

BITE BUSTER in

Fight the Bite!



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The Disease Carrying Insects Program (DCIP) was established in 2003 to monitor and control mosquitoes and West Nile virus in Fairfax County. Since then, it has expanded to include ticks and tick-borne diseases. The mission of the program is four-fold: vector and disease surveillance, vector management and control, community education and outreach activities as well as emergency preparedness.

The program's goal is to minimize the impact of mosquito and tick-borne diseases with an integrated approach to pest management.

Disease Carrying Insects Program

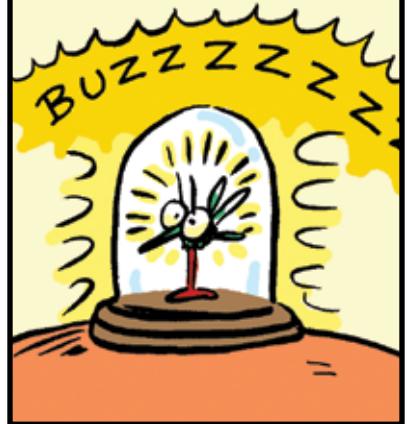
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MILLIONAIRE ENTOMOLOGIST LANCE
LARVA IS HOME READING A BOOK WHEN...



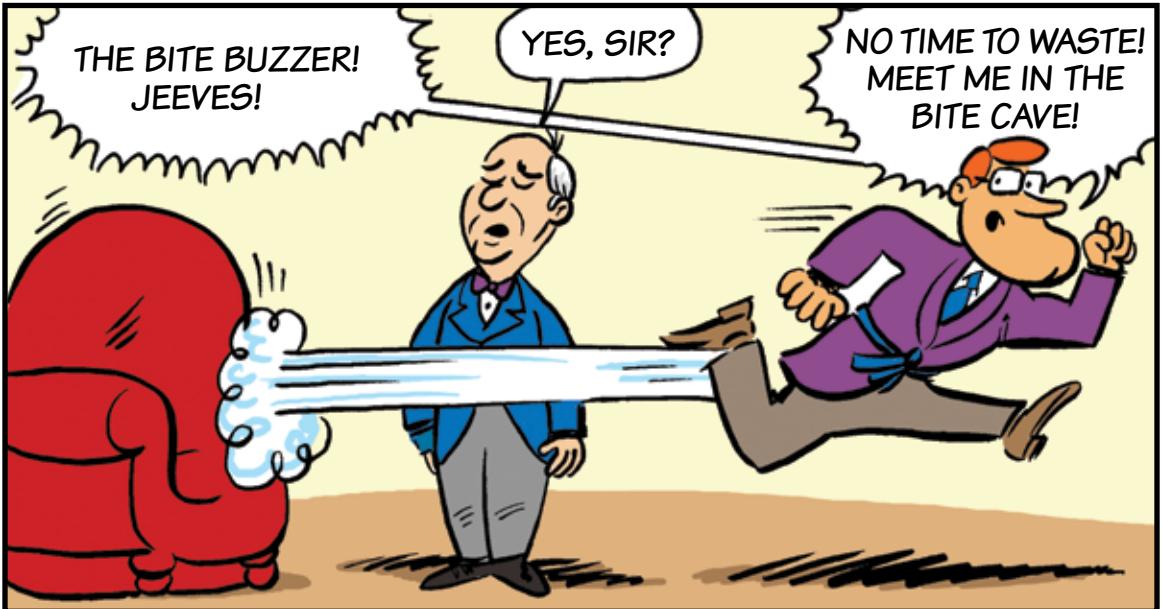
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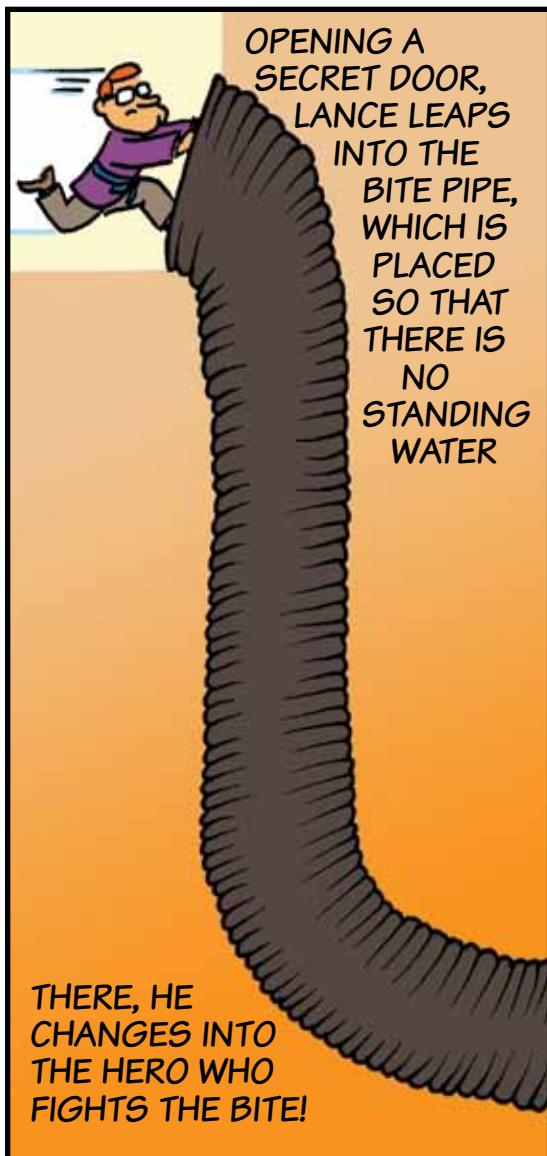


