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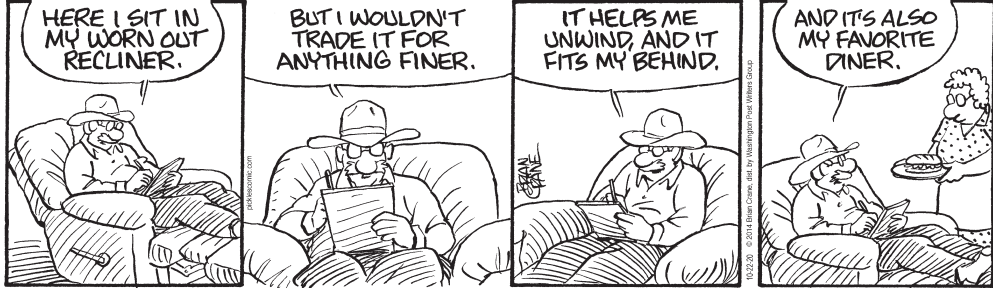
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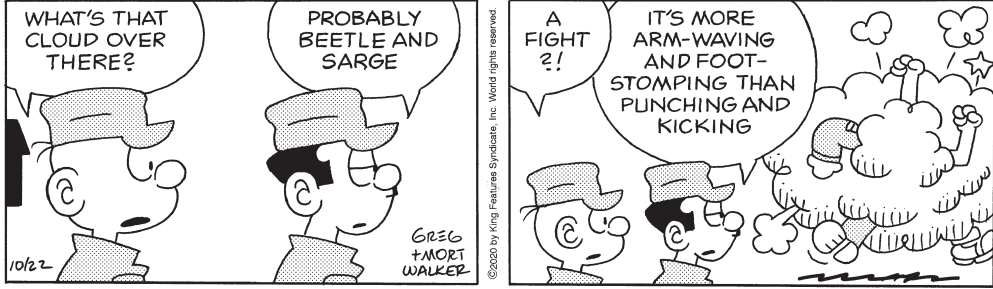
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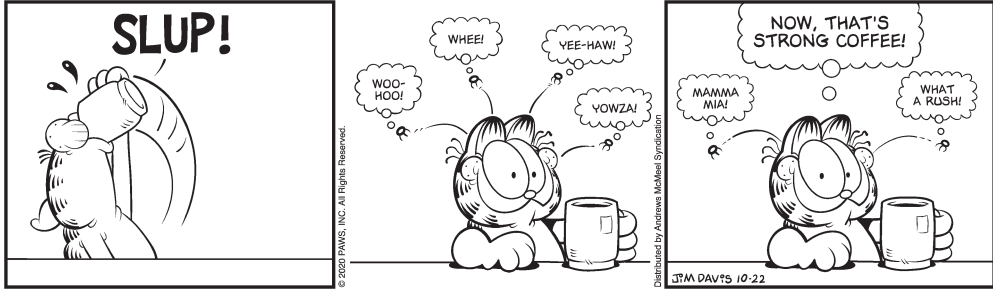
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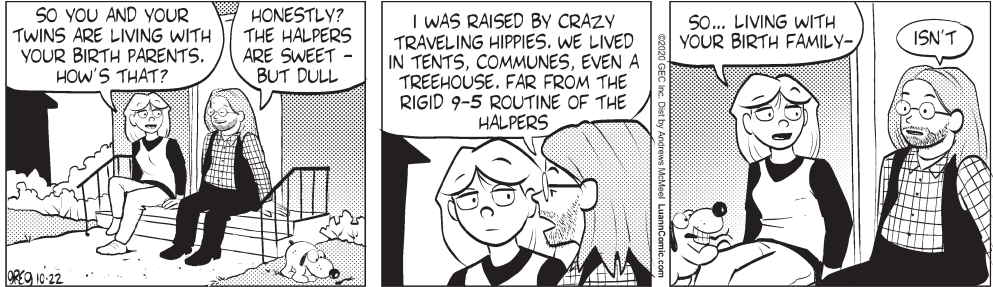
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DEAR ABBY

Changing a diaper causes family friction at baptism



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Strange in the East

Dear Strange: What your sister-in-law did may have been fine with her own family, but for her to have changed the diaper of a child whose parents she didn't know well (and from whom she didn't have permission!) was inappropriate. I don't fault the mother for being upset. Rather than blame her for reacting the way she did, it's time someone explains boundaries to Miss Brenda.

Dear Abby: My sister-in-law "Brenda" often takes it upon herself to change a baby's diaper during social gatherings with family. She never bothers to ask the baby's parents if it's OK to do this, and they never solicit her help. For years, I found it a bit strange, but never said anything to Brenda or another family member.

Some time ago, my in-laws and immediate family were at my son's baptismal party. Several babies from my wife's side as well as my own were there. My wife's relatives aren't well-acquainted with mine. Before our wedding, neither of our families had ever met the other.

During the festivities, my wife's niece — who was still in diapers — appeared to have a full load in her back side. Her parents were in another room. Without informing them of the issue or asking permission, Brenda took it upon herself to change the diaper. The child's mother walked into the room and began to loudly scold Brenda for doing it without her consent. You could see the mother was upset and scared, since she did not know Brenda at all.

