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Class of '95



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AND LOOKING BACK AT THE HIGHLIGHTS OF *THE LIVING ROOM TIMES* OVER THE LAST YEAR.

In this season finale edition of *The Living Room Times*, we'll take a look back at our three years at Martin Kellogg; look ahead to the four years which await us at Newington High School; and take another look at some of the highlights of the *LR Times* over the past school year.

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MKMS Page

TOP 30 BEST V-MISTAKES OF THE 1994-1995 SCHOOL YEAR



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29.	Benito Mussonlini	Benito Mussolini
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27.	Elijah Mohammadan	Elijah Mohammad
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23.	Ho Chi Mimh	Ho Chi Minh
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21.	Townseed Plan	Townsend Plan
20.	Gulf of Tonin Resolution	Gulf of Tonkin Resolution
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16.	Vietgong	Vietcong
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11.	Calvin Collidge	Calvin Coolidge
10.	Charlie Chapman	Charlie Chaplin
9.	framers	farmers
8.	gandfather	grandfather
7.	the Monore Doctrine	the Monroe Doctrine
6.	fill in the black	fill in the blank
5.	Malcome X	Malcolm X
4.	Hit and Round Shootings	Hit and Run Shootings
3.	Helicopters	Helicopters
2.	shopping mauls	shopping malls
1.	bother-in-law	brother-in-law

Poetry from Jenn



An excerpt from
“As the Wind Blows” by Jenn May

As the wind blows and you look
 for the last time
 Looking back, back
 through the pictures
 You remember that moment gone by
 and you fight back, back
 the tears now
 But a part of you
 won't cry
 as the wind blows

THE BEST OF KELLOGG QUOTES

“Life is not worth living unless you have
 an aardvark living in your pocket.”
 —**Brian Newbold**

“I killed Nicole’s clone. The real Nicole
 Brown Simpson is in my basement.”
 —**Dan Seremet**

“It’s Ash Wednesday, so you can go around all
 day telling people to kiss your ash.”
 —**El Taco**

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THE BEST OF KELLOGG QUOTES

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"I'm too tired to be stupid. I just woke up."

—**Brendan Loy**

"It comes naturally to you."

—**Jessika Gaskell**

"Mr. V is like a box of chocolates on defense.
He just kind of stands there."

—**Jonathan Schuman**

"Did you know that psychiatrists have the
highest rate of suicide? And dentists."

—**Lauren Correll**

"I never had an image until this year. No one
even knew who I was. Technically,
I didn't exist." —**Tim Stevens**

"Algebra is fun. It's like a death trap."

—**Tina Lentini**

"What if the devil being bad is just a rumor
from when he was a kid?" —**Jeff Blum**

"She's laughing at you, Dan. Are you going to
take that from her? Are you going to take that
from a Schnuck?" —**Brendan Loy**

"And what do you suggest I do about it?"

—**Dan Seremet**

"I don't know. I don't have any specific ideas."

—**Brendan Loy**

"Take away my hairbrush." —**Beth Milewski**

"Do you know how many trees we're wasting
each year in algebra?" —**Jaimie Kwassman**

"Save the trees! Don't give us homework!"

—**Tina Lentini**

"Mrs. Toback, did you know V's an elephant?
He's a large, hairless animal."

—**Greg O'Donnell**

"Mrs. DuFault, when did you know you
wanted to be a teacher?" —**Jaimie Kwassman**

"She's still not sure yet." —**Dan Seremet**

"Murder is a state law." —**V**

"No, murder is *against* a state law."

—**Brendan Loy**

"Human subjects! Can we dissect Sean?"
—**Joey DiNardi**, talking about the science fair

"Can I go make fun of my locker?"

—**Eric Faraday**

"Mrs. Gonzalez, did you take the
detentions away?" —**Tim Giles**

"No." —**Mrs. Gonzalez**

"Why not?" —**Tim Giles**

"Because I'm mean!" —**Mrs. Gonzalez**

"Excuse me!!! I would like it quiet! I think it
is very rude! I don't know how many times
I have to tell you this! Alright?!?" —**El Taco**

"C'mon, can we have some quiet?"

C'mon, people!" —**Joey DiNardi**

"There are days when I'm gonna want the
noise level in this class to be essentially nil."