THE BITE BUZZER!
JEEVES!

YES, SIR?

NO TIME TO WASTE!
MEET ME IN THE
BITE CAVE!







OUTSIDE THE CAVE, A SECRET DOOR OPENS...



AND OUT COMES THE BITEMOBILE!



I'VE ENTERED THE COORDINATES INTO YOUR GPS, SIR!

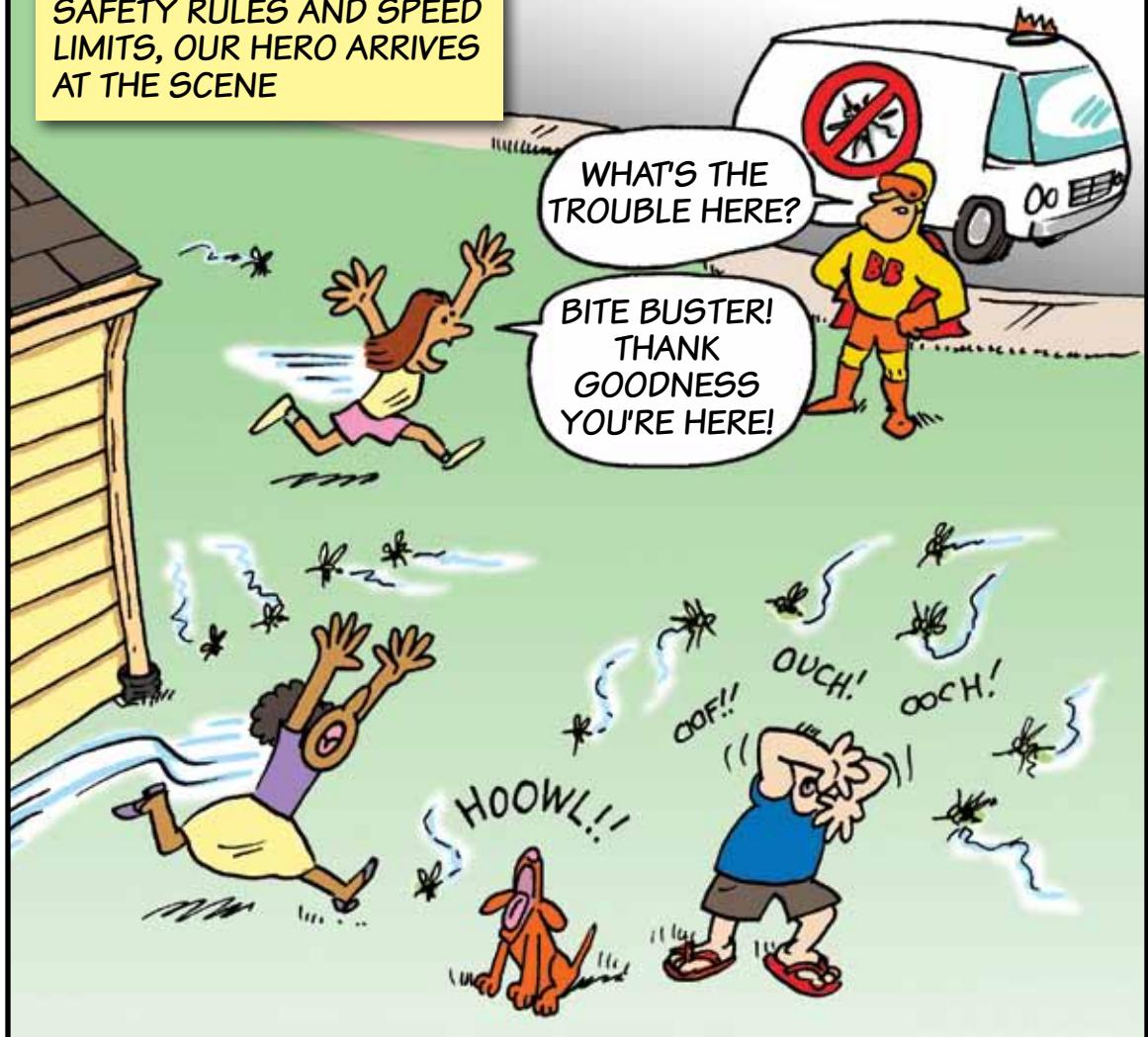
WAIT! I HAVE AN IDEA!

