

BEYOND THE FRINGEFAN

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BEYOND THE FRINGEFAN knows the silly costumes and the movies being shown this month are small potatoes to the scary stuff being cooked up in state and national capitals this year. *Son of Insurrection?* *The Revenge of Voter Suppression?* Brrr. He's hiding under the covers at the N.Y. Cadre (1088 East 40th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11210 (☎(718) NY-CADRE;

☞↔☞ nycadre [at] acedsl [dot] com; ☞http://www [dot] nycadre [dot] org)) just thinking about it...and that makes it kind of hard to type a zine. This is **Beyond the Fringefan** #out of my brain on the 515, for readers of **APA-NYU** Volume 19, #9 (e-APA-NYU #191) and other children of the night, published October 2021 as a combined production of Quick Brown Fox Press and Syscrash Consulting, both subsidiaries of **HIGAMAJIG**. Cartoon above from *Bizarro* by Wayne and Piraro and ~~sometimes~~ Zeppo, 11 June 2020. All uncredited material copyright ©2021 by Marc S. Glasser. Member fwa.

PATCH, PATCH, PATCH: We've gotten the front walk fixed up so it won't trip anyone (concrete instead of bricks this time), and the fluorescent fixture and exhaust fan in the bathrooms replaced, so I'm feeling a bit better about the status of the house, though we still need to talk to someone about painting my room and sanding and polyurethaning the floor.

Did I mention that Donna has been following a low-carb diet for a year and a half now, after seeing a bariatrician at NYU Langone, and has lost more than 50 pounds? I don't think so (I was afraid of jinxing it), but it's true. The bariatrician is very proud of her. So is her pulmonologist, who's doing a new sleep study on her to see if her CPAP needs recalibration.

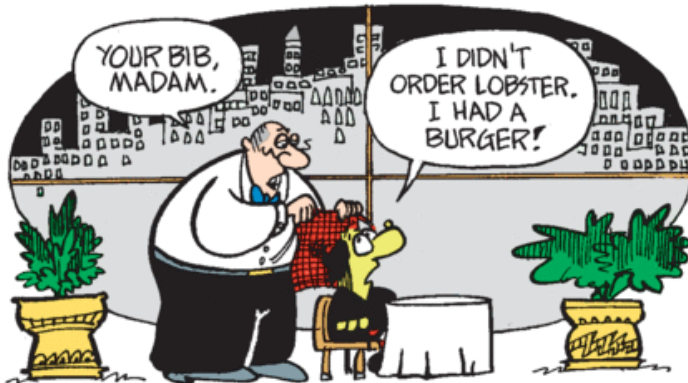
My orthopedist says my lower back has gotten more arthritic, causing the recent increase in pain (mostly when getting in and out of bed and when rolling over); at his recommendation, I've started more physical therapy. (I already spend half an hour before bed each night doing leg stretches, shoulder stretches, and neck stretches left over from previous courses of PT.) My gastroenterologist says I'm due for another colonoscopy (it's been three years). I'm still waiting to see the surgeon in Stony Brook who does the non-mesh hernia repair. But listen, as long as you have your health...

...which reminds me, I got my Moderna booster this past week. They issued me a new vaccination card, which, unlike the one I got last February, is actually made of card stock and bears a CDC logo, not a

Walgreens logo. (I was worried that if I were required to show proof of vaccination, they wouldn't accept the old card for lack of a CDC logo.) It's half the size of the one from February but still won't fit in my wallet.

And of course, I still have this pain in all the diodes down my left side...

Donna and Ethan and I traveled together in late October for the first time in a few years, motoring up to Schenectady to visit Donna's sister Jeanie (and share some conversation with Joel and Joann Nelson, too, while we were up there). This resulted in our eating more meals in restaurants than I've done in quite a while. We all seem to have survived, so far.



(Broom-Hilda by Russell Myers, 10 June 2017)

And Thom went out on a limb and hosted FISTFA once more in October, for a crowd of eight (though roommate Grant was not comfortable with the prospect and absented himself for the evening). It almost felt like normal life.

