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2018 Highlights (CREAMY)

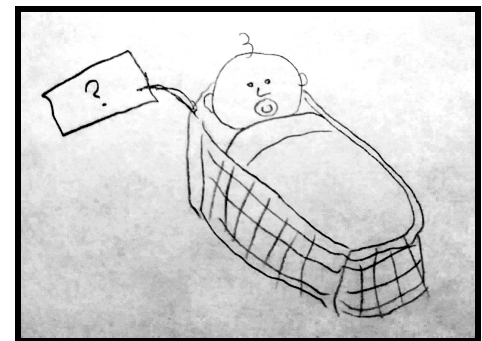
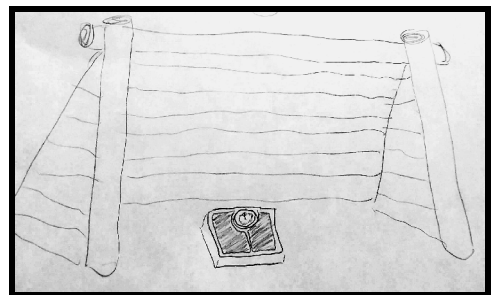
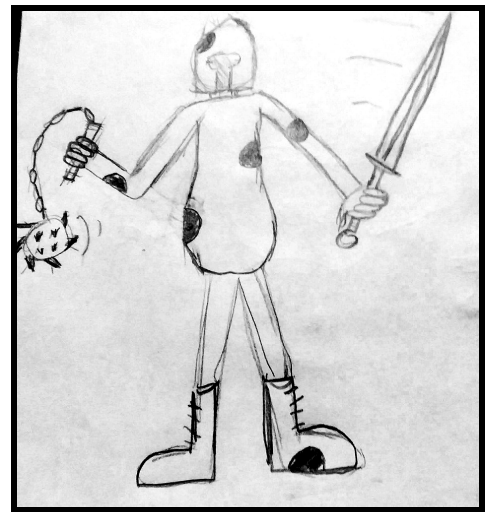
- three truths and a lie -

- I collect Box Tops. Typically a Box Top is earned by clipping it off a box or bag or can or label of some participating grocery product. On a trip to Walmart this past Fall I collected 165 Box Tops in one single visit. (That's a lot of Hamburger Helper!)
- One morning I hit the BK drive-through for a ham and egg biscuit. At the window, I was informed that the car ahead of me had paid for my meal (awww). Also, should I choose to continue it, I could be the 18th car in a currently 17 car long Pay-It-Forward trend they had going that morning. One look in my rear-view mirror at the **3 hungry men** crammed in a work truck and I declined. (wah wah waaaahhhh)
- Earlier this year I gathered with about 500 people in a dark room where we all pointed and laughed at a selectively mute, 7-foot tall, sad clown with a little gold crown, fuzzy buttons, and a mad crush on Kevin Costner. (Am I a terrible person?)
- In this last year, on more than one occasion, I have been physically blocked with an actual hand to the face. I have been publically snubbed with loud and forceful "ewws" and "blechs". And I have been soundly shunned with wicked side-eye and blatant disregard by a teeny tiny 3-year-old, simply for having coffee breath. (Please pass the gum)

Cartoon Carols

What famous Christmas carols are captured in the following doodles?

* Answers listed on page 4.



“Fulton’s Pond”

(lyrics to a new song Joe’s finally finishing)

Another dirty day has come and gone
There’s another headless Barbie in the driveway
I drop my boots by the door
But cannot see through the blanket fort
Just where my favorite chair is anymore
Would they notice if I turned right back around?

Right on time, there’s a cold one in my hand
As Mister B. tells me:

“Money’s only made from money”
(If I have to hear that crap again!)
Each night’s the same as it’s always been:
Some cards, the kids, and “Fox or CNN?”
Would they notice? ...just one small step outside



- CHORUS -

**FULTON’S POND is a little place I knew when I was young
Back when time would stop with every skipping stone
And on a little wooden bridge we’d sit and share our fairest dreams
So if you find - someday - I’ve up and gone,
I’ll be back at Fulton’s Pond**

That house is filled with the spoils of a life
Father’s Day cards and a homemade batch of bug juice
I know there’s room for me inside
It’s not that there’s ever been a time I thought they wouldn’t love me till I die
But, would they notice - if for just tonight?

