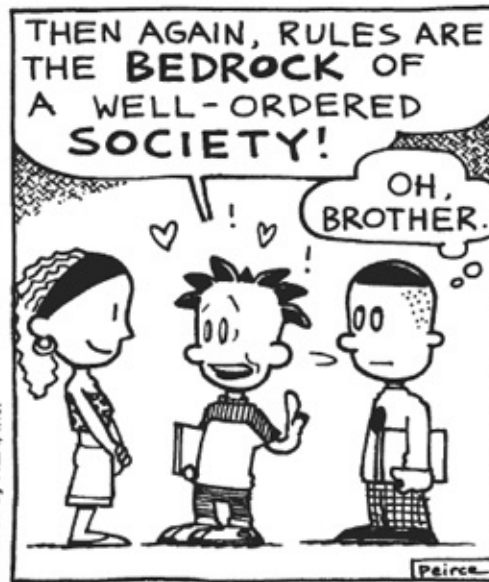


...The grind begins again.



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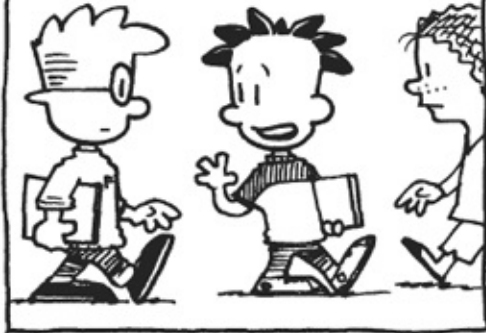


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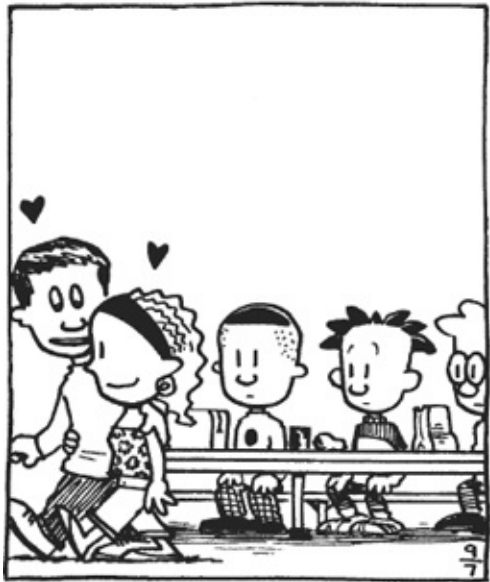


I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M LOCKER PARTNERS WITH AMANDA! HOW LUCKY CAN I GET?!

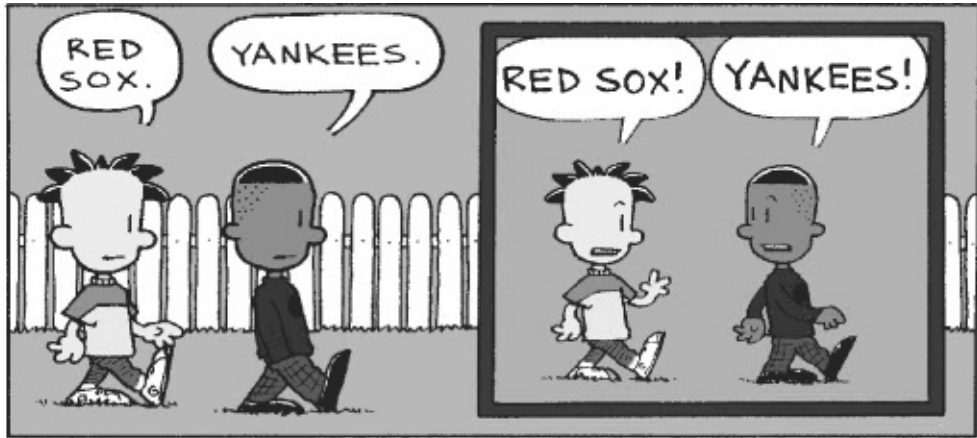


SHARING A LOCKER MEANS I GET TO SEE HER SEVERAL TIMES EVERY DAY! WE'LL HANG OUT...GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER...

