

first time in days, maybe weeks. Then you notice your stroller getting slightly harder to push, like when you run over something bad with your vacuum cleaner and it's never quite the same. Your brand-new stroller has been goathead murdered! All it takes is for one of those weedy stickers to puncture your moderately-priced stroller wheel and your newfound freedom and mobility are over. Unless you bought a \$300 jogging stroller, you need to get ahead of this! Take your stroller to Les Schwab and replace the tires it came with, with something in the \$50 range. The men and women at Les Schwab will know exactly what you're talking about.



### Buttons are not your friends

Your baby will need to be changed *a lot* and unfortunately those changes aren't exclusively during business hours. For this reason I implore you: get zip-up pajamas — not buttons. Nobody wants to fasten a dozen snaps at 2 a.m. ... and 3:00 and 4:00 ... you get the point. Zippers over snaps!

### Drunk chickening

There will come a moment — many moments — when you place your baby gently on your shoulder

to burp or rest and she begins banging her face into your collar bone like a drunk chicken pecking for seeds. Drunk chickening is not the official term for this but you'll understand when it happens. Feed your baby. This means feed your baby. Do it now. Other signs your baby might be hungry include

putting her hands in her mouth and screaming bloody murder.

Want to learn more about life after baby? The Pendleton Public Library is hosting a new parent resource night Oct. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. This free event will be geared toward those expecting and those with infants younger than 12 months old. The library will be distributing baby resources such as those mentioned in the "Buy or else" section above, so be sure to attend for your chance to take home some great baby swag.

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