FRINGE RECEPTION: Comments on APA-NYU, Volume 19, #8 (e-APA-NYU #190)

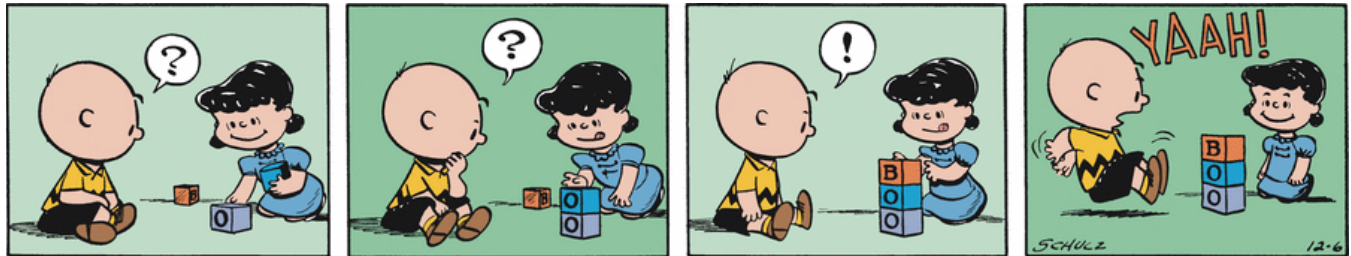
Chas sent a zine which, regrettably, missed the deadline by a couple of hours. It takes the lead position this month.

JAMISON, TAKE e-LETTER (Mark L. Blackman):
 (¢APA-NEWS) "Roddenberry really liked the name Dylan Hunt." Was it his THX-1138? /*/
 "Sigh, a few days after I notified the e-SAAC about September's NYRSF reading, Jim Freund rescheduled it to the 9th." Hey, there are always last-minute changes. That's why I include the URLs in those announcements. /*/ (¢self) Unlike "Corona Beer, and Ayds Diet Candy," Delta Airlines will be off the hot seat as soon as another variant makes the news. /*/ "Is it ok to send the Word version of zines a day or 2 after e-mailing the text version, like before?" If you send them to the groups.io address before I release the collation, you may get two listings in the "Topics in this digest" at the end of the digest header, but otherwise no ill effects. If you send them to me, I'll have them to include in the hardcopy edition, but the Word editions of the

zines won't be in the apa-nyu archives at groups.io. (But the complete hardcopy editions will be in the nyusfs archives at groups.io, so it's probably not a critical loss.) *tl,dr*: sure, it's fine. /*/ (¢me) I thought about getting Li'l Abner to test the mattresses. But he did it as a full-time job. The bedding shops get antsy if you stay on one mattress for more than a few minutes, let alone if you actually fall asleep on one. /*/ I enjoy looking at (and puzzling out) vanity plates, but wouldn't care to spend money to get my own. I once drove for several minutes behind a car whose plate read SGTPLHCB before finally realizing it was a reference to a Beatles album. /*/ Ranked-choice voting has only been implemented in the primaries here; the general election (in which I voted early last week) was still the usual select-one (except for the judgeships that were select-three or select-nine, many of them running unopposed). I hope it gets expanded rather than junked, but I understand some having trouble with it. /*/ (¢Belov) The

phrase “Beaker people” isn’t very well known, so “Beaker People Libation Front” usually requires a fair amount of explanation. As the membership card notes, the Beaker (or Bell Beaker) people were early (though not necessarily *the* earliest)

inhabitants of Europe almost five millennia ago; they’re called that because of the distinctive shape of the pottery vessels among the artifacts they left, and yes, many of those vessels were used for drinking beer.



(Peanuts by Charles M. Schulz, 6 December 1952)

I’ll go put together some Halloween bags now in case any kids come around. There were none last year for some strange reason, but we’d gotten a dozen or more the previous few years. With any luck at all, Donna and I will be at both Philcon and Discon III in the next two months, our first in-the-flesh conventions in two years (and the latter our first Worldcon in over a decade). Keep lots of lights on as the darkness descends, and try to stay healthy and sane.

>Portions of the preceding vote NO on all ballot proposals. Who wants to marry a ballot?<