—**El Taco**

"Power to the nerds!" —prealgebra student
Joey DiNardi as the algebra students
walked into Mrs. DuFault's room to take
their midterm exam

"I'm having a bad day." —**V**

"You're having a bad life." —**Brendan Loy**

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THE BEST OF KELLOGG QUOTES

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“...hell.” —**Dan Seremet**

“Oh, ho, ho, ho! Pipe down with that hell word, buddy!” —**Matt Kennedy**

“The first thing you do to a grease fire is what?” —**Mrs. Wertching**, subbing for Mrs. Crebase

“Put your head in it.” —**John Marczak**

“I’m fantastic, and someday you may get to be half as good as I am.” —**Mr. Hawkins**

“First, I want to make sure you know what money is. I have a fifty dollar bill here.” —**V**

“I don’t know what money is. Could I see that?” —**Dan Seremet**

“Another type of money. Credit cards.” —**V**
“V-sa!” —**Ian Drayton**

“He went psycho.” —**a character in the NHS play ‘City of Angels’**

“Psycho Sub!” —**someone in the audience**

“We’ll take a break to do drugs. That doesn’t sound right... We’ll take a break to *study* this particular drug. That sounds better.”
—**Mrs. Agnew**

“Where’s V when you need him?”
—**Ian Drayton**

“You never need V. Trust me. You can always do without V.” —**Brendan Loy**

“Question me. I make mistakes.”
—**Mrs. DuFault**

“No, you don’t. You’re a math god.”
—**Tim Stevens**

“She just called you ‘Tim the Dork.’

—**Brendan Loy**

“The Dork? Oh, boy. Those be fight words.”
—**Tim Stevens**

“If the Spaniards didn’t sink the Maine, who did?” —**V**

“It was an optical illusion.” —**Dan Seremet**

“You have the muscle tone equivalent of a duckling.” —**Joey DiNardi**

“And proud of it!” —**Brendan Loy**

“She kicked me in the shin!”
—**Sean ‘Shin’ Vivier**, after being kicked by Jaimie Kwassman for no reason

“What is the world’s fastest dog?”
—**Mrs. Agnew**

“The Shin Dog.” —**Brenden Roche**

“What disease do the french call ‘the rage’?”
—**Mrs. Agnew**

“Hemmroids.” —**Brenden Roche**

“What distance is ‘Mark Twain’?”
—**Mrs. Agnew**

“One fathom.” —**Joey DiNardi**

“You take spirit, you distill it from wine. What do you get?” —**Mrs. Agnew**

“You get drunk.” —**Brendan Loy**

“What did John F. Kennedy consider his greatest blunder in office?” —**Mrs. Agnew**

“Getting shot.” —**Sean Vivier**

“I don’t consider myself a sexpert...”
—**Mrs. Agnew**, during sex-ed in science class

LOOKING AHEAD TO HIGH SCHOOL

What are eighth graders looking forward to about high school... and what are their biggest fears and worries...

LOOKING FORWARD TO...

"Big 'uns." —**Dan Seremet**

"Guys." —**Jenn May, Stacey Karalus, and Christina Mozzicato**

"Hot guys." —**Kristen Lee**

"Wallace girls."
—**Bryan Rudolph**

"Maybe some cute guys, for a change." —**Cathy Towle**

"Um... I don't know."
—**Tara Boisvert**

"I'm looking forward to high school the most for baseball. Yeah. High school baseball."
—**Donald Braman**

"One year closer to graduation." —**Todd Kean**

"What am I looking forward to the most about high school? Graduating!" —**Jeff Blum**

"Getting back together with all my friends that I met at Paterson." —**Scott Mercer**

"Getting out of this school."
—**Kevin Hauschulz**

"I'm looking forward to taking over the world in high school. How about you?"
—**Tim Stevens**

WORRIES AND FEARS

"Little 'uns." —**Dan Seremet**

"We'll miss Mrs. DuFault's algebra class....The biggest fear is Mr. [principal] Paul Hoey."
—**Claudio Gualtieri**

"Math." —**Jenn May**

"Homework."
—**Stacey Karalus**

"Getting lost." —**Kristen Lee and Christina Mozzicato**

"The bigger big kids. Seniors. No. I don't know. Um, I have no idea." —**Bryan Rudolph**

"Nothing."
—**Shannon Duplin, Barth Mercer, and Chris Whitaker**

"The fact that I'm still stuck with you." —**Cathy Towle**

"The lockers are too small."
—**Travis Derr**

"Brendan's tape recorder."
—**Jeff Blum**

"Nothing. I fear nothing."
—**Chris Simcik**

"Just being a freshman."
—**Kevin Hauschulz**

"I don't want to go."
—**Mike Fahr**

KELLOGG MEMORIES

What graduating students will remember about Kellogg...