I know that I’ve been pushing you aside
But don’t you think that you kinda had it coming?
I learned to laugh the way you like
And I made believe that the 9-to-5 was never gonna bury me alive
It may be too late now to ever turn around

The Charbs' PERSON OF THE YEAR 2018

This award goes to the person who time and again showed the world how one can give **Personal Loving Care** to Family, Church, Friends, Career, and Herself in a stunningly beautiful way, complete with Passion, Humor, Tenacity, and Grace.

Our dear Heide Mama! ♡



You are a true inspiration. And a great friend. Here's wishing you the happy new year you so richly deserve.

COUPON ✂

Free pie and coffee!

Any Wednesday night, on us,
throughout the year. BYO-Bib.

2018 Highlights (SIMON)

- three truths and a lie -

- Earlier this year, I received many school-related high achieving awards. Of these donations, I won "high attendance", "the principal's award", and even a certificate signed by President Donald Trump himself! (As well as Legal Education Manager, Betsy Devos.)
- Earlier this year, while being filmed, I willingly struck my fist square into the face of my loving father - multiple times. It wasn't appropriate that I was laughing through every second of it!
- Earlier this year, I had the fantastic idea for a delectable new invention! I mixed a serving of chicken "cup o' noodles" into a bottle of some very potent mint extract. And to top it off, I sprinkled the whole dish with crushed candy canes. I had just created the world's first festive peppermint ramen! Oops.
- Earlier this year, I decided to drive around in one of my parents' very nice cars. It went on for more than 10 minutes, me going in all different directions and ways. Plus, my mom had never even given a bit of permission for me to start with. Well, at least I had fun breaking the law...

2018 Highlights (JOE)

- three truths and a lie -

► Earlier this year, I snuck Creamy down a secret passage into the below-the-street back rooms of the Wine Cellar bar. When making our get-away, a clumsy move resulted in broken glass raining down all around us. Discretion is not our strong suit.

► A buddy from work brought me back a bundle of Cuban cigars from a recent cruise. "Be careful," he said, "these are the real McCoys." What he didn't know was: I was raised by a world-class stogie pounder. I was in heaven! Heck, I even got the old poker gang back together to celebrate. (Creamy still hasn't gotten the smell out of the drapes.)

► From the "excessive honesty" file... public safety campaigns took a weird turn in 2018 when the city of Ogden (thinking, I'm sure, that an alert citizen is a safe citizen) posted a sign at the corner of Washington and 12th, simply stating: "Your life is in danger." I'm sure some hot-shot liability lawyer thought this would cover their asses... no matter WHAT happened!

► I went to the bank one day. As I entered the lobby, a lady who works there perked up and ran across to greet me - as if she'd been expecting me all along. She asked me if I was there to fix the dishwasher(!??). VERY confused, I simply answered "no." The lady apologized, embarrassed, and returned to her desk.

New Years

Resolutions and Predictions

RESOLUTION:

Try to put the cart before the horse sometimes - because: "What? That nag's too good to push??" Excuse me, your highness!

PREDICTION:

The horse dies. Very dramatically, in an overly prolonged "I told you so" pageant of pathos.

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RESOLUTION:

Our entire Family will make a concerted effort in 2019 to get into shape.

PREDICTION:

Joe will get into the shape of a Rhombus. Creamy will become more Heart-shaped. And Simon will take on the shape of the Shiny Star that he is.

ANSWERS to Cartoon Carols: 1) O Holy Night, 2) Away in a Manger, 3) What Child is This?

ANSWERS to last week's "What am I?" riddles: 1) piano, 2) milk, 3) humor