

# The Living Room Times

"All the Noise that's fit to print."

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## Amber Rouse, Chris Wartschow fight during lunch

*Please note that much of the information in the following article is speculation and unproven rumors.*

Just another typical day at Martin Kellogg.

It seems that every few days, something strange

happens at Kellogg. Whether it's a student cracking his head outside the art room, or students knocking over a garbage barrel in the middle of the hallway, or the President of the Student Council dancing with the President of the Band... it always seems like something unusual or newsworthy is going on inside the walls of our middle school.

Today was no exception. At lunch, in the cafeteria, everything was going along normally like any other day, when suddenly some students noticed some kind of commotion going on near the table where Amber Rouse was sitting.

From various rumors that were flying around later in the day, it seems that tension had been building between Amber

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*"I don't care if I got in trouble. It was worth it. Chris Wartschow deserves it."*

—Amber Rouse

## Iraq threatens Kuwait; U.S. Army intervenes



*Associated Press*

KUWAIT (AP) -- Iraq insisted Tuesday that most of its troops have pulled back from the Kuwaiti border, but the United States and Britain said they still perceived a threat to Kuwait and sent more troops and

military hardware to the volatile Persian Gulf.

Baghdad reported Tuesday that it has finished withdrawing its elite Republican Guard and other army units from the Kuwaiti border, which Iraqi forces smashed through in their 1990 invasion of the emirate.

U.S. officials said some Iraqi units were "moving from their combat positions" but that a considerable force still remained uncomfortably near the Kuwaiti border.

Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Tuesday that the Iraqi deployment toward the Kuwaiti border "wasn't just some innocent exercise that they were on and we

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# Iraqi Army threatens Kuwait; U.S. Army sent to keep Iraqis out



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misread it. Far, far from it. ... I'm not at all prepared to say the crisis is over in any way."

The Iraqi foreign minister said only two brigades -- an

estimated 8,000 men -- remained deployed north of the border and will be withdrawn soon.

But Iraqi troops and military equipment were moving south toward the border as well as north, journalists in Iraq said.

Iraq's claims of a troop pullback have been called into question since Iraqi officials first made them Monday. Tuesday, President Clinton said there was no sign a withdrawal was in progress and that Western deployments would continue.

"There has been no change in the pattern of Iraqi activity from yesterday, so we will continue our deployment," Clinton said. "We will simply stay on course and judge what we should do as events unfold."

Later in the day, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Madeleine Albright, told reporters: "There appears to be some evidence of minimal (Iraqi troop)

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# Amber Rouse throws grape juice at Chris Wartschow, Chris fights back

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Rouse and Chris Wartschow, both eighth grade students, throughout the day. Reports and rumors conflict as to exactly what led up to the fight that unfolded. What we do know is that, at some point during lunch—11:53 AM to be exact—Amber Rouse threw a frozen juice at Chris Wartschow.

"I walked over to his table, I slammed the table right into him," Amber said in an interview later in the day. "Then he goes, 'What did you do that for?' And I go, 'Why do you keep talking about me?' And he goes, 'Well, what are you gonna do about it?' And, I was like, 'I picked up your grape juice, and I'll throw it in your face.' And he's like, 'Okay, try it.' So I did."

There was a huge cry of "Oooohhhhh!!!!!!" and "Ooooooooooooo!!!!!!" from just about everyone in the cafeteria as Amber threw the juice. Chris began pushing tables and chasing Amber. At this point, most students were on their feet to watch the show.

Again, reports and rumors conflict as to what exactly happened, but apparently, Chris, after knocking down several tables, knocked down Amber.

"Then he threw me against the heater, and then he pushed me against the floor, and he kicked me, really

hard. And then the teachers got involved with it."

Reportedly, Tim Jorel intervened, and within moments, so did Mrs. Agnew and Mrs. Mann, who were the teachers on lunch duty.

Amber was taken out into the hallway with several of her friends and went down to the office. At some point a few minutes later, she was seen talking with Officer Dave Allen of the Newington Police Department. What happened to Chris just after the incident is not known to us at this time.

Mrs. Agnew spoke a few minutes after the fight occurred. "Alright," she said, "I'm going to ask everyone please to sit down right away....The first thing I want to say to all of you assembled here is, thank you for being helpful and remaining calm. It is an unpleasant incident, but we'll discuss it with you later. And please, always do the right thing. Talk to a teacher, or try to calm down the people when something like that occurs."

The Amber/Chris fight, of course, became the hot topic of discussion for the rest of the schoolday. Chris was looked down upon my most as the villain, many saying that he shouldn't have hit a girl. Amber, on the

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## Rumors fly after cafeteria fight

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other hand, was heralded as a hero, and congratulated for sticking up for herself.

"Oh, boy. Oh, golly....I say Chris Wartschow should be expelled indefinitely," said Sean Vivier.

"Amber had a lot of guts to do what she did. She threw the frozen juice at Chris's face," said someone whose voice I can't recognize.

"This is a travesty," stated Student Council President Tim Stevens. "This is another example of how the school system is slowly degrading, and its failure to keep the students in line is unacceptable."