"Kellogg Memories" was originally designed to be a serious section, but the students who wrote the memories wrote silly ones—some of them untrue—instead of serious ones. Here are some of the Kellogg Memories...

NOTE: Some of the "memories" are making fun of students and/or teachers, but we hope that no one will be offended. The jokes are intended in good fun, and entries which would be very offensive or inappropriate are not included in this section.

"I remember throwing J-Hawks's dictionary out the window."

"I remember when J-Hawks dumped the paper from the recycling bin onto Joe D's head."

"I remember when I threw an airplane out J-Hawks's window and hit a kid in the face."

"I remember crazy classes."

"I remember when Mrs. Brown stopped Brendan Loy from making *The Living Room Times*. Brendan is a dumb ass."

"When Carissa became Ratette"

"When Mrs. Kopcha tried to wear a dress"

"When Kendra went to Atlanta and came back and gave Tina a hug."

"When Sean V stopped wearing sweat pants"

"I remember Billy's hand going through the window."

"When Mr. May got a pencil stuck in his back."

"When Mrs. Toback cut her hair"

"When Mr. V lost his mind"

TEACHERS' MEMORIES OF THE CLASS OF '95

What Kellogg teachers say they'll remember most
about the graduating class of 1995...

"I'm sure I won't forget: the 'oreo' song in 6th grade... hiding from Mrs. Cohen and a special scavenger hunt in 7th... my 'best' 8th grade guitar class, complete with your myriad ways of re-inventing tablature... V.T. dance lessons... Greasers... Honky Tonk peanuts... your smiles, cooperation... YOU. Love and good luck."

—written by Mrs. DesRosier

"Probably that kids teased me about Mrs. Noonan. That, I think, I'll probably remember the most...*The Living Room Times*, definitely....That you guys even shortened my name more, changed it from 'Mr. V' to 'V.'....I know one thing that'll be memorable, that I'll never forget: falling asleep at the freshman orientation. I won't—I'll never live that down. My colleagues will tease me about that for years." —Mr. Vincenzo

"That you were one group that I just don't want to leave the school....the Carl Sagan stuff is a legend. We invented it, and—I don't know if another group would understand it the way that, you know, we got it together. But, a lot of special memories. This class is a class that there are special memories. Very special." —Mrs. Agnew

"I think you've been one of the best classes. I've had so much growth that I've seen take place. Not just mathematically speaking, but becoming fine ladies and gentlemen. And study habits. This group has really had a wonderful attitude. You've been willing to work, whereas I've had groups in the past where their attitude is less than desirable, and I think that's one of the pluses that you guys have going for you, what a wonderful attitude you've come in with, and seem to be leaving with it too." —Mrs. DuFault

"If I go by the kids that I've had, your one of the most unique groups I've had, particularly as you went into eighth grade. You're more unique than you were when you were in sixth grade....Very unique, and very nice group of kids."

—Mrs. Rosen (explore teacher)

"I'll remember your talent; your ability to perform on stage; your creativity; *your* newspaper that you wrote at home; I'll remember all the antics, and the talent shows, and that sort of thing. I'll remember your personality mostly. This was the most personable, outgoing group of eighth graders I've met in a long while. And, there are very smart people too. You, as well as the other kids—Tim Stevens, Brynna Johnson, Lauren Correll—and many more that I've met that have been outstanding academic students. Very good. And those are the things I'll remember." —Mr. May

"A lot of energy. A real interesting mixture of students. Students with a lot of courage; students who believe in themselves and are willing to stand up for their beliefs. Good athletes. And, peaking at the right time....It seems like, the last couple of weeks—usually, the last month of school, the kids go berserk—and just the opposite's happening. I see kids really, really functioning in a very positive manner. Like, for instance, no food fights....Kids who, let's say, at some point in the year had been disrespectful have become very respectful last couple of weeks. I get the feeling that some of the tougher kids who, in their own way, have been very critical, I think are really, actually gonna miss it here. And you want to know something? We're gonna miss them too. We're gonna miss this class. Good class." —Mr. Pilz

"That they were enjoyable to work with. That I met a lot of nice kids. That I, hopefully, touched a lot of kids' lives. I think the majority of them are hard-working, honest, good kids. Fun to be with. I enjoyed them. I really enjoyed this class. Even the kids that were 'questionable' I enjoyed. They've come a long way. That's what I'll remember."

