

# The Living Room Times

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

Wednesday, November 23, 1994

## Two separate fights break out at Kellogg

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—John Marczak

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—Jeff Blum

**"The violence should stop."**

—Michael Connelly

There were two major fights in eighth grade Tuesday. One was out in the middle of the hallway for all to see, while another was in the boys' bathroom and was only seen by a few people.

The bathroom fight came first. It was between two eighth graders, Sean Waterman and Nino DiBiase.

"Sean Waterman beat up Nino," said Ian Drayton to Brendan Loy's tape recorder. "In the boys' bathroom."

"Today?" asked Brendan, who had

known nothing about the fight until Ian mentioned it.

"Before lunch, yeah!" continued Ian. "All I know is, he beat him up, and he knocked him on the ground and started punching him."

When asked if he had beaten up Nino, Sean Waterman nodded his head, indicating that he had.

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## Tacos served in cafeteria

**"I love tacos."**  
—Mr. Turner



In lunch on Tuesday, the cafeteria served the most popular Mexican food at Kellogg—tacos—as hot lunch.

Why are tacos so popular at Kellogg? Well, it all has to do with one of Kellogg's two foreign language teachers.

Mr. Turner, a foreign language teacher, is known by his students as "El Taco."

So whenever anyone who is in

one of Mr. Turner's classes sees anything having to do with tacos—or any Mexican food for that matter—the popular "Taco Teacher" comes to mind.

And now, thanks to an exclusive *LR Times* interview with Mr. Turner, we know that he does, indeed, like to eat tacos.

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## TURKEY DAY FORECAST



**THANKSGIVING DAY... A MIX OF SUN AND CLOUDS WITH A CHANCE OF FLURRIES OVER HIGHER ELEVATIONS. HIGH IN THE 30S.**

## Sean Waterman and Nino fight; Chris Simcik pushes Anand

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“Sean Waterman beat up Nino DiBiase,” said Michael Connelly a minute or two later. “Write it in your paper....Nino started picking on Sean Waterman, so Sean took him in the bathroom, and he punched him about two times in the face, and about, a couple times in the stomach. And then Nino went, like, crying to the nurse....The violence should stop.”

Michael Fahr yelled to Brendan that the fight never actually happened, but he followed that up by saying “I’m lying. I’m lying.”

When asked if he had a comment about the fight, Scott Mercer said, “Uh, yeah, it was cool. I hate Nino.”

“Sean, like, walked into the bathroom,” reported John Marczak during flex later in the day. “They were talking bad stuff about each other, like, f--- you and stuff... and then Sean, like, swung at Nino, and then hit him in the face, and then he hit him one more time in the face. And then he hit him, like, five times in the stomach. And then, like, at the end, Sean took Nino’s head and slammed it against the locker, but Nino only got in, like, two hits....Sean said that Nino smelled like fish. That’s what started it.”

Nino could not be reached for comment, but he did threaten to “throw away” Brendan’s tape recorder at one point, after physically trying to grab the tape recorder earlier in the day.

The second fight of the day took place right after lunch, while rumors were still flying about Sean/Nino

incident.

Someone turned off the lights in the eighth grade wing, which happens several times each day. This time, though, there was a scuffle just after the lights came back on. In the middle of the hallway, Chris Simcik and Anand Desai had a brief shoving match. Just about everyone around stopped what they were doing to watch.

“Someone spit in Chris’s hair,” reported Jeff Blum just after the fight happened, “and Chris went AAAARRRRGGGHH and he ran at Anand and knocked him into a locker. It was cool.”

“I saw what happened to Chris,” said Jeff Blum two hours later, as he revised his original story. “Chris was putting his books in his locker, and then he went sick.”

“He went sick?” asked Brendan, not understanding what Jeff meant.

“Yeah, ’cause someone, like, threw something at him,” continued Jeff. “And it bounced off his head, and he went GRRRRRRR! And he went, and I think he pushed Anand into a locker or something cool like that. And, they were just, like, like, gonna fight, but, like, they didn’t. It was far out.”

When asked what she thought of both fights, Mrs. Mann said “They took up a lot of space in the hallway.” She was apparently not aware that one of the fights happened in the boys’ bathroom.

She later added that she didn’t actually witness either of the fights. “I missed it all,” she complained.

## “I love tacos,” says Mr. Turner

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“In lunch today, a lot of people were commenting on the fact that they were serving tacos,” said Brendan Loy as he approached Mr. Turner. “Did you buy lunch?”

“Yes I did,” replied Mr. Turner, “and I had my taco with cheese too, and I love it. I love tacos.”

He added that he likes most other Mexican foods as well. “Okay. Mexican food is delicious, it’s healthy for you, it’s not as fattening as American food, and, if you go to Taco Bell, it’s a lot cheaper than if you go to McDonalds!”

“The only thing I wish they could have served was some sour cream,” he commented. “Sour cream, and lettuce, and maybe a couple of jalapeños.”

Some students commented on the tacos as well. When asked what he thought of them, a person (who wished to remain anonymous) said “It tasted like him.” He was, of course, referring to ‘El Taco’ or Mr. Turner.

“It tasted like him?” repeated Brendan. “How would you know?”

“Taco is cool,” commented Scott Mercer.

“They were delicious,” said Peter Pellegrini. “Especially with lots of hot sauce.”

“They were good,” stated Brian Newbold.

Beth Milewski and Bryan Rudolph, when asked what their thoughts were on the cafeteria tacos, both yelled “Taco!!!”