"It was awesome!" exclaimed Bryan Rudolph. He then reported, "I think I figured out what happened. Supposedly, the rumor is that Chris was taking Amber's lunch, and passing it around to people, and supposedly, Amber got up with the grape juice, and said 'Where's my lunch?' Supposedly, supposedly what happened is Chris didn't say anything so Amber said 'I'll throw this grape juice all over you, and um, and then, Chris said, 'Throw the grape juice on me!' and then Amber threw the grape juice on him. And then he came—Amber walked away—and he threw the table down, and he tackled her in the corner, and Tim [Jorel] came and broke it up."

"I think it's terrible! People should not fight!" said Brendan Loy. He then added, under his breath, "Way to go, Amber!"

"Teachers are running around everywhere, 'Where's the principal? Where's the principal?' Sooner or later, Officer Dave comes in and took 'em away, you know, put 'em behind bars for twenty years!" said Billy Gray.

"I think that Chris Wartschow is mental, and that he should not be in this school," commented Hilari Butler.

"I agree so much," said Angela Lwoczyck in response to Hilari's comment.

"I'm glad Amber stuck up for herself," said Tara Boisvert.

"I also think that Chris Wartschow is a freakin' mental case and that he should *die!*" continued Hilari, vehemently.

"I think it was good that she did that to him because I don't like him," commented Ian Drayton.

"She [Amber] got an in-school," said someone who wished to remain anonymous.

"I noticed Mrs. Kopcha seemed to be having a talk with Chris Wartschow," reported Brendan Loy as he walked down the hallway toward Industrial Arts.

"I think Chris Wartschow needs a good kick in the

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## U.S. Army stays for now despite Saddam's promises

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movement, which we have to corroborate, from south to north. A little bit, but we can't tell yet."

Kuwait's minister of information, in an interview this morning from Kuwait, said there was "no clear evidence" of an Iraqi troop withdrawal.

"On the contrary; we are seeing a massing of troops," Sheik Saud Nasser al-Sabah told NBC. "And the troops are moving south rather than moving north."

After Iraq moved thousands of troops to the south last week, Washington ordered the dispatch of tens of thousands of troops, and some of its most potent aircraft and ships, to Kuwait as a warning to Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein not to invade the emirate again.

At the U.S. army staging area in Doha, 20 miles north of Kuwait City, U.S. troops prepared their M1A1 Abrams tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles for action.

Maj. Don Janning, an army spokesman, said some 600 troops from the 24th Mechanized Infantry Division from Fort Stewart, Ga., had been flown to Kuwait since Monday and 3,200 more were en route.

Six Royal Air Force Tornado fighter jets left Germany Tuesday for the demilitarized zone separating Iraq from Kuwait, the British military said.

Some 250 marine commandos, advance elements of a 600-man battalion, were due to set off from a barracks in Scotland later Tuesday.

"We don't go by words," the British defense secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, said Tuesday. "We don't believe Saddam Hussein until events show he means it."

A Royal Navy frigate, the HMS Cornwall, arrived off Kuwait City on Sunday. And Britain announced Monday that it will also send a second Royal Navy ship.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait's other Arab allies in the Gulf remained on alert Tuesday.

Before the Iraqi troop buildup, Russia, along with France, had been leading efforts to ease U.N. sanctions imposed on Baghdad for invading Kuwait. Tuesday, Russia urged Iraq to pull back its troops -- while warning the world not to back Saddam into a corner.

"It makes no sense to try and corner Iraq," Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev said, according to the Interfax news agency. "On the contrary, Baghdad must be encouraged in every way" to comply with U.N. conditions for lifting the sanctions.

U.S. officials have said some 80,000 Iraqi troops were either deployed in southern Iraq, just north of the

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# Fight between Amber and Chris becomes hot topic of discussion at Kellogg

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beep,” suggested Joey Guererra.

“I think Chris Wartschow is a major buttwipe to be beating up on girls, and he’s gotta be a real wuss,” said Mike Gardner.

“I think Chris Wartschow is a \_\_\_\_\_ for picking on girls....I just turn around and I see Amber run, and then I see, like, fifty people behind her, and all of a sudden, Chris comes flying by...” commented Jason Saccente.

“I don’t care if I got in trouble,” said Amber Rouse during Industrial Arts. “It was worth it. Chris Wartschow deserves it.”

“It’s Chris Wartschow’s fault,” Joey Guererra stated flatly.

“I’m proud of Amber,” said Kristyn Fontanella.

“I think Amber’s awesome!” said Kim Pina.

“Amber Rouse is being heralded as a hero,” reported Brendan Loy, “for fighting back against the evil, monstrous Chris Wartschow.”

“It’s very, very bad,” said Brian Newbold, referring to the whole fight.

“My original theory, I think, was wrong,” said Bryan Rudolph, referring to the statement he had made at lunch, which is quoted earlier in this article. “Now there’s other rumors going on....Supposedly, Amber and Chris were making fun of each other all day.”