—Mrs. Siano

"What I'll remember about this graduating class mostly was that they were, a great majority of very nice people involved....A great majority of students that were working to make the school better, and their life in school better. And, to do the things that it took to grow. And I really mean that. The vast majority of the class was like that."

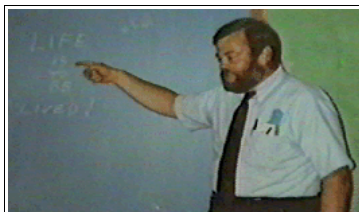
—Mr. Liebler

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A TRIBUTE TO CRAZY CLASSES

One special Kellogg phenomenon that all the students in our graduating class are sure to remember is what we called ‘Crazy Class.’

The definition of Crazy Class varied from teacher to teacher and class to class, as you will see in this summary of some of the most famous crazy classes in seventh and eighth grade...



The first—and by far the most famous—crazy class teacher was Mr. Hawkins, known to almost everyone as “J-Hawks.”

J-Hawks’s classes were high on fun and low on discipline. Kids spent most of their time running around, talking out of turn, throwing “crazy planes” and other kinds of paper, and generally just goofing off.

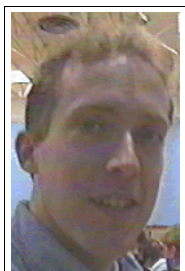


Like most of the crazy class teachers, J-Hawks had some trademark phrases and words he frequently said—and, at times, students would count how many times he said them in each class.

Among the things he often said were “Please,” “Shh,” and “Guys!!!” Kevin Hauschulz actually began writing a newspaper on his computer—called *Guys!*—which had a daily list of how many times J-Hawks said these and other words each day.

In addition, J-Hawks was well-known for eating lots of Famous Amos cookies and telling corny jokes. And when he got really mad—becoming ‘Super Hawks’—he would slam books on a desk in his room and yell “Guys!!! Quiet down!!!”

Even when students from the Class of ‘95 who had J-Hawks in seventh grade went on to eighth grade this year, some of them came back occasionally and disturbed his classes. And this year’s seventh graders—the Class of ‘96—have apparently been even crazier in J-Hawks’s room than students in the Class of ‘95 were! They have reportedly been setting off firecrackers during his classes, and doing other crazy things in the craziest of crazy classes.

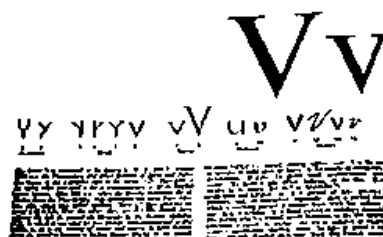


Mr. Cormack—who would like to be known as “Mr. C” but is often called “Psycho Sub” by his students, as well as “C-Dog” and “Doc McCormack”—is not a full-time teacher.

He is, as his nickname would suggest, a substitute teacher, who fills in for absent teachers throughout the building. But despite the fact the students don’t have him every day, or even every week, his classes have definitely built up quite a reputation for being crazy classes.

His crazy classes are unlike all the others. He is detention-happy, so to speak—in other words, unlike J-Hawks and El Taco, he doesn’t hesitate to give someone a detention—especially when a student calls him “Psycho Sub” to his face. He also frequently gives out office referrals.

And he doesn’t have any trademark phrases like J-Hawks, V, and El Taco do. But he does have a nickname, and a reputation for getting extremely mad at times, which can make his classes very crazy.



Mr. Vincenzo—known to his students as Mr. V, V, V-Dog, V-Tard, V-Ject, and a wide variety of other V-names—is another of the crazy class teachers.

