

BIG NATE

WELL, AT LEAST WE GOT TO SIT IN **ONE** CLASS TOGETHER!

AND POSSIBLY MORE!

WHATTA YA MEAN?

YOU CAN SIT NEXT TO ME IN DETENTION!

EXCEPT I DON'T **HAVE** DETENTION.

BUT YOU CAN KEEP ME COMPANY! 'CAUSE WE'RE BROS!

APPARENTLY, EVERY BROMANCE HAS ITS LIMITS.

CRABGRASS

OKAY, FINE! I HAVE A **HUGE** CRUSH ON YOU, CARLA. ALWAYS HAVE! IS **THAT** WHAT YOU WANT TO HEAR?

YES, IT IS. BUT I NEEDED TO HEAR IT **DIRECTLY** FROM YOU TO BE SURE.

NO ONE'S EVER HAD A **CRUSH** ON ME BEFORE. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN KIND OF CURIOUS WHAT IT'S **LIKE**, YA KNOW?

AND?

6 OUT OF 10.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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“Don’t turtles ever get to go out and play?”

Bil and Jeff Keane

MODERATELY CONFUSED

MY KARAOKE COACH THINKS I'M ALMOST READY TO TAKE ON ANY WHITNEY HOUSTON TUNE.

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REALITY CHECK

GEE, I DUNNO, PAT! IT'S PROBABLY STARING ME RIGHT IN THE FACE... I'LL BUY A VOWEL! CAN I BUY AN "F"?

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WHAM!D

LOSE A T CLUE-LESS FREE B NO

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CARPE DIEM

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ARLO & JANIS

MARY LOU TOLD ME SHE AND GENE DON'T WANT TO KNOW THEIR BABY'S GENDER BEFOREHAND.

I RESPECT THAT, BUT I'M REALLY NOT SURE I WOULD HAVE THAT KIND OF WILLPOWER!

WHY WOULD YOU NEED TO KNOW?

LITTLE GIRLS TODAY NEED A FIELDER'S GLOVE, TOO!

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You look great in fall colors.

That's just you making me blush.

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THATABABY

HORTICULTURE CORNER

The sassafra tree is easily identified by the distinctive shape of its leaves!

Unlobed oval

Double-lobed

Dinosaur track!

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HEART OF THE CITY

I KNOW IN MY GUT THAT THE SECRET HIDEOUT EXISTS. WE JUST GOTTA FIND IT!

LET'S VOTE. ALL THOSE FOR FINDING THE SECRET HIDEOUT IN THE WAMA COOLERS, SAY "AYE." ALL THOSE OPPOSED, SAY "NAY."

NAY. AYE. AYE. AYE.

BRENT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I'M DOING WHAT IT TAKES TO SURVIVE THE HEAT.

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“You fell off the operating table.”

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SALLY FORTH

SO, SHOULD WE TALK TO HIL ABOUT IT?

YEAH. BUT WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL...

LAST THING WE WANT TO DO IS BLUNTLY ASK, "SO WHAT'S WITH THIS CRUSH ON YOUR TEACHER?"

YES. THAT WOULD BE DEVASTATING.

HIL! OKAY, LISTEN...

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KIDTOWN

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The Earth's crust is made up of vast slabs of rock called tectonic plates. There are seven major plates and a number of minor ones, and they are always on the move, shifted around by great forces deep inside our planet.

The average rate of movement is about an inch per year — that's about as fast as a fingernail grows!

TRUE but STRANGE

Sometimes the plates get stuck and pressure builds up. When the pressure is released, the plates slip and slide, causing the ground to shake. We call those events earthquakes. Sometimes an underwater earthquake or the eruption of a volcano under the sea will cause a tsunami (pronounced soo-NAH-mee). A tsunami is a giant wave that can race across the ocean as fast as a jet plane. Tsunamis can cause great damage!

Answers: SEAT, SENT, WENT, WANT, WANE, WAVE

Change one letter in each row where indicated to change SEAS to WAVE. We've given you a clue to each word:

Something to sit on:

Dispatched:

Departed:

To desire:

Get smaller:

WAVE

Tsunami is a Japanese word that means "harbor wave." This drawing of a wave is based on a very famous Japanese print called "The Great Wave off Kanagawa."

Find something related to ocean waves in today's paper. It could be anything from a story about surfing to just a picture of a ship at sea.

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