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Grandparents Given the Opportunity to See their Lying, Cheating Grandchildren in New Light

By George Minkowski

Whether it was the smell, sound, or sight of them, you probably noticed grandparents in the school last week. No, they were not lost. It was Grandparent's Day, a day where seniors, if they want, can have their grandparents follow them around through a normal high-school day.

Many seniors embraced this opportunity to show their grandparents their true colors. They wore their same ripped jeans and fiscally irresponsible shoes. They swore as usual, cheated as usual, and really made a great day for their parents' parents.

Betsy Feingold, grandmother of Rich Feingold, was one of these disrespected adults.

"Richy made me 'pull up a chair at lunch' and wouldn't talk to me because I was on the left side: the side he 'has his ear bud in, now shut-up, Gramz," Betsy tells Flipside reporters.

"I was a little offended, but at least he included me when he was taking his AP Euro test. He said that I was a lot of help because he said, "I was probably around for Napoleon."

Not all grandparents were as included as Betsy was. Room P103 was dedicated to grandparents who were abandoned by their grandchildren for one reason or another. Some were there because their grandchildren didn't want to make-out in front of their grandparents. Others were there

because they threatened to tell their grandchildren's parents that they bought their lunch on a student ID and used their lunch money in some shady transaction.

Most grandparents enjoyed their time visiting. These grandparents' grandchildren are better know as liars. This is because no grandparent would really be proud of their grandchild if they knew that, for the most part, teenagers are kind of not great people.



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Guest Letter: Asking Male Friends for Their Phone Numbers

"Ummm... hey dude, could I get your digits?"

"My 'digits'? Dude, what are you going to do next, invite me to the Rain Forest Café and burn me a Good Charlotte CD? We're no longer friends."



Ever since the creation of the telephone, human males across the world have struggled

to exchange their numbers in a way that didn't make them embarrassed to be alive. Along with listening to Lady Gaga and "plumbing" checkups at yearly physicals, this seemingly simple task is one of men's least favorite activities. The act of acquiring another guy's phone number walks the fine line between overly casual and extremely awkward. The figurative tightrope walk to those ten'digits' is an art form, and must be treated as such, unless you want to end up at the Rain Forest Café.

First off, there are several ways of asking that never succeed. Inquiring for a number while standing at adjacent urinals is historically fatal for friendships. If you're going to try passing a note during a lecture, you might as well read a Twilight book, enjoy it, and admit it to significant others. Explaining that you had the number,

but that you lost your phone, is for chumps. If your friends fall for that, they're not friends worth having.

Males have figurative walls of masculinity that cannot be broken down for petty reasons such as acquiring a friend's phone number. Therefore, a smart tactic is to piggyback the request along with some other, extramanly stipulation.

Asking for a number in order to talk about fantasy football or men's deodorant are just a few effective methods. In addition, getting the number from a mutual friend and asking for a favor works quite well. However, make sure the favor is appropriately masculine; requesting to borrow power tools or a DVD of *The Departed* are both wonderful ideas.

The key is being subtle, (this is not the same as inviting somebody to Homecoming) but at the same time being firm and to-the-point. With care, men across the world can safely exchange numbers without their masculinity being questioned. With that problem out of the way, guys can start focusing on the much more daunting task: how to successfully get girls' numbers. And that, my friends, is a question whose answer I have yet to come up with.

-Insecure Teen

CBS Executives Sick of Trying to Fire Andy Rooney By Gunther Hausman



NEWYORK CITY—For 31 years now, the iconic Andy Rooney has been closing the news show 60 Minutes with his insightful take on social, economic, and political happenings. However, it has become evident in recent years that the wrinkly Rooney has been loosing touch with his demographic. (Mainly because they're all asleep by 4 pm now)

Head honchos at CBS have been aware of the downward trend in Rooney's approval rating and sanity. According to a press-release, CBS executives have been trying to phase Andy Rooney out for some time now using tactics such as firing him, and once again, firing him.

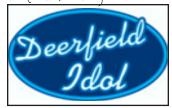
But despite Rooney's lack of employment at CBS, he continues to be given a few minutes at the end of each program to embarrass himself, the network, and the actual reporters that preceded him in the show.

Rooney's steadfast disregard for the frequent notices to "CLEAR OUT ASAP" is starting to get on the nerves of CBS Executives.

"Honestly, we're all terrified of him," reports Henry Blaze, a CBS Exec. "But there is not much we can do. He's made it clear that he doesn't hear us when we bring up the fact he isn't really a CBS employee."

"I guess we'll just have to let things play out. Besides, he's 90 years old. The way he's aging, he'll only be around another 100 years. Tops."

Hey DHS! Deerfield Idol is December 10 at 7:30. Get your tickets for free at the bookstore with your student ID. It's gonna rock!



Arbitrary Formula of the Day

THE FLIPSIDE CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE: solve the Cryptogram, write down your name, and put your copy of *The Flipside* in locker I192. The first one to solve it correctly will win a sweet *Flipside* t-shirt!!

QUOTE "Guess how many calories are in this jar for charity!"

Seriously, this is my homeroom's fundraiser. Guesses are \$2 and proceeds go to Saving Tiny Hearts. Winner gets \$50 and their name in The Flipside.

REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



Last issue's answers: WON BY A NOSE, MISSING LINK, DAY IN DAY OUT, FREE FOR ALL

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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: Elliot Rock HINT: E=R

"C GIPBOX BV WCZO XOOU IPX DLRN VLB IWW BHO TIEEVG VJ WCJO...IPX PVB, GHOP C RITO BV XCO, XCDRVZOE C HIX PVB WCZOX." --HOPEM XIZCX

Last issue's answer: was actually the same as three issues ago's answer. We apologize to those of you who solved it twice, but in our defense, it's not like you had anything better to do.

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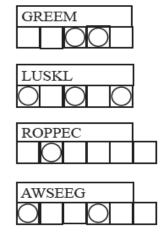
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Note: All names and stories are fictional, unless public figures are being satirized. Remember, these are all jokes.

JUMBLE

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







Last issue's answers: DRUMS, CLAMOR, BRAVO, BICEPS

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