Although his classes have never been as crazy as J-Hawks’s, he does have his trademark phrases—“young man,” “You’re interrupting,” “That’s a true statement,” “you kids,” and “about five minutes”—as well as his own unique feature: V-Mistakes.

V is known best for his mistakes. He has made such spelling errors as “Helicopters” and “fill in the black,” and mispronunciations like saying “pro-zoans” instead of “protozoans” and “infrared gargles” instead of “infrared goggles.”

He is also made fun of for his bald head, and students joke that he is in love with Mrs. Noonan.

But V takes most of the teasing in good fun. At the Newington High School orientation last week, when he fell asleep during principal Hoey’s speech, everyone got a good laugh—including V himself.

When Brendan interviewed him and asked why he fell asleep, V said jokingly, “You want the truth? I was daydreaming about Mrs. Noonan.”



Of all the crazy class teachers, Mr. Turner—“El Taco”—is certainly the best at being a good sport about all the teasing.

He has put up with ridicule all year, as students have called him “El Taco” and “Taco,” written on his chalkboard, fooled around in his class, and given him various taco-related items (taco sauce, a taco dinner, a sign saying “Welcome to Taco Bell,” a bag of Doritos ‘Taco Supreme’ Tortilla Chips).

And apparently, he has enjoyed it! Last week, as the end of the school year approached, he said to Brendan Loy, “I’m really gonna miss you guys.”

Taco’s trademark word was “Okay.” Earlier in the year, he said it 211 times in one half-hour class!

And when he gets really mad, which he does only occasionally, he is ‘Super Taco.’ Once, when Joey DiNardi was wandering around the classroom, Taco pushed him and yelled “Sit down!!!”



KELLOGG NEWS

Over the past year, there have been a wide variety of news events that happened at Kellogg. Here are summaries of some of them...



J-Hawks visits eighth grade lunch— Mr. Hawkins, known to most students as “J-Hawks,” made a surprise appearance in eighth grade lunch on August 31, only the second day of the school year.

Eighth graders who had him as a teacher in seventh grade yelled “J-Hawks!!! J-Hawks!!!” as he walked through the cafeteria eating his lunch.

One surprise about his visit was that he didn’t get any Famous Amos cookies, a food which he often ate during flex in seventh grade.

“I wanted to try oatmeal,” he said, when asked why he didn’t get any Famous Amos.

—from the September 1 edition of *The Living Room Times*

David Martins’s head banged against art door; Nino DiBiase accused of crime— In one of the biggest MKMS news stories of the year, David Martins was attacked on September 21. His head was banged against the door to the art room. He bled heavily, and was taken to the hospital, but returned to school the next day.

Nino DiBiase was accused of pushing David into the door. Although there were apparently no eyewitnesses, several people said they saw Nino running up the hall just after David was pushed.

“I didn’t do anything! You’re so stupid!” Nino said when asked for a comment about the incident.

“I’m disappointed that it had to happen, especially outside my door,” said Mr. Passerelli, the art teacher.

The next day, *Times* chief editor Brendan Loy interviewed David.

“I couldn’t see. I was blindsighted,” David said. “Someone pushed me from the side....and then I fell backwards, and then, BOOM!...Mr. Passerelli came out, and said ‘What happened?’ and then I screamed ‘Somebody get the nurse! Somebody get the nurse! Please! Please!’ And then Greg ran to the nurse....and he came rushing back with the wheelchair and a hankie....I don’t know if Nino DiBiase is linked to the conspiracy. I don’t even know.”

—from the September 22 edition of *The Tabloid Times* and the September 23 edition of *The Living Room Times*



Amber Rouse/Chris Wartschow fight— Amber Rouse and Chris Wartschow got into a fight during lunch on October 11.

Reports varied about exactly what happened, but apparently, there had been some kind of a verbal conflict going on all day between them. It escalated when Amber, being taunted by Chris, threw a cup of frozen grape juice at him.

Chris became furious. He jumped out of his seat, pushing tables over and chasing Amber.

“He started running after her, and he knocked over two tables, and he started kicking her,” said John Marczak, who had been nearby.

“Then he threw me against the heater, and then he pushed me against the floor, and he kicked me, really hard,” reported Amber.

At that point, Tim Jorel—Amber’s boyfriend at the time—and the teachers intervened and stopped the fighting.

