

BIG NATE

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE BEAT BANCROFT ACADEMY! THEY WERE **UNDEFEATED!**

HA! NOT ANYMORE!

AND Y'KNOW WHAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE? IT WAS THE **NICKNAMES!** THEY GAVE US **INSTANT MOJO!**

"TURBO" RAN THE FAST BREAK TO PERFECTION, "KONG" WAS UNSTOPPABLE IN THE POST, "RADAR" COULDN'T MISS FROM 3-POINT LAND...

AND "SPLINTER" CHEERED US ON FROM THE BENCH!

I WANT A NEW NICKNAME.

CRABGRASS

IMMEDIATELY.

THAT WAS **AMAZING!**

I KNOW, RIGHT?!

CAN YOU BELIEVE WE ACTUALLY GOT TO SEE A REAL **BIG BANG!**

THAT WAS **NUTS!** AND WHAT ABOUT THE **TIME FACTORY?**

BEST ADVENTURE EVER!

TOTALLY! TOO BAD NO ONE WAS THERE TO SEE IT.

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"I wasn't squeezing her. I was givin' her a nice bear hug."

Bil and Jeff KEANE

MODERATELY CONFUSED

IF COFFEE ISN'T ENOUGH TODAY, NEITHER AM I.

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REALITY CHECK

HEY, GUYS! MIND IF I JOIN IN?

WE NO NEED THIRD WHEEL

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ARLO & JANIS

I DIDN'T THINK WE'D EVER GET HERE, GUS!

THAT MAKES TWO OF US.

GOT MONEY ON ANY GAMES THIS WEEKEND?

NO.

I STOPPED BETTING WHEN BOOK-MAKING BECAME LEGIT!

I DON'T TRUST THEM.

BIZARRO

I should think you have enough clues to determine a diagnosis.

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THATABABY

WOW! YOU CAN STAY IN AN AIRBNB THAT'S UNDERWATER!

IMAGINE WAKING UP AND SEEING FISH SWIMMING PAST THE WINDOW!

Seabnb?

HEART OF THE CITY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAN!!

MAKE A WISH.

I WISH EVERYONE HERE STAYS MY FRIENDS FOREVER.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: WELCOME TO AGE 12, DEAN!

SALLY FORTH

HOW TO COPE WITH ANOTHER YEAR

#6: RELAX

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OKAY, TIME TO WAKE UP SO YOU CAN GO TO BED.

OR AT LEAST PUT AWAY YOUR MAKESHIFT CHARCUTERIE BOARD OF BRIE AND TWIZZLERS.

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"Not much on TV."

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TRUE but STRANGE

Use the News

Find a mention of a sea or ocean in today's paper.

TRASH THE SPLASH!

There is a huge garbage patch in the Pacific ocean that is twice the size of Texas and three times the size of France!

Located between California and Hawaii, it is a massive soup of debris and litter, mainly microplastics, trapped between different ocean currents. Most of the garbage originates from rivers that flow into the sea. Some of the plastic is over 50 years old and includes bits of items including lighters, toothbrushes, water bottles, pens, baby bottles, cellphones and plastic bags.

One of the dangers is that microplastics get ingested by marine life and become part of the food chain, which means that humans end up consuming microplastics ... and that can't be good for us!

B D F H J K L N

R R R R S S S S T T T T W

Using these letters, complete these other words for garbage:

1) **U** **U** **U** **U** 2) **E** **E** **E** **E** **I** **I**

3) **I** **I** **I** **E** **E** 4) **A** **A** **A** **E**

5) **E** **U** **U** **E** 6) **A** **A** **A** **A**

Answers: 1) Junk 2) Debris 3) Litter 4) Waste 5) Refuse 6) Trash