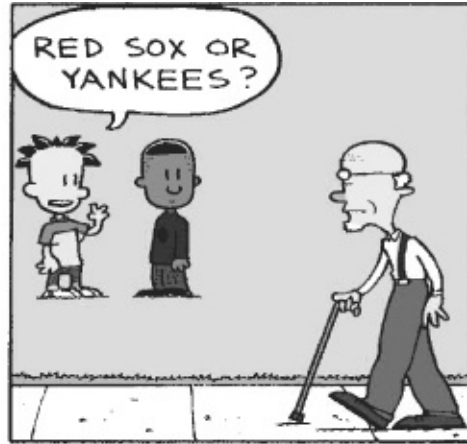








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I WILL **NOT** DISCUSS OTHER TEACHERS WITH STUDENTS! THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!



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WE JUST SEEMED TO RUN OUT OF GAS AT THE END OF GAMES! WE WANT TO AVOID THAT **THIS** YEAR!









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WELL, THEY WERE JUST A BUNCH OF HIGH SCHOOL KIDS, RIGHT? WHY COULDN'T **WE** DO THAT?













...AND THE **SECOND** STEP IS TO START PLAYING GIGS! THE MORE GIGS WE PLAY, THE MORE FAMOUS WE'LL GET!



JUST SAYING THE WORD "GIGS" MAKES ME FEEL LIKE A WORLD-CLASS CHEESE BALL.

CAN WE GO BACK TO THE PART WHERE YOU CALLED "ENSLAVE THE MOLLUSK" A GOOD NAME?





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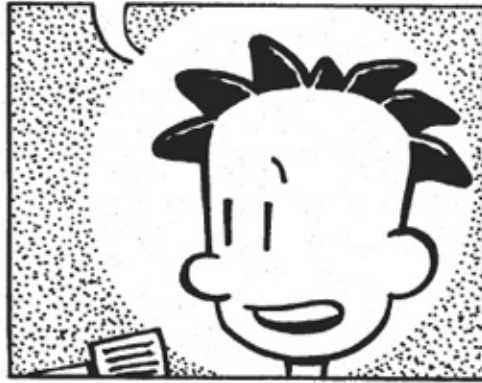


SOON THE NEIGHBORHOOD WILL BE FILLED WITH THE SOUNDS OF "ENSLAVE THE MOLLUSK" PLAYING HEAD-BANGING, EARTH-SHATTERING **ROCK!**



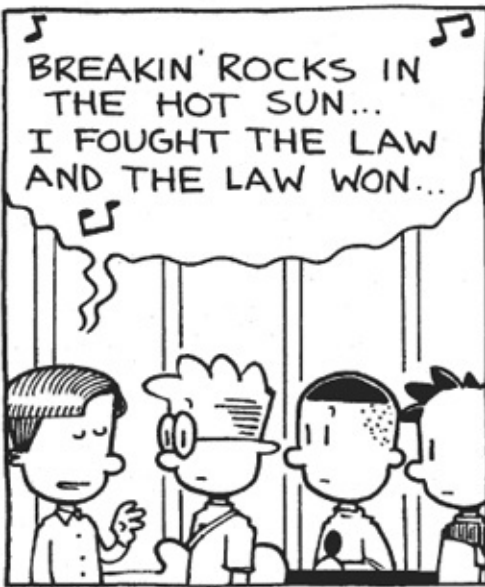
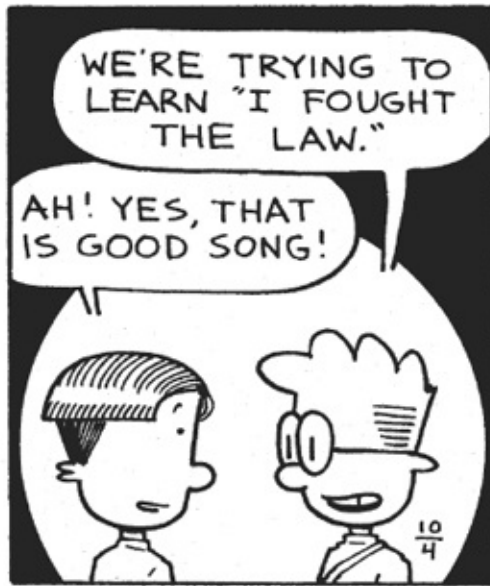


...AND I'M THE MAN ON THE MICROPHONE! THIS IS **AWESOME**, YOU GUYS! WE'RE A REAL LIVE **BAND**!





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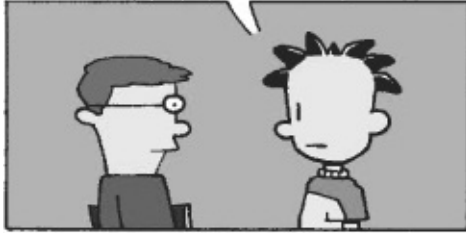




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THE "DARK SIDE," OBVIOUSLY, REFERS TO MRS. GODFREY'S SOUL. SHE HAS TURNED TO THE DARK SIDE AND EMBRACED EVIL AS A WAY OF LIFE.