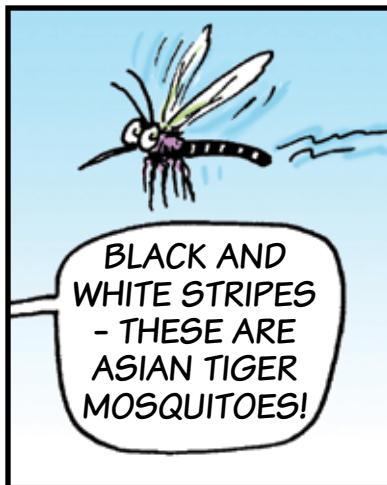
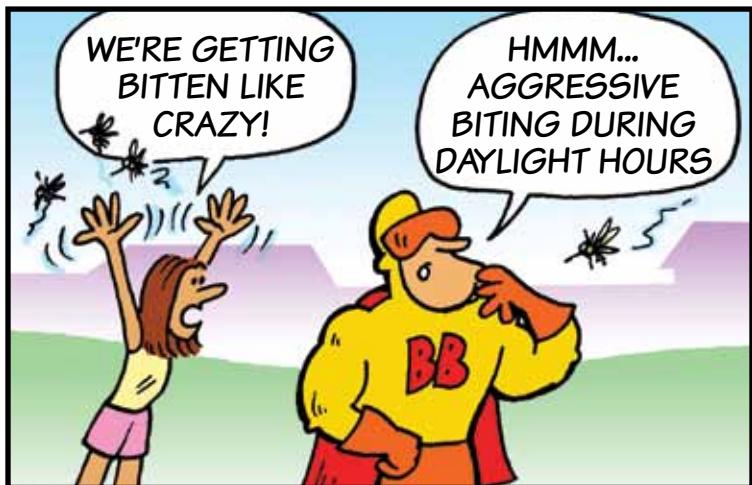
WHAT?