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

—from the October 12 edition of *The Living Room Times*

Fight reported between Russell and Koob— Chris ‘Koob’ Simcik and Russell Dailey got into a fight in Mrs. Cohen’s room on November 3.

“They were moving chairs around, and then Russell hit Koob,” said Keith Druckenmiller.

“Russell punched him, like, three times in the stomach,” reported Jason Saccente, who first broke the story to Brendan, “and then, Russell....tripped over a chair. So Koob grabbed his shirt.”

When asked who won, Chris said, “Nobody did. I don’t care.”

“He grabbed me, and threw me against the wall, so I smacked him,” Russell reported.

—from the November 4 edition of *The Living Room Times*

Brendan gets his first detention from Taco— Brendan Loy got his first (and, so far, his only) detention at Martin Kellogg on November 4 from foreign language teacher Mr. Turner (known as “El Taco”) for talking in class.

“Brendan got a detention!!!” Joey DiNardi yelled incredulously as Taco wrote Brendan’s name on the board. Brendan hadn’t even noticed it yet.

Brendan, Joey, and four others—Kevin Hauschulz, Jason Saccente, Jeff Blum, and Peter Pellegrini—came after class to appeal their detentions, but Mr. Turner didn’t give in.

“Well, I finally got a detention, but at least I didn’t go down without a fight,” Brendan said afterwards.

—from the November 7 edition of *The Living Room Times*

Three fights in two days— On November 22 and 23, students at Kellogg let off some steam right before Thanksgiving weekend.

The fighting atmosphere began on November 22 with a shoving match in the hallway between Chris Simcik and Anand Desai.

“Someone spit in Chris’s hair, and Chris went AAARRRRGGGHH and he ran at Anand and knocked him into a locker,” said Jeff Blum. “It was cool.”

The next day, on November 23, two more fights happened. The first was a cafeteria fight between Kelly Valencia and Christina Pappa.

“They were like, saying stuff to each other, so Kelly pushed Christina,” said an anonymous eyewitness.

“I didn’t hit Christina first. She pushed me first. And then we started fighting. I just want to make that clear,” said Kelly.

Later in the day, a fight was reported between Scott ‘Barth’ Mercer and Chris Gemmill in Mr. V’s room.

“They were just pushing and shoving,” said Carmine Rinaldi. “And then, Mercer got him in a headlock, and then, Chris got him in a headlock....Barth swunged [at Chris] but he missed.”

Rumors about the Christina/Kelly fight—who started it and who won—continued long after it was over and the Thanksgiving weekend was past.

“Kelly didn’t push Christina [first],” said Christina Mozzicato. “Christina pushed Kelly first. People are changing it around to make Christina look like she’s right, when it was Christina who pushed Kelly first.”

“They were talking s--t about us at her table,” said Mary Jane Faienza. “Christina and Carissa went over there to ask Kelly why she was doing that....Kelly pushed her first.”

—from the November 23, 28, and 29 editions of *The Living Room Times*

V's Wild West Cooking Class— When V's history classes were studying the wild west, V showed us a transparency about how to cook various western meals... including one called "Sonofabitch stew!"

Here is the recipe:

YOU NEED:

- 2 pounds lean beef
- Half a calf heart
- 1 1/2 pounds calf liver
- 1 set sweetbreads
- 1 set brains
- 1 set marrow gut
- Salt, pepper
- Louisiana hot sauce

INSTRUCTIONS:

Kill off a young steer. Cut up beef, liver, and heart into 1-inch cubes; slice the marrow gut into small rings. Place in a Dutch oven or deep casserole. Cover meat with water and simmer for 2 to 3 hours. Add salt, pepper, and hot sauce to taste. Take sweetbreads and brains and cut in small pieces. Add to stew. Simmer another hour, never boiling.

—from December 2 edition of *The Living Room Times*



Bomb stinks up auditorium; Rat accused— During the showing of "I Will Fight No More Forever" to eighth graders in the auditorium on December 9, someone decided to set off a stink bomb.

The movie was about Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce Indians tribe, but the eighth grade teachers' plan to watch the whole movie were postponed when a smell spread from the front of the auditorium all the way to the back.

As students groaned, Mrs. Mann declared "It's just sulphur!"

