

## “Free-Hugs” Guy Struggles to Make a Living in These Economic Times

By Gunther Hausman

# FREE HUGS

It has been astonishing that the ‘Free Hugs’ guy was in business as long as he has been, but in recent weeks, the entrepreneur reported being unable to continue offering his services at their price of \$0.00.

Any know-it-all who has taken AP Econ will tell you that they knew the ‘Free Hugs’ enterprise was doomed from the start, but the rest of us thought there was something spe-

cial about the ‘Free Hugs’ dude. We thought that he was able to make a career out of offering a free service and not accepting donations. His bold economic strategy seemed to be recession proof, but we were dead wrong.

Every time it rained, he has to get a new sign costing him 5 dollars. That caused his quarterly earnings to be negative 15 dollars. The ‘Free Hugs’ guy, unable to support his family on that kind of salary, was forced to make the difficult decision to charge for his hugs. Last week he introduced a new sign. “Hugs— ¢50.”

“I used to get A LOT of business, but I wasn’t making the kind of money I was hoping for,” the ‘Free Hugs’ guy explains to *Flipside* reporters. “But now, when I should be making the big bucks, nobody wants a hug.”

Minda Ervin used to stop by the ‘Free Hugs’ guy every day on her way to work but has recently been taking an alternate route to avoid the potentially awkward confrontation. In fact, many commuters have been avoiding the foul-smelling and presumably homeless ‘Free Hugs’ dude.

“I’ve really gotten to know the ‘Free Hugs’ dude over the past few years, but paying him for a hug is just ridiculous,” Ervin says. “I’d happily give him money to start a business that actually has an income, but if I ever try to slip him some money, he pulls me in and charges fifty cents.”

The experts say the recession is over, but don’t tell that to the ‘Free Hugs’ dude. His struggle to say afloat in today’s economy is just beginning. Let’s hope the government can do better with ‘Free Healthcare.’

## “You Wanna Go?” Hormonal Freshman Asks



## Area Teen Discovers Facebook is the Wrong Place to Look for Sympathy



## Ask Mr. Motzko

Dear Mr. Motzko,

Homecoming is around the corner and I still don’t have any creative ideas for asking someone to the dance. I’m thinking about Google-ing some ideas but I know that would be the lamest thing ever. Please help me out before I’m forced to ask her in a text message.

Sincerely,  
Dateless in Deerfield

Dear Reader/ Supplicant,

While I generally assign a frowny-face to dance-related activities (owing to their tendency to bring on unexpected bouts of rain and Satan), I know there hasn’t been much to do in D-town since the amusement park became haunted. I hope Scoob and his pals resolve that one post haste.

To answer your query, I have to ask myself, WWBRD (What Would Burt Reynolds Do)? As such, the best bet for deal sealing would be to challenge him or her to a cross-country race along with several hundred C-list Hollywood washouts. If you win, he/she is resigned to arm candy status for the shindig. Lose, and become a punchline for the new millennium. Either way, hilarity ensues. If madcap is not in your vocabulary, check your dictionary.

Next, consider something more subtle and tasteful, such as carving your intent into a local large outcrop of granite (Mt. Deerfield, for example) or the timeless touch of a hand-painted dirigible, tethered to the roof of your desired dance partner. If all else fails, nothing gets the point across like a barrel of monkeys. Just don’t forget the air holes in the barrel.

Do you have a question for Mr. Motzko? Email them dhsflipside@gmail.com, and you may have your question answered in a future issue of *The Flipside*.

## Breaking News: Color No More!

By Elijah Brisk



Students were up in arms today, as *The Flipside* was released in solely black and white copies. “How could something so terrible happen?” the masses wondered. As inconsiderate as it may seem, the decision actually came from the death of a beloved international icon – Roy G. Biv. Yes, it’s true – yesterday, the Nobel Peace Prize winner, painter, and well known schizophrenic passed away, and as tribute to the colorful celebrity, *The Flipside* will from this moment forward be published in black and white.

But is it a cause for concern? Well, of course it is! Nobody wants to look at a boring, colorless infographic! In an interview with Senior *Flipside* Correspondent James Pickard, Jr., veteran reader, Sam Graham, exclaimed, “Now I might actually have to start reading the articles since you made the rest of *The Flipside* boring!” It was later revealed that Graham was in fact illiterate, though his illegitimate words were still taken to heart.

Still, others were in favor of eliminating color to remember Mr. Biv. Sophomore Gregory Miller said, “After all the inspiration he gave to kindergarten kids across the world, I’m glad someone is finally giving him his due!”