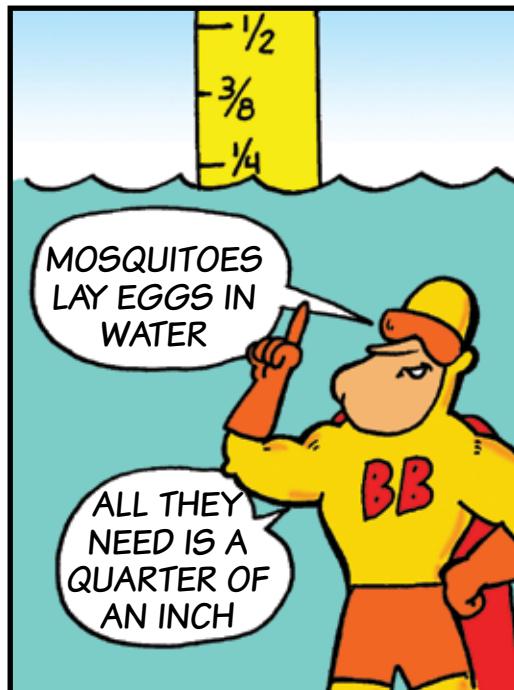
GIVE ME DIRECTIONS!

GOOD IDEA, SIR!

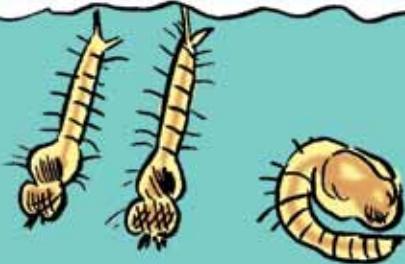
FOLLOWING ALL TRAFFIC SAFETY RULES AND SPEED LIMITS, OUR HERO ARRIVES AT THE SCENE







THE EGGS HATCH INTO LARVAE



THE LARVAE
BECOME PUPAE

MOSQUITOES GO FROM
EGGS TO ADULTS IN ABOUT A
WEEK! ELIMINATE STANDING
WATER TO REDUCE YOUR
MOSQUITO PROBLEM

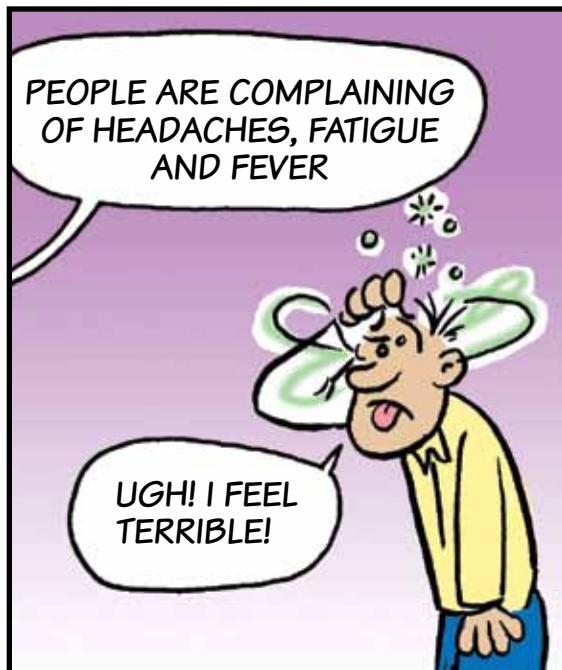
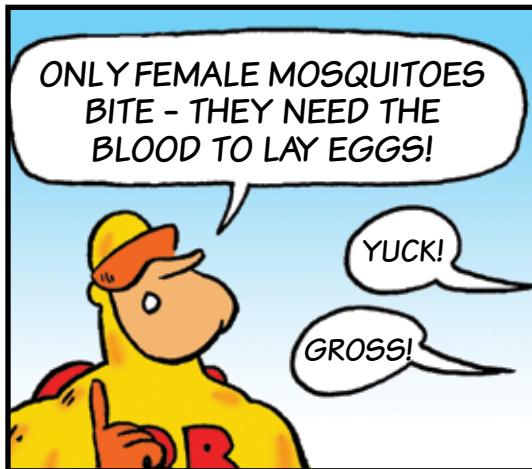


THIS IS THE WORK OF
MY OLD ENEMY
MADAM MOSQUITO!



DRAT!!

ONCE AGAIN
MY PLANS
HAVE BEEN
FOILED
BY BITE
BUSTER!



BITE BUSTER
CHANGES BACK
TO HIS SECRET
IDENTITY AND
TRAVELS TO
ANOTHER PART
OF TOWN...

WHAT SEEMS TO BE
THE PROBLEM, SIR?