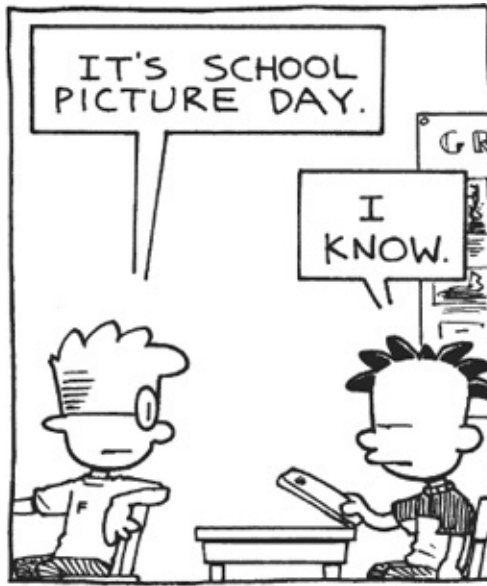


THE MOON, LIKE MRS. GODFREY, IS HUGE, INHOSPITABLE AND DEVOID OF BEAUTY.



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I THOUGHT I'D SEEN IT ALL, BUT **NEVER** HAVE I LAID EYES ON SOMETHING LIKE **THIS!**





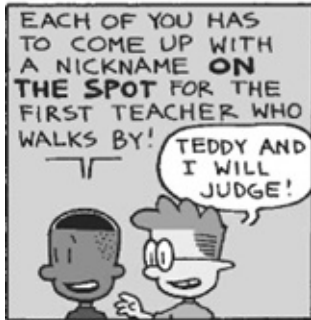
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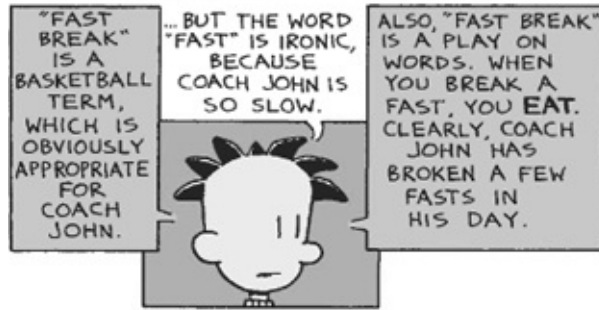
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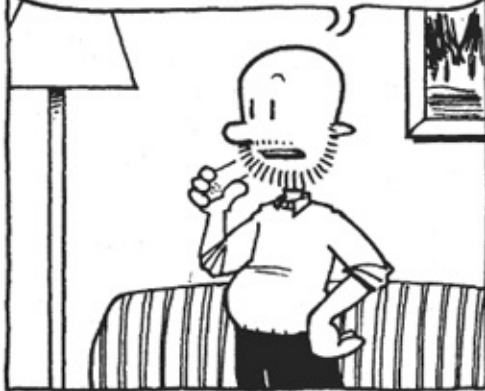


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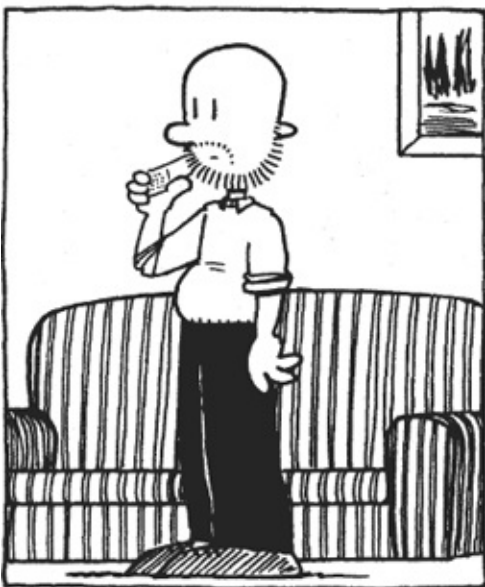
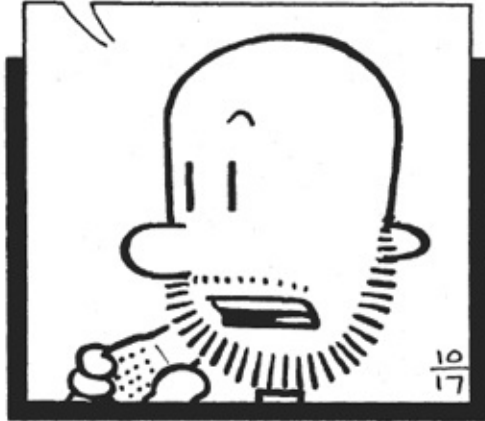




HELLO, "OLDIES 98.9"?
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU
GUYS? YOU USED TO
PLAY STUFF FROM THE
SIXTIES AND SEVENTIES!