After these testimonies and more were heard and considered, *The Flipside* crew decided that the best thing to do was to ignore the issue and return to tedious task of creating the weekly cryptogram. So although the student body was heavily in favor of the color copies, they just weren’t worth the price. And

## Fantasy Football Argument Resolved

By Jeremy Hoodaman

After arguing for twenty solid minutes about whose fantasy football team was better, junior Sam Green suddenly came to an epiphany amidst his debate with peer Zack Miller. “It’s true, I do have Tom Brady and Adrian Peterson, who had a combined total of 59 points for my team, and I also doubled the score of my opponent this week... But your argument that ‘my team sucks’ is difficult to refute.” Green, upon realizing his error, apologized to Miller. “It was wrong of me to disagree with you. Your team is clearly better than mine. My clear and concise argument held no weight against your claim that my team ‘is crappy and has no chance’. I promise to think before I speak in the future, and I hope our friendship can remain as strong as ever, regardless of my wrongdoings.” Nearby girls were reportedly not impressed by this display of chivalry. They quickly walked away to join another group of young men on the verge of a fistfight over a game of Connect Four.

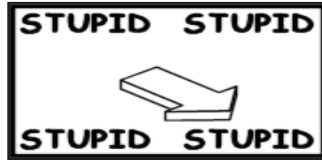


THE FLIPSIDE CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE: solve the cryptogram then find Jake Lazarus. The first person to find him with the correct answer will win a sweet *Flipside* t-shirt!!

QUOTE "Yo Mrs. Blumenthal, I'm really happy for you, I'm gonna let you finish your lecture, but this song I'm listening to on my iPod is one of the best of all time" -Just because Kanye got away with it doesn't mean you can.

## REBUS PUZZLES

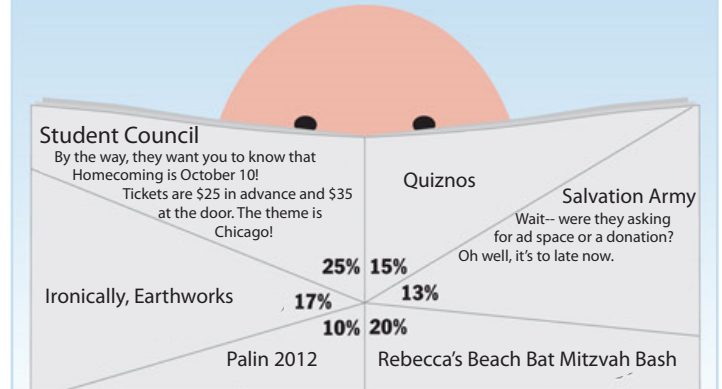
Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



Last issue's answers: PARADIGM SHIFT, JUGGLE, UKULELE, BEND OVER BACKWARDS

## INFOGRAPHIC

Who has been asking us for ad space?



## CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE

This is a simple substitution code. Each letter is replaced by a different letter. Try to decode the message or quote below. Congratulations to last week's winner:

Chris Seffren

Hint: F=L

"DP KED VW ED VWFEDC IDAVGI PH VAWIFH; IZIGU KED VW E NVIYI PH E YPDAVDIDA, E NEGA PH ARI KEVD... EDU KED'W CIEAR CVKVDVWRIW KI TIYEMWI V EK VDZPFZIC VD KEDLVDC; EDC ARIGIHPGI DIZIG WIDC AP LDPX HPG XRPK ARI TIFF APFFW; VA APFFW HPG ARII." QPRD CPDDI

LAST ISSUE'S ANSWER: "Life is only good when it is magical and musical, a perfect timing and consent, and when we do not anatomise it... You must hear the bird's song without attempting to render in into nouns and verbs." Ralph Waldo Emerson

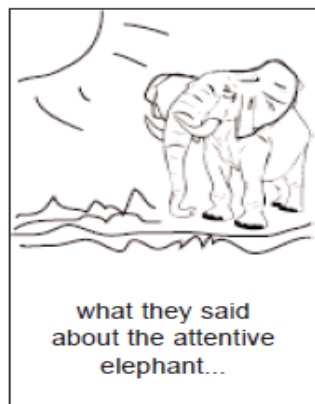
## SUDOKU

Level: Staying awake during Obama's education speech (not easy)

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## JUMBLE

DIRECTIONS: Unscramble these four ordinary jumbles, and use the letters in the circles to answer the final question.



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A: HE WAS "           "

Last issue's answers: CRANK, TIPSY, PHOTON, GLOVED, Preferred clothing for armed vehicles: TANK TOP

Note: All names and stories are fictional, unless public figures are being satirized. Remember, these are all jokes.

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