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# Your say

The best reader comments from print and online

## SMS 2 ED

■ Free – taxpayer funded – child care! Please, why do you need child care if you are at home and not going to work? Do what we did, looked after our own children.

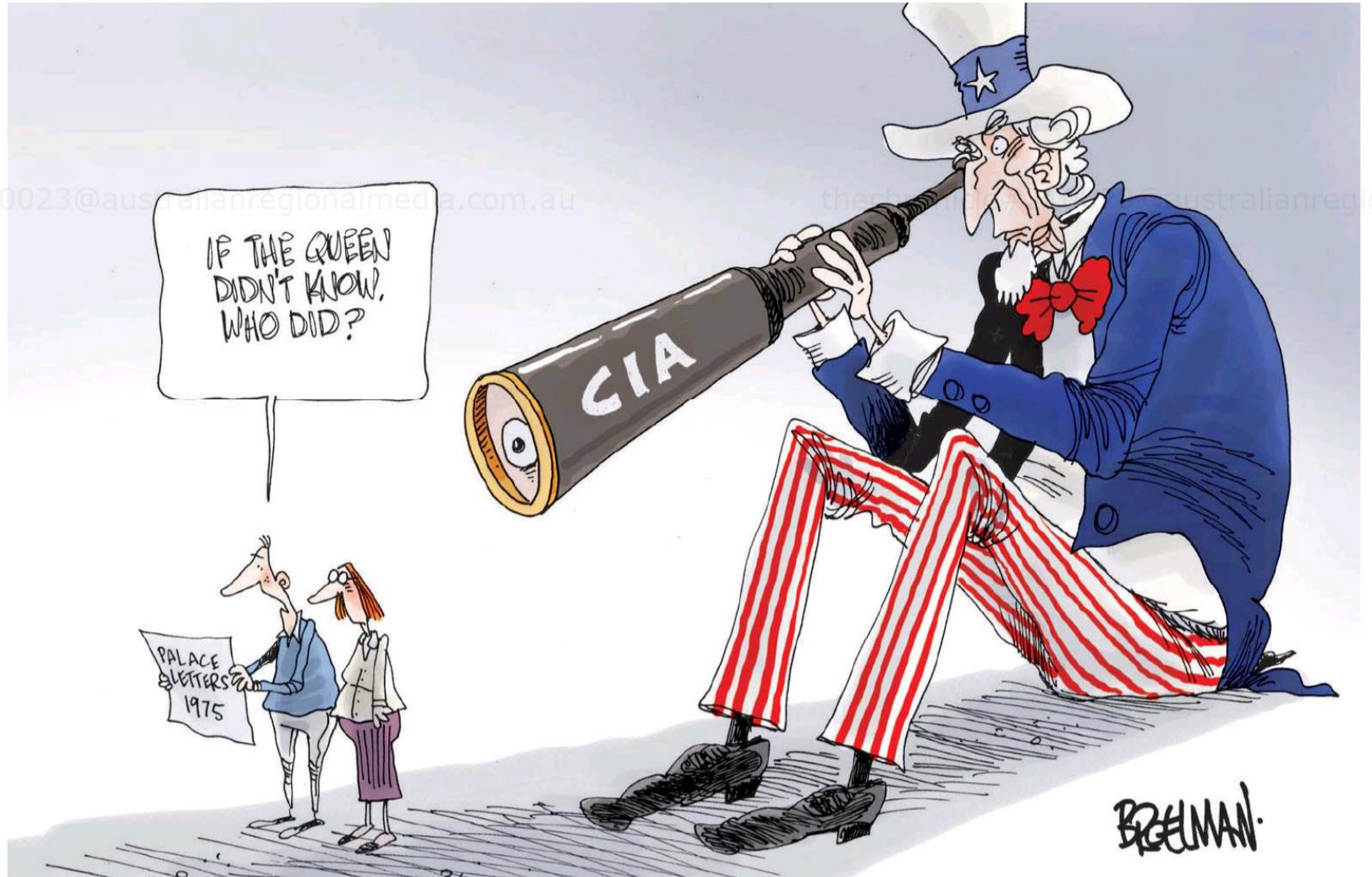
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■ The other day I saw this lovely looking mask in a shop, but I didn't have enough money to buy it. In one corner it had the rainbow flag, another a BLM logo, another saying I stand with Dan and the other saying coal kills. When I came back with money next day, it was sold. I bet that person is getting a lot of hi fives.

Jim B, Cent Heights

■ I found it quite amusing and at the same time angering that some people I personally know are complaining about the removal of free childcare when they don't, never have and have no ambition to work. They have been abusing the system for years and as a long-term taxpayer (47 years) I am angry that they have continued to do so. Where are the checks and balances for childcare subsidies? (PS. This is NOT referring to the many hard WORKING Aussies who are still working or have unfortunately lost their jobs recently)

Fed Up, CH



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Cartoon characters

EVER noticed most animated and cartoon characters have only four fingers – well, three and a thumb?

The four finger rendering preference is called the "four-finger aesthetic".

Originally cartoon characters were hand-drawn with four fingers to save time, but more so money.

Online you can read various justifications and excuses for drawing cartoon characters with only four fingers: tradition, simplification, the characters are not human, the hardest part of the body to draw is the hand, efficiency of resources, etc.

But hand-drawn and painted cartoon animation has been eclipsed and made obsolete by the advent of digitally created 3D computer-generated imagery (CGI).

So this begs the question as to why

Japanese anime characters are rendered with five fingers on each hand while animated sitcoms like *The Simpsons* continue to feature their characters with only four fingers?

Given the producers of *The Simpsons* - Gracie Films and 20th Century Fox Television - recently caved in to criticisms of character and racial stereotyping by announcing that non-white characters will no longer be voiced by white actors, why do they continue to mock the disabled, deformed and amputees like myself by continuing to render animated characters with four fingers?

"D'OH!"

GEORGE W. HELON, Toowoomba

### Wise men

AS A regular tester of general knowledge in *The Chronicle* "Weekend", I always assume that answers given to questions I

do not know will be correct. Actually I have on a previous occasion found an incorrect answer given, as it was today (TC, 11/7).

Question five asks according to the Bible, "How many wise men visited baby Jesus"? The Bible clearly states that "wise men" visited (Matthew 2: 1).

By this we can clearly see it was more than one - could have been two or more. No number is given.

In the account in Matthew, we are told that the wise men brought three gifts.

It is a popular belief that there were three wise men, but that is not what the Bible account states.

F. BARNES, Toowoomba

### Defence spending

THE \$270 billion big military spend announced by Prime Minister Morri-

son should be a massive wake-up call to all of us that we live in a very dangerous neighbourhood.

Scott Morrison made mention of the fact our defences have not been in such an unprepared state since 1938.

A former soldier of that era told me some years ago that, such was the shortage of equipment at outbreak of war in 1939, troops guarding military establishments in Melbourne were issued with realistic-looking, all-wood, painted rifles.

An intruder allegedly broke through a perimeter fence, only to be challenged by a soldier who called out twice the command to halt.

Finally, the soldier called out, "Halt, or I'll fill you full of white-ants!"

PETER KNOBEL, Toowoomba

## ONLINE POLL

**Today:** Are you concerned about the crime rate in Toowoomba?

**Yesterday:** Does Toowoomba need more servos?

YES 20%

NO 80%

## BIBLE THOUGHT

"In the day of my trouble I will call on you: for you will answer me." (Psalms 86:7 AKJV)

Pray. God can help you.

NATION'S SAY: A FINGER ON THE PULSE WITH EXPERT OPINION



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