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**New Disciplinary Policy in Mr. V's room**— Mr. Vincenzo, an eighth grade teacher more commonly known as “Mr. V” or just plain “V,” has laid out a new set of rules in his classroom.

The new rules: If you misbehave once, he'll tell you so, and that will be a warning. If you misbehave again, you'll have to do a community service, which is doing something helpful at school or at home. If you misbehave a third time, then you'll get a detention.

Why the change in policy? Mr. V explained it to certain extent. He said that a girl—he didn't mention any names—had been doing something wrong—he didn't say what—in his class. He told the girl to stop whatever she was doing wrong, and she did stop for a few minutes, but then she started again. Mr. V gave her a detention for insubordination.

But, the girl complained, isn't it insubordination when Mr. V tells someone to stop talking, and a few minutes later, they start talking again?

Mr. V realized that the girl had a legitimate point. Therefore, he changed the disciplinary policy so that all acts of insubordination (which, by the way, means disobeying an authority) will lead to punishment.

**CORRECTION**— In Monday's edition, in our article about the Kellogg/Wallace dance, we printed that Travis Derr had danced with his girlfriend Alison, from Wallace, at the dance.

Travis and Alison did, in fact, dance. However, we have been informed that the two have sense broken up.

We apologize for any confusion or embarrassment this error may have caused.

**Jonathan's IR 7000 stolen**— “Jon Schuman's IR 7000 got stolen yesterday during flex,” reported Brenden Roche in Mrs. Agnew's room Tuesday.

IR 7000 is a “computer thing” used to “send messages to people.” You can also play games and do variety of other things using the computers, which are about the size of a calculator.

“It got stolen at flex during basketball. And Mr. Pilz called everybody who went to flex yesterday, to try to find out who did it.”

**Another fire drill**— At 9:17 AM Tuesday morning, the fire alarm went off at Martin Kellogg. It was during the second class of the day for the eighth graders.

“It is 9:17 AM and 42 seconds,” reported Brendan Loy as he walked toward the door out of the building, “and we have a fire drill. Or a fire, we don't know!”

“Mr. Turner was in the kitchen, cooking tacos, and he accidentally started a fire,” suggested Brendan.

Unlike the last fire drill, which happened while eighth graders were switching classes and lasted over five minutes, this fire drill ended promptly, as everyone was let back inside within two minutes.

**Tina comes up with her own strategy**— Tina Lentini came up with her own strategy in Algebra class on Tuesday—and Mrs. DuFault *liked* it!!!

“I came up with my own damn property,” said Tina, referring to Dan Seremet's TOP TEN WAYS TO ANNOY MRS. DUFAULT which included ‘Make up your own damn properties!’

“And she actually likes it...” added Tina.

## Shopping Tip from Beth

This Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, is the first day of the Christmas shopping season. Traditionally, it is the busiest shopping day of the entire year.

Here's some advice from a shopping expert, Beth Milewski (otherwise known as Bethany and Schnuckums) on how to spend your time wisely when shopping for Christmas gifts this year:

“Us Schnucks have a shopping strategy. Some people are dumb enough to go Christmas shopping the day after Thanksgiving. Not us Schnucks. True, there are good sales that day, but they last throughout the week. If you go later, you avoid a rush!”

**Is there something that YOU would like to contribute to *The Living Room Times*?**

**Whatever it is...**

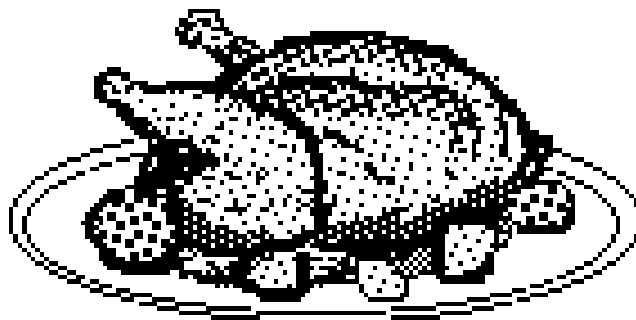
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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

**From the editors of *The Living Room Times***



# LATE SHOW TOP TEN

## TOP TEN SIGNS YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH JUDGE ITO

Letterman, Thursday, November 17, 1994

10. You've renamed all of your children and pets "Lance."
9. You're thinking about killing somebody just on the chance you'll wind up in his courtroom.
8. You call Court TV to suggest a 48-hour Ito-athon.
7. You find him guilty! Guilty of being adorable!
6. Your name is Robert Shapiro.
5. You buy bags of Fritos and cut them up just to have the word "Ito" for your scrapbook.
4. In courtroom, you shout "Hold me in contempt! But just hold me!"
3. When you see him on Court TV, you start licking the screen.
2. You're wearing a button that says "Ito is Neato."
1. That's not a gavel in your pants.

And now, a special  
**TOP TEN LIST**  
written by *LR Times*  
chief editor Brendan Loy

## TOP TEN SIGNS YOU AREN'T GOING OUT WITH ANYONE

10. No one knows who you like—and frankly, no one really cares!
9. Your name never comes up in the gossip recorded on Brendan Loy's tape recorder.
8. In the Cachou/Birdy-Bird election, no one told you how to vote.
7. When a new movie comes out, you go see it with your parents.
6. When you ask someone to dance, the people around you laugh hysterically.
5. You're a girl, and you're deeply in love with Jonathan Brandis.
4. You're a boy, and you're deeply in love with Jonathan Brandis.
3. You spent most of the Kellogg/Wallace dance hiding in the bathroom.
2. The only person you've ever slow-danced with in your life is at least twice your age.
1. At school dances, your 'date' is a tape recorder!