I HAVE A
HEADACHE AND
I'M SORE ALL
OVER

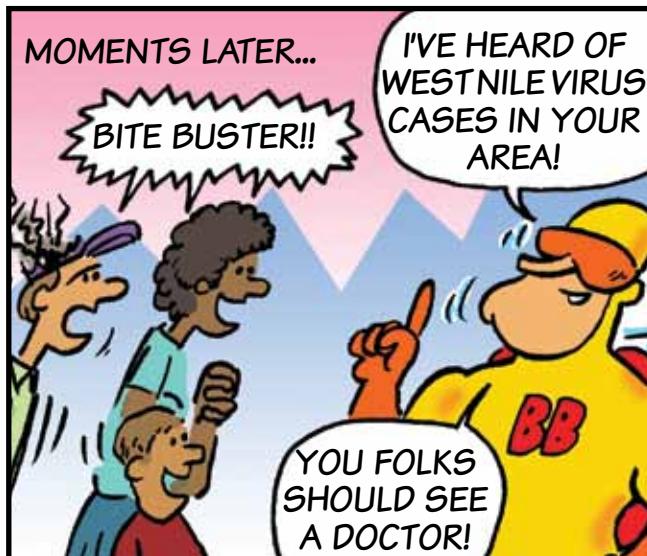
DO YOU HAVE
A FEVER, TOO?

YOU
COULD
SAY THAT

FWOOSH!

HMM... KNOW ANYONE
ELSE FEELING THE
SAME WAY?

A LOT OF
PEOPLE
ON OUR
STREET



WEST NILE VIRUS IS SPREAD BY BROWN CULEX MOSQUITOES, WHICH USUALLY BITE FROM DUSK TO DAWN

THE MOSQUITO BITES A BIRD THAT HAS THE VIRUS

DO YOU TASTE LIKE CHICKEN?

IF YOU SEE A DEAD BIRD, REPORT IT TO YOUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT



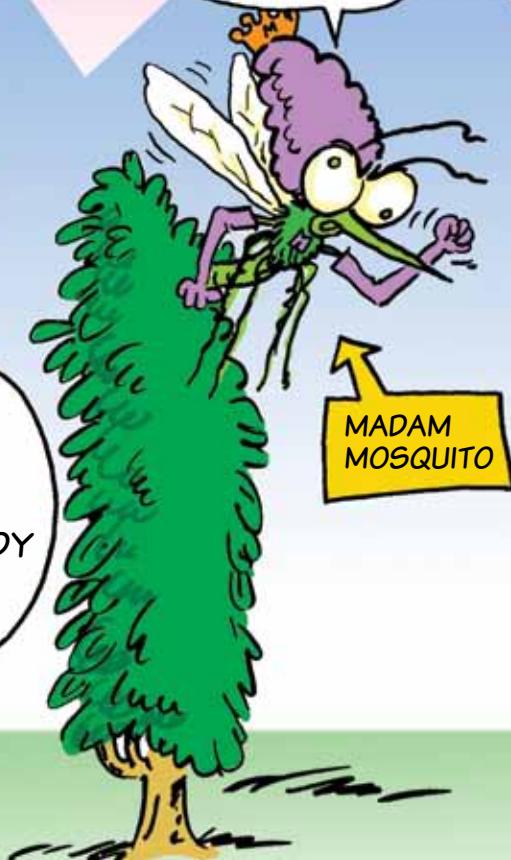
A PERSON CAN GET THE VIRUS FROM THE BITE OF AN INFECTED MOSQUITO

VERY FEW MOSQUITOES CARRY THE VIRUS, BUT YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL!