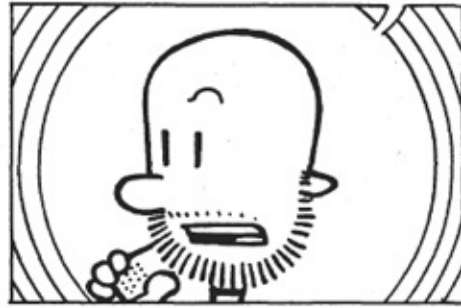
NOW YOU'RE PLAYING
CYNDI LAUPER SONGS!
CYNDI LAUPER IS **NOT**
AN **OLDIE**!



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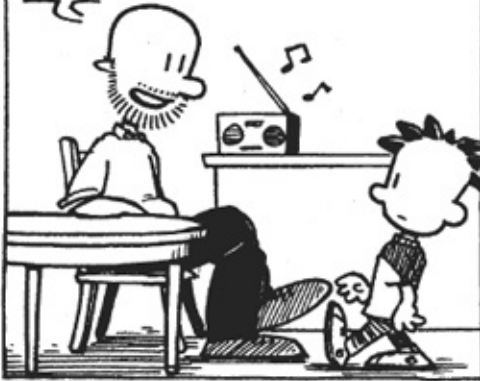


YES, I **KNOW** YOU'VE
CHANGED YOUR FORMAT,
BUT... WHAT?... WELL,
YOU'RE STILL CALLING
YOURSELF AN OLDIES
STATION! WHY CAN'T
I REQUEST AN OLDIE?

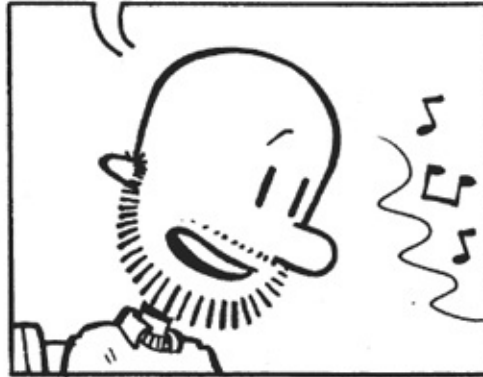




I'VE SWITCHED RADIO STATIONS! NO MORE OBSESSING OVER WHAT SONGS THEY SHOULD BE PLAYING ON "OLDIES 98.9"!



FROM NOW ON, I'M LISTENING TO "THE HAMMER 103.7"! THEY PLAY ONLY "CLASSIC ROCK"!



WHAT THE...? IS THIS REO SPEEDWAGON? THEY'RE PLAYING REO SPEEDWAGON?!



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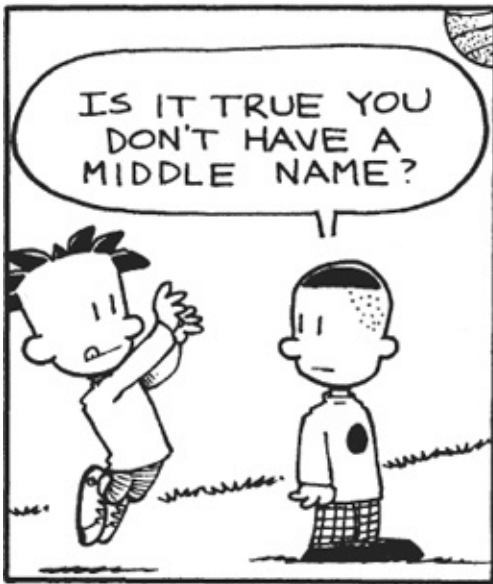


