

# The Living Room Times

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

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## No more "J-Hawks," says Mr. Hawkins



Seventh grade teacher Mr. Hawkins, who has been known since the middle of last year as "J-Hawks," has cracked down on students who call him by that nickname, saying it is disrespectful. Mr. Hawkins was given the nickname "J-Hawks" by last year's seventh graders—this year's eighth graders—because of his full name, John Hawkins.

Wednesday afternoon, Brendan was in the middle of an interview with Mr. Hawkins when several students came down the hallway and started yelling "J-Hawks!" at him. One of the students was Tim Giles.

"Stop it, please," said Mr. Hawkins. Tim did not stop, and Mr. Hawkins gave him a detention for it. "I'd like the J-Hawks to stop. It's Mr. Hawkins."

When asked why he wanted people to stop calling him J-Hawks, Mr. Hawkins said "I think it's very disrespectful, and I've asked for it to stop. That's all."

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## WHAT'S THE WEATHER?

.THURSDAY... SUNNY. HIGH AROUND 65. LIGHT WIND.  
.THURSDAY NIGHT... INCREASING CLOUDS. LOW NEAR 40.

.FRIDAY... MIXED CLOUDS AND SUN. HIGH NEAR 65.

.SATURDAY... VARIABLE CLOUDS. LOWS IN THE 40S. HIGHS 55 TO 65.

.SUNDAY... MOSTLY CLOUDY. CHANCE OF A SHOWER ALONG THE COAST. LOWS IN THE 40S. HIGHS 55 TO 65.

.MONDAY... PARTLY CLOUDY EXCEPT MOSTLY CLOUDY ON THE CAPE AND ISLANDS WITH CHANCE OF A SHOWER. LOWS 45 TO 50. HIGHS 55 TO 65.



## Jury selection continues in O.J. Simpson case

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- The search for a jury in the O.J. Simpson case began its crucial phase Wednesday with the first prospect telling the judge "I guess so" when asked if she could disregard a highly publicized police tape.

"I am not looking for hermits," Superior Court Judge Lance Ito told the crowd gathered in the courtroom. "We would be very suspicious of a Rip van Winkle that awoke yesterday and just learned of this case."

Ito said his task is to find jurors who can set aside their opinions and judge Simpson's fate on the evidence presented in court.

During a private meeting before questioning got under way, the prosecution and defense agreed to dismiss two jury prospects. Ito then ordered 84 other potential jurors to appear in court for questioning about their beliefs, backgrounds and exposure to publicity in the sensational case.

The woman quizzed first and the other 83 are the first batch of about 300 people who passed the initial hardship selection phase last month, indicating they could serve during the lengthy trial. They all filled out lengthy questionnaires. Now, the 300 will be called in groups and quizzed individually until 12 jurors and eight alternates are found.

The first juror questioned, a woman who works as a cashier for the county tax collection department, said she has heard at least some of the 911 tape of victim Nicole Brown Simpson's plea for help from police in October 1993.

Ms. Simpson, Simpson's ex-wife, and a friend, Ronald Goldman, were stabbed and slashed to death June 12.

Asked by Ito if she could put the 911 tape out of her mind, the prospective juror said, "I guess so."

Later, under extensive questioning from defense

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*Above, from left:* Defense Attorney Robert Shapiro, Defendant O.J. Simpson



*Above:* Judge Lance Ito



*Above:* Prosecuting Attorney Marcia Clark

## Birdy-Bird, winner of Williamsburg Dolly Election, visits Martin Kellogg

The winner of last year's stuffed animal election on the Williamsburg trip, Birdy-Bird, visited Kellogg Wednesday. He stayed in Brendan's locker most of the day, but come out during flex to visit some of his former voters.

Birdy-Bird's visit comes one day after Cachou, Birdy-Bird's opponent in the Williamsburg Election,

visited Kellogg. Tuesday was the day of Cachou's surprise visit, and Birdy-Bird decided to come the next day.

"Birdy-Bird!!!" yelled Kristyn Fontanella, Birdy-Bird's Bus One campaign manager last year, when she saw him outside of Mrs. Mann's room.

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## Birdy-Bird visits Martin Kellogg

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In flex, Birdy-Bird spent time with Kevin Hauschulz, Cathy Towle, Kristyn Fontanella, and others. Brendan and Kristyn both defended Birdy-Bird when he was attacked by some of his political enemies, including Bus Three Cachou campaign manager Sean Vivier. Sean tried unsuccessfully to end Birdy-Bird's political career (and possibly his life) but twisting the stuffed animal around and nearly ripping its head off.

"It was all in fun," said Birdy-Bird, apparently unshaken by his experience.

Well... not completely unshaken. "I think..." Birdy-Bird added, and fainted.

The Adolloyan Government is considering what, if any, action to take against Sean and the country of Thorburg. Birdy-Bird has recommended that no action be taken unless Sean attacks him in the future.

"I enjoyed the visit overall," said Birdy-Bird afterwards. "Except for that twisting thing, it was fun. It was nice to see Kevin and Kristyn, and all my other enthusiastic supporters. Hopefully I can go back soon."

He means very soon. Birdy-Bird is planning to return Thursday or Friday.

## Chris and Amber update

In yesterday's wildly popular "Living Room Times" edition, the front page top story was Tuesday's cafeteria fight between eighth grade students Amber Rouse and Chris Wartschow. We now have some new information about that fight and the consequences of it.

As far as the fight itself, eyewitnesses Jeff Blum, John Marczyk, and Tom Greca all gave us information which seemed to basically back up Amber's story.

"Amber almost hit us with, like, grape juice and stuff," stuttered Tom Greca.

"I saw it all. I even got grape juice on my shirt," said Jeff Blum.