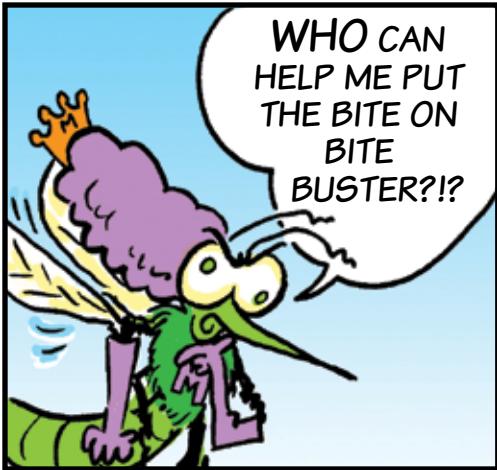
SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS ARE LIKE A VERY BAD FLU IN THE SUMMER. THIS INCLUDES FEVER, HEADACHES, FATIGUE, BODY ACHES, STIFF NECK AND SOMETIMES NAUSEA

IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE WEST NILE VIRUS, GO SEE YOUR DOCTOR!

BZZZZ - THAT BITE BUSTER IS REALLY BUGGING ME!!



MADAM MOSQUITO





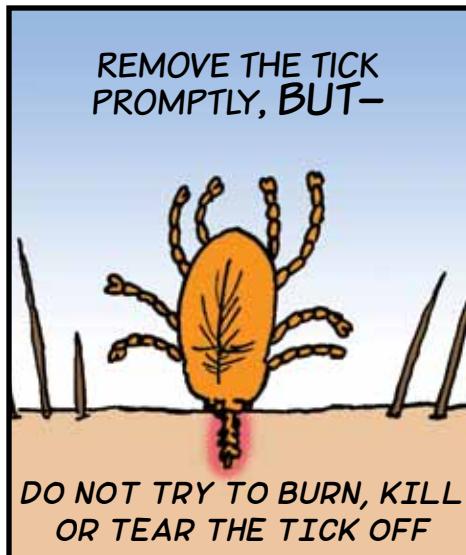
BITE BUSTER
HEARS THE
CRY...

A TICK!
EEK!!

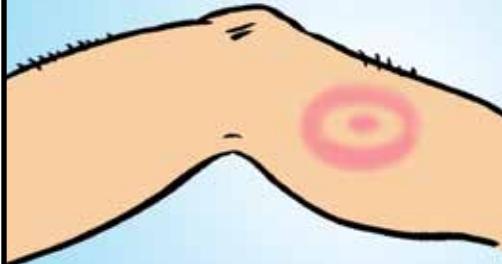
WAIT!

HELP! GET
THIS TICK
OFF ME!!

PANIC DOES NOT HELP!
IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU
STAY CALM!



A BULL'S-EYE RASH IS A
SIGN OF LYME DISEASE



NOT EVERYONE GETS
THE RASH, SO WATCH FOR THE
OTHER SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS -



FATIGUE,
ACHING
JOINTS,
STIFF NECK,
SWOLLEN
GLANDS AND
HEADACHE!