After the party ended, my family couldn't understand why the child's mother became so upset. They thought she was some kind of nut for reacting the way she did. I fully understand why the mother became upset. Given the fact that she doesn't know Brenda, and that one must clean the baby's private parts when changing a diaper, I don't understand why Brenda would take this upon herself. What's your opinion, Abby? —

Dear Abby: Being bored due to the quarantine, I signed up to Classmates.com to look for old friends. Moments later I received a response from a male classmate. We graduated the same year. I really don't remember him, although he said he remembered me. Anyway, we started texting and exchanging graduation pictures. He still lives in our hometown; I don't. We have started talking almost every day.

My problem is, we have so many things in common, from family to same make of car and insurance company, I have started getting a creepy feeling. It freaked me out to the point that I blocked him.

He was always respectful, but for us to have so much in common made my stomach lurch. Do you think this is possible? Or is there a chance he could be stalking me? — Freaked Out

Dear Freaked: It could be coincidental that you have so much in common, but I would never advise anyone who had a gut feeling that something wasn't right to ignore it. Listen to your intuition and you will never go wrong.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 22, 1920

The joint session of the Morrow and Umatilla county teachers began yesterday at Pendleton High School. It is estimated there are 350 teachers in attendance. Physical education as well as mental training was stressed this morning by Prof. E. J. Klemme. He quoted statistics from army rejections to show that the American youth today is not getting the full benefit of development. Mr. Klemme's address was the main feature of this morning's assembly, his topic being "The Girl Four Square." He said that women will soon be the superior of men and that they will compete with men in all things if their line of education is improved. "The time will come when the woman will have equal charge of the financial business of the home and the mother and father will be equally responsible for the training of the boy and girl," he said.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 22, 1970

For the first time in Umatilla County, the potato output may top peas. Potato production in Umatilla and Morrow counties may total almost \$5 for 1970, Umatilla County Extension Agent Fred Hagelstein said. Preliminary income estimates indicate a value of \$4.75 million on about 5,600 acres. Three years ago, potato production in the area was less than \$1 million from 1,765 acres. Peas have averaged \$3-1/2 to \$5 million a

year in Umatilla County, but for 1970 the total may be only \$3.1 million, Hagelstein said, impacted in part by the cold spring and hot June. The impact of potatoes upon the area's economy has been vigorous. "It's new income," he said, springing from land that until the advent of new irrigation systems was only marginal grazing land. Four new potato packing plants have been built in the last two years and each furnish jobs for 30-45 employees during a season that runs from July into the late fall.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 22, 1995

It seems like a picture perfect match — the Pendleton Arts Council and the Carnegie library building. The Pendleton City Council agreed and approved the Arts Council's proposal to transform one of the most unique buildings in town into the Pendleton Center for the Arts. The Carnegie building has long been recognizable as the Pendleton Library, but completion of the Helen McCune remodel into a City Hall and library will leave the Carnegie building vacant. The Arts Council envisions a make-over for the Carnegie building into a community cultural center. The design was developed with collaboration with the Oregon East Symphony. The center would house community arts organization offices, an art gallery, music and visual arts studios, a community meeting room, multipurpose classrooms, a contemporary crafts sales area, a listening area and a cafe.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Oct. 22, 1979, the U.S. government allowed the deposed Shah of Iran to travel to New York for medical treatment — a decision that precipitated the Iran hostage crisis.

In 1797, French balloonist Andre-Jacques Garnerin made the first parachute descent, landing safely from a height of about 3,000 feet over Paris.

In 1811, composer and piano virtuoso Franz Liszt was born in the Hungarian town of Raiding in present-day Austria.

In 1883, the original

Metropolitan Opera House in New York held its grand opening with a performance of Gounod's "Faust."

In 1962, in a nationally broadcast address, President John F. Kennedy revealed the presence of Soviet-built missile bases under construction in Cuba and announced a quarantine of all offensive military equipment being shipped to the Communist island nation.

In 1981, the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization was decertified by the federal government for its strike the

previous August.

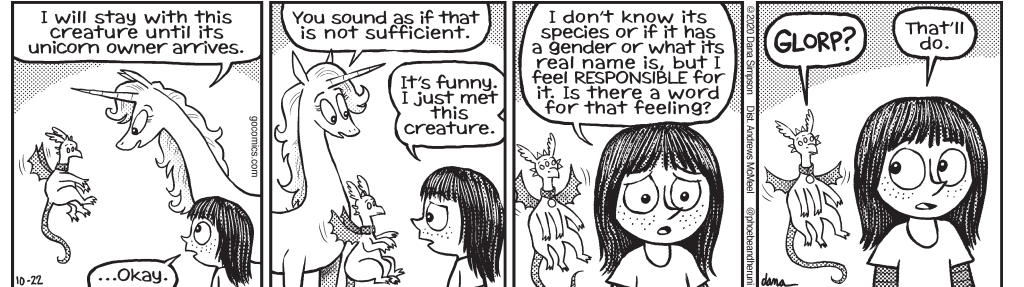
In 2001, a second Washington, D.C., postal worker, Joseph P. Curseen, died of inhalation anthrax.

In 2002, bus driver Conrad Johnson was shot to death in Aspen Hill, Maryland, in the final attack carried out by the "Beltway Snipers."

Today's Birthdays: Black Panthers co-founder Bobby Seale is 84. Actor Catherine Deneuve is 77. Actor Jeff Goldblum is 68. Movie director Spike Jonze is 51. Former MLB player Ichiro Suzuki is 47.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