"He started running after her, and he knocked over two tables, and he started kicking her, and stuff. And then Tim Jorel went and pulled him out," reported John Marczyk.

As to the matter of consequences, rumors going around

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## O.J. Jury to be announced soon

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attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr., the woman insisted she could judge the case on the facts.

Cochran spent much of his questioning making statements to the potential jurors, saying for example, "Do you understand that it's possible that police can make mistakes? ... You understand that doctors, coroners, can make mistakes?"

The selection resumed at a critical time in the case for prosecutors.

Ito, who had been striking compromises during discovery hearings, took a hard line Tuesday against the prosecution, threatening to dismiss key evidence because prosecutors waited too long to send some items to labs for DNA tests.

Among evidence prosecutors risk losing are the genetic test results from the bloody glove found behind Simpson's guest house the morning after the June 12 murders of his ex-wife and her friend.

Also in limbo are numerous other blood samples lifted from Simpson's Ford Bronco, blood on Simpson's driveway and walkway and fibers from the carpeting in the Bronco. The samples were sent for testing in early September, about three months after the slayings.

Ito said he would rule Friday.

The timing of the ruling is important, since potential jurors are being questioned about their exposure to publicity, much of it about the glove.

"They have lots of other evidence that they could theoretically use," said Stanley Goldman, a professor at Loyola Law School. "But that bloody glove is not insignificant. A lot of press has been built up around it, and I don't think the prosecution wants to lose that bloody glove."

Other evidence includes the blood drops leading away from the hacked and slashed bodies of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. Unidentified sources have said final DNA analysis shows a link between Simpson's blood and those drops.

With no known eyewitnesses, the prosecution is relying heavily on scientific tests to connect Simpson to the crime.

If Ito rules against prosecutors, they won't completely lose the bloody glove, which police say matches a glove found at the murder scene. Less sophisticated tests conducted by police indicated there was a mixture of blood on it consistent with the blood types of Simpson and both victims.

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## Rumors about Tuesday cafeteria fight continue

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say that Chris has been given a two day out-of-school suspension. He was not in school Wednesday. Rumor also has it that Amber has been given a one day in-school suspension, to be served Thursday.

When asked what she had to say about the incident, Mrs. Agnew said, "Well, I like to enjoy my lunch with no violence. I like a peaceful lunch."

## Lance Ito must decide on a jury for O.J. Case

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On Tuesday, defense lawyer Barry Scheck repeated his assertion that prosecutors waited so long to test some samples in order to ambush the defense with the results.

"There is no excuse for not starting DNA testing in a timely fashion," Scheck argued. "There's a huge number of items on which testing began only in September. Think of it. The glove. Everyone knows the glove is important evidence."

Deputy District Attorney Lisa Kahn, appearing exasperated and flustered at times during pointed questioning from the judge, denied any wrongdoing. She said such factors as the defense's requests for notification about testing contributed to the delays. She also said she sent the items in waves to avoid overburdening the state Department of Justice lab.

"If it's not here by the date of opening statements, maybe you don't get to use it," Ito told Kahn. "We're talking about sending things out the second week in September for a crime that occurred in June. It doesn't take a genius to see which of these items should be examined closely."

Implicit in the judge's statement is that he may choose the lesser option of setting a deadline for the completion of test results, rather than dismiss the evidence outright.

## A-Day Gym Class runs the mile

The A-Day Physical Education class ran the mile today as part of this month's physical fitness testing.

Although we don't have the exact times of how long it took students to finish, we do know that the runner with the best time was Tom Greca. 'Living Room Times' field reporter Brian Newbold was third. The girl with the best time was Tara Boisvert.

Several students felt sick after running due to asthma, cramps, or fumes from some kind of truck that was out on the field.

The mile run is part of the state physical fitness test, which Mrs. Siano has described as the "Mastery Test" of Gym. Also included in the test are pull-ups, sit-ups, and sit-and-reach.

## LATE SHOW TOP TEN

Letterman

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### TOP TEN KATHIE LEE'S PET PEEVES ABOUT REGIS

10. STRAINS MY MARRIAGE WITH HIS CLUMSY PASSES--- AT FRANK!
9. PREDICTED THAT MY LITTLE CODY WILL GROW UP TO BE A SERIAL KILLER
8. ALWAYS BORROWING MY EYELINER WITHOUT ASKING

*Top Ten interrupted by Regis, who tore up the Top Ten List. Letterman then "made up" one on the spot...*

### TOP TEN SIGNS REGIS PHILBUN IS NUTS

10. HE'S ACTUALLY GONE ON ONE OF THOSE LAME CARNIVAL CRUISES
9. KEEPS SHOWING UP FOR WORK IN FULL "CATS" MAKE-UP
8. ONE MINUTE YOU'RE HAVING A CIVILIZED CONVERSATION AND THE NEXT MINUTE THE OLD COOT'S ON THE FLOOR DOING PUSH-UPS
7. RICHARD SIMMONS FOUND SMOTHERED UNDER A TWO-TON PILE OF REGIS'S WORKOUT VIDEOS
6. WENT ON A HONEYMOON WITH MICHAEL AND LISA MARIE
5. CLAIMS THE CIA HAS BEEN SENDING SATELLITE BEAMS INTO HIS PANTS
4. LAST WEEKEND SPOTTED NAKED IN CENTRAL PARK WITH BOTTLE OF SCOTCH SCREAMING, "WHERE'S GELMAN?"
3. CONSTANTLY STANDING IN FRONT OF MOVING CARS
2. EVERY COUPLE YEARS, JUST FOR FUN, HE SWITCHES KATHIE LEE'S BIRTH CONTROL PILLS WITH TIC TACS
1. NEVER CHANGED HIS WEIRD-ASS NAME