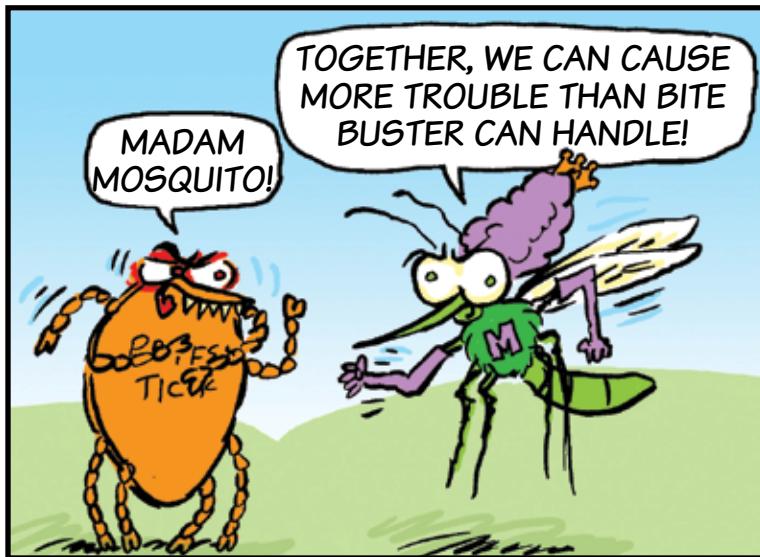
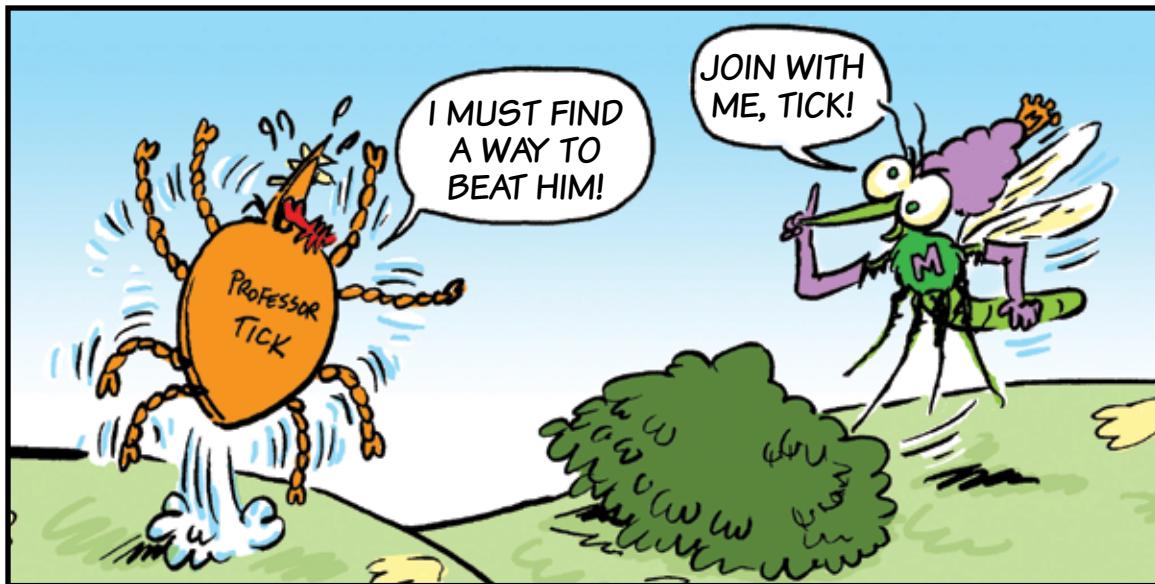
IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE
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THANKS, BITE BUSTER!

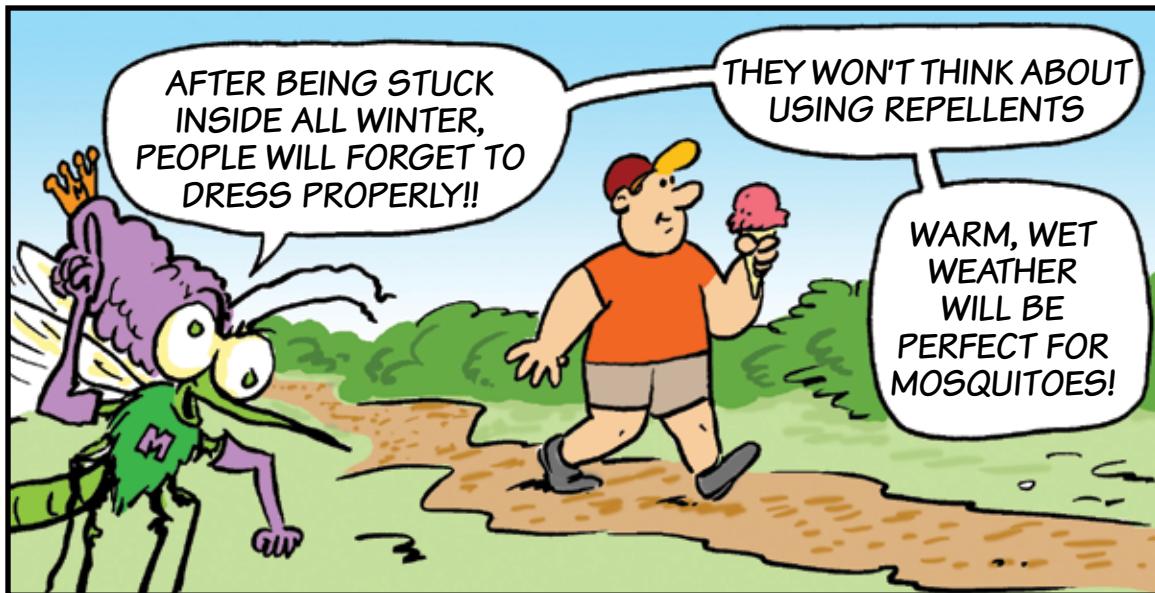


GRRR... THAT BITE BUSTER IS
A REAL PAIN IN THE BITE!













