Mom's Newsletter

"Just Remember: Grace has the hair, Grace has the hair"

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Noonie Winner Announced: E•dot P•dot Wins Again

Aunt Lorraine and Uncle Bing have just announced our own Ellen McKee as the 2005 winner of the favorite relative award, affectionally called the "Noonies." Each year, the intrepid duo reviews all the family visits, greeting cards, and lack of general aggravation caused by relatives other than their children.



In early January, the two sequestered themselves at Mystic Lake Casino to determine the winner. As tradition dictates, the winner is notified the following day with the gold medal and ornate ivy headband of chastity. Many family insiders were surprised as neither new Liverseed father got the nod. Uncle Bing did address the situation during the press conference by stating that "each child was so cute that they cancelled each other out and Ellie Baby was just so wonderful this year. She carried the day with her class."

"There are the usual political games," said a great niece begging anonymity, "such as Lorrie Beyl insisting on being called 'Lorraine' during the judging month or when Liz put up the billboard by the Elks club in 1977 touting her love of Aunt Lorraine's baking techniques."

Past winners are many but a few notable repeaters have endeared themselves to the award committee:

- Little Billy Miller (3 in a row: 1990-93): Not only did he called his Grandmother frequently; he did it while "single-handedly bringing down the evil Iraq regime in Gulf War One."
- Andy McGrory (2 in a row: 2002, 2003): For being the first family member to successfully avoiding formal federal criminal prosecution (either as juvenile or adult) by the age of 12.
- Mike Dapper (1979): Only non-relative winner: awarded the Noonie by Uncle Bing as special consideration to the 1936 FSHS Football team and Gib Dapper's legacy.

Sibling Rivalry Continues: Jim and Andrea Have Grace to Just to "Shut Up" David and Dana

Completely exhausted from David's (and Dana's) never-ending yammering about the cuteness of their child, Chase, Jim and Andrea, got on the baby board in mid-December with a bundle of joy of their own. "I am not surprised," said experienced Grandmother Joanie. "One time David cried for two weeks and pooped his pants everyday when Jim got a new tricycle. The bawling didn't stop until I went out and got him one as well." When asked why the two similarly-aged brothers historically vie for the same things, Joan said, "Jimmy was 23 years old when the tricycle incident happened. Family Services still call me on this case."

Family dynamics aside, Grace Jeffrey Liverseed burst ("no kidding" said mother Andrea) onto the scene on December 10, 2005 and has single-handily proved to the new parents that only "amateurs need more than four hours of sleep per night."

The rumors of Jim and Andrea starting this baby on a recent Mexico vacation started swirling immediately after the birth. Jim first had no comment but smiled and said, "Si la casa está oscilando, no golpee en la puerta."



February Mom's Newsletter Stories:

- Father Henry Doyle stays up for 3 days to pray for "all of our lost and tormented souls."
- After viewing "Brokeback Mountain," Tom Teske, Gary Gilbertson and Don Smith call a "very special" news conference.
- Mike Boysen's horse handicapping tips.
- Mike Lohrmann's more "duck cartoons" plea.