The most insightful quote came from an interview with Amber herself:

“Chris had been spreading rumors about me,” Amber said, “and I just got, like, real fed up with it. So, finally, he was making fun of me in the cafeteria. I slammed my chair, I walked over to his table, I slammed the table right into him. Then he goes, ‘What did you do that for?’ And I go, ‘Why do you keep talking about me?’ And he goes, ‘Well, what are you gonna do about it?’ And, I was like, ‘I picked up your grape juice, and I’ll throw it in your face.’ And he’s like, ‘Okay, try it.’ So I did. And then, he, like, I was going back to my table, and then he took me by my hand, and he, like, put me against the heater, and....Then he threw me against the heater, and then he pushed me against the floor, and he kicked me, really hard. And then the teachers got involved with it.”

Mrs. Mann, who was on lunch duty at the time of the incident, said “I like to eat my lunch in peace.”

Chris Wartschow could not be reached for comment, nor could Mrs. Agnew, who was also on lunch duty. Mrs. Brown, Martin Kellogg’s principal, had no comment.

## Cachou, Saddam Insane visit Kellogg

Two of Adollya’s stuffed animals, or dollies, visited Martin Kellogg Tuesday. One was Saddam Insane, who came with commentary and insight on the latest movements of his human counterpart, Saddam Hussein, in Iraq. His visit was expected and went basically as planned—he was choked numerous times, and his head almost fell off, but he survived.

Another dolly (stuffed animal) made a surprise visit, however. Cachou, who lost to Birdy-Bird in last year’s Williamsburg Dolly Election, surprised Brendan by sneaking over to Sean Vivier’s house and coming in Sean’s backpack. To Brendan’s astonishment Tuesday Morning, Sean took Cachou out of his backpack, and Cachou spent the day at Kellogg!

Both dollies said they enjoyed their day, particularly being able to witness the Amber vs. Chris fight.

“It was fun,” said Cachou. “The day, and the fight!”

## Iraqi buildup cause for concern

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Kuwaiti border, or heading that way. The forces were backed by about 700 tanks.

Baghdad has repeatedly claimed that the buildup, which began Thursday, was a routine training exercise that did not threaten Kuwait. The official Iraqi News Agency cited Foreign Minister Mohammed Said al-Sahhaf as saying that the pullback was concluded Tuesday.

He said the troops were expected to reach new positions within the next 24 hours, the agency said.

“We confirm this act so that everything is clear to the international community, and so that those who have bad intentions will not persist in sabotaging diplomatic efforts,” al-Sahhaf said.

Washington considered Iraq’s latest military

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## Will history repeat? Saddam threatens Kuwait... again

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movements to be another menace to Kuwait and warned Baghdad to back off. To back that warning, Clinton ordered 54,000 U.S. troops to the region and put 15,000 more on standby.

He has also assigned more than 350 combat aircraft, including B-52 bombers, and the aircraft carrier USS George Washington and its battle group to the region.

There has been talk that the Iraqi troop buildup was intended to drive the United Nations to lift economic sanctions imposed after Baghdad invaded Kuwait. But Baghdad's troop buildup has apparently cemented support in the Security Council for delaying any talk of easing the sanctions.

"No one in the council is prepared to discuss these issues under threats," Security Council President David Hannay said.

"The Iraqis, frankly, have blown it big-time up here because they were trying to persuade people that they were living up to their sanctions resolutions," U.S. Ambassador Albright said Tuesday. "That requires credibility, and they have blown their credibility."

## LATE SHOW TOP TEN

### TOP TEN SIGNS YOU'RE ADDICTED TO CAFFEINE

Letterman,  
Friday, October 7, 1994

10. HAVEN'T SLEPT SINCE THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION
9. YOUR NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBORS OFTEN CALL TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE SOUND OF YOUR CHATTERING TEETH
8. INSTEAD OF TIC TACS, YOU SUCK ON NO-DOZ
7. YOU NAMED YOUR TWINS "CAPPUCCINO" & "ESPRESSO"
6. ON THE WAY TO WORK YOU GET PULLED OVER FOR SPEEDING AND YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE YOUR CAR
5. YOU KILL A GUY FOR TRYING TO SWITCH YOUR REGULAR COFFEE WITH FOLGERS CRYSTALS
4. YOU WAKE UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT SCREAMING "PEPSI! FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, I NEED A PEPSI!"
3. WHEN A MAXWELL HOUSE COMMERCIAL COMES ON YOU ACTUALLY LICK THE TV SCREEN
2. YOU DRINK SO MUCH COFFEE IT STARTS SHOOTING OUT YOUR EARS LIKE OUR STAGE MANAGER BIFF HENDERSON
1. YOU'RE SHAKING LIKE MICHAEL JACKSON ON HIS WEDDING NIGHT

# WHAT'S THE WEATHER?

**.WEDNESDAY...** SUNNY AND COOL. HIGHS 55 TO 60.

**.THURSDAY...** FAIR. LOWS IN THE 30S AND LOWER 40S. HIGHS 60 TO 65.

**.FRIDAY...** PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE 40S. HIGHS 60 TO 65.

**.SATURDAY...** FAIR. LOWS 35 TO 45. HIGHS 55 TO 60.