THESE ARE GOOD AGAINST MOSQUITOES

THIS AWESOME ARSENAL OF REPELLENTS WILL KEEP YOU BUGS AT BAY!!

WHEN APPLIED BY AN ADULT, THEY WILL STOP YOU NASTY BITERS FROM BITING!!

Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus

IR3535®

Picaridin

DEET

THIS WORKS ON MOSQUITOES AND TICKS

WE'LL ALSO REMIND EVERYONE TO WEAR LONG, LIGHT COLORED, LOOSE FITTING CLOTHING...

BZZZ!!!

...DO TICK CHECKS AND MOW GRASS REGULARLY...

...AND ELIMINATE STANDING WATER!

BUT BEST OF ALL, WE HAVE ANOTHER TEAM MEMBER...



...YOU! TOGETHER, WE
CAN BEAT THE BAD GUYS!
FIGHT THE BITE!!!

RATS,
BEATEN
AGAIN!

RAH RAH,
SIR!

PROFESSOR
TICK

BB

R
&
I

MYSTERY JAR!!



CAN YOU GUESS WHAT JOSH
KEEPS IN HIS JAR?

BUILD YOUR OWN BITEMOBILE!



STEP 1: COLLECT 10,000 BOXTOPS
STEP TWO: GLUE THEM TOGETHER!

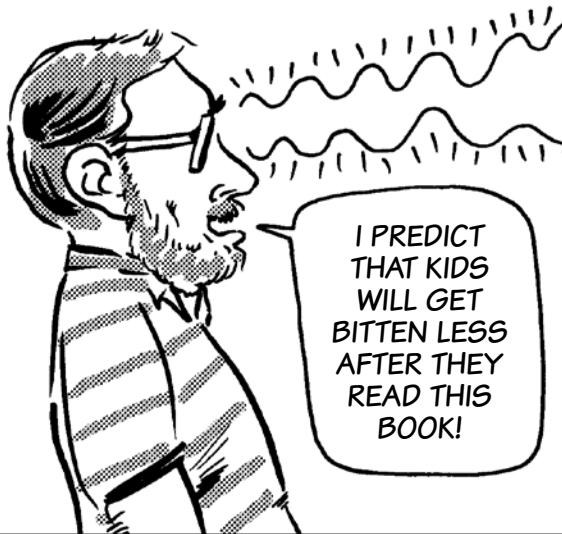
X-RAY SPECS!!!



WHAT MYSTERIOUS POWER
DOES THIS MAN HAVE?!?!?

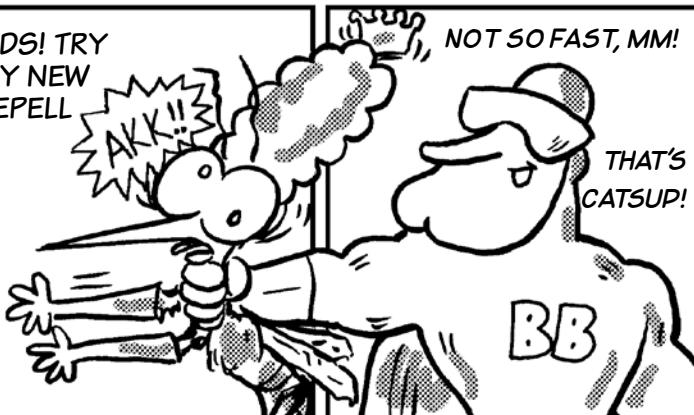
IS HE A
GENIUS
OR JUST
REALLY
SMART?

YOU
DECIDE!



I PREDICT
THAT KIDS
WILL GET
BITTEN LESS
AFTER THEY
READ THIS
BOOK!

KIDS! TRY
MY NEW
REPELL



THAT'S
CATSUP!

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