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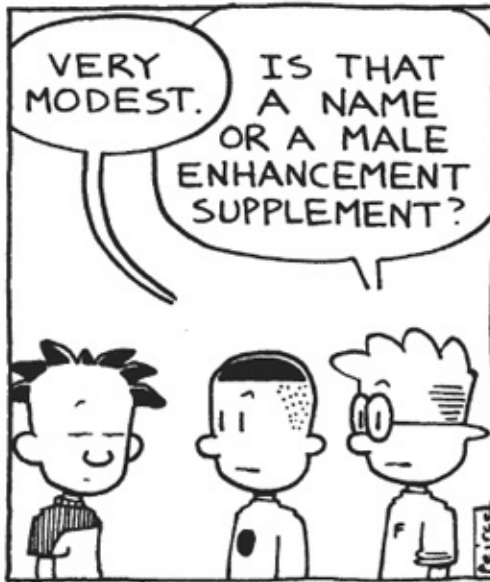






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I'VE NARROWED IT DOWN TO CAESAR, SOLOMON, ARTHUR, ALEXANDER...







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THE WHOLE HALLOWEEN THING! EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT MY DAD IS THE NIMROD WHO HANDS OUT PRUNES TO TRICK-OR-TREATERS!

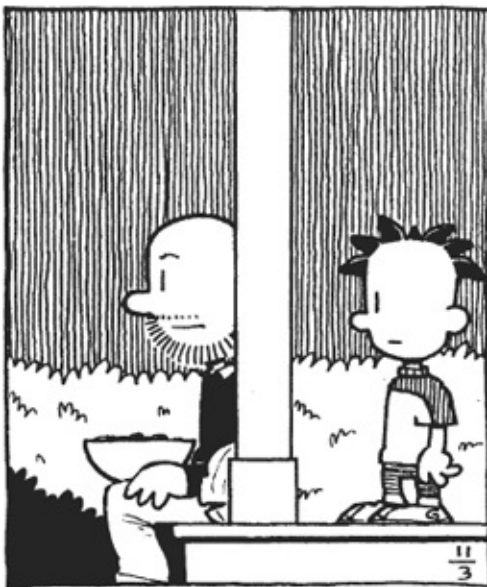
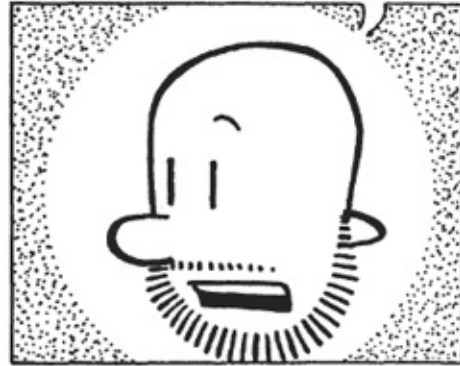


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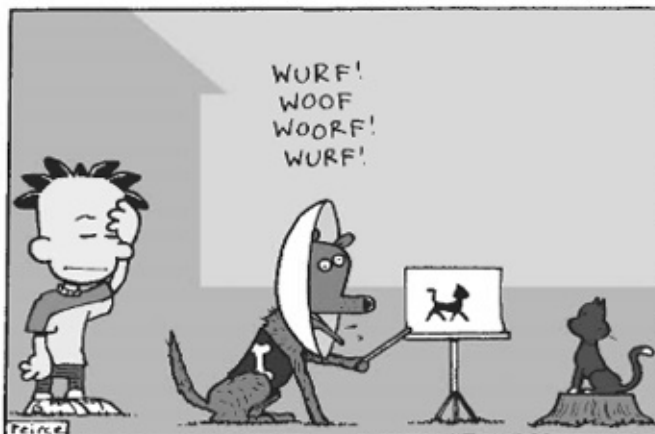


KIDS DON'T WANT PRUNES FOR HALLOWEEN! WHAT WAS I THINKING, HANDING OUT PLAIN OL' PRUNES?



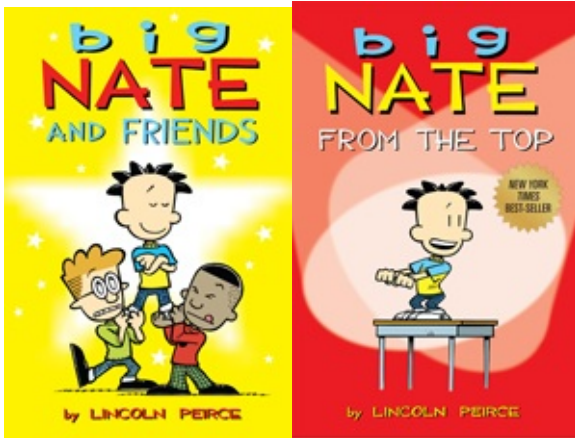


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