The teachers sent everyone back to their homerooms and tried to find out the culprit. They eventually found a suspect—reportedly Brian 'Rat' Kilmartin—and sent everyone back to watch the end of the movie.

Rat denied that he set off the stink bomb. He said that everyone thought it was him because of a flashlight that he had which looked like a bomb.

—from December 12 edition of *The Living Room Times*



Taco pushes Joey DiNardi— An agitated Mr. Turner, becoming 'Super Taco,' pushed Joey DiNardi on January 20.

Joey was wandering around the room. He was going to put some kind of sign on Taco's transparency machine, but Taco stopped him.

"Sit down!!!" he yelled, and shoved him lightly back to his seat.

"I don't hate Joey, I just got a little bit on the mad side," Taco said, "but he's gotta learn that he can't be, ya know, getting up and doing whatever he feels like."

—from January 24 edition of *The Living Room Times*



V hears bells in history class— In one of the most hilarious V-incidents of the year—perhaps second only to his falling asleep at the freshman orientation—V's 'SuperHawks' history class on February 1 was interrupted when V thought he heard the phone ringing.

In fact, the noise was Ian Drayton whistling, as he had been doing throughout the class.

But V thought it was the phone. So he walked over to the phone, picked it up, and said, "Hello? Hello?"

Most of the class started cracking up as V fiddled with the phone.

"V' you're losin' it," Mark Almeida joked.

"I heard some bells ringing!" V said. "Does someone have a bell in here?"

"V's hearin' bells!!!" Brendan Loy declared, laughing.

—from the February 2 edition of *The Living Room Times*



OSU stuns UMass in 'March Madness' final— UMass, the team heavily favored to win the 'March Madness' tournament, was stunned in the championship game by Oklahoma State (OSU).

OSU, with Mr. Pilz, Bryan 'Rudy' Rudolph, and Kristyn Fontanella, wasn't even expected to get out of their regional. But they got themselves into the championship game, where they defeated UMass—which was playing with Chris Gemmell and Charley Fort subbing for suspended Russell Dailey and Tim Hazelton—39-36 despite a last-minute surge by UMass's star player, Carmine 'Chief' Rinaldi.



Chief scored 11 points in 26 seconds late in the game to bring UMass from being behind 31-25 with 1:36 left to being ahead 36-31 with 1:10 left.

But OSU closed the game with an 8-0 run, and won the tournament title.

Despite losing, Rinaldi was named MVP of the tournament. He scored 182 points in 105 minutes of play throughout the tournament—a point every 35 seconds.

—from the April 4 edition of *The Living Room Times*



Rinaldi, Raptors win 'Kellogg Challenge'— Five of the eight #1 and #2 seeds in the 'Kellogg Challenge' tournament lost in the first game they played. But two of the three who didn't lose in early rounds played in the championship game.

The tournament, held at night on April 7, featured some cinderella stories and major upsets, but, in the end, a classic matchup for the title.

It was between Carmine Rinaldi, probably Kellogg's best basketball player, and Sedrick Veasey, a six-foot-nine Central Connecticut State University basketball star.

The odds seemed to be stacked up against Rinaldi and his fellow 'Raptors'—Chri s Gemmell, Steve Gemmell, and Nick Tardif—in the title game, but they pulled it out, winning 23-19, and Rinaldi got the title he had been denied in the 'March Madness' tournament.

—from the April 17 edition of *The Living Room Times*



Banquet? Or party?— What was supposed to be a serious evening for parents and students to meet and greet and celebrate eighth graders' moving on into high school turned into an evening of singing, dancing, and craziness on May 16.

Students danced to songs like "YMCA," and "Funky Chicken," and formed a circle around Mrs. Kopcha in "We are a Family," while teachers and parents formed conga lines to "Locomotion."

"I thought it was an excellent banquet," said Mrs. Kopcha. "It's what we've been trying to achieve in all the years we've had it."

—from the May 18 edition of *The Living Room Times*

Homework hotline rigged— Someone replaced the homework in the eighth grade teachers' phone mailboxes with vulgar messages June 3.

The messages varied. Mrs. Agnew's, Mrs. DuFault's, and Mrs. Mann's all had to do with sex, while Mr. Vincenzo's said "f--- you" and Mrs. Gonzalez's was tapping noises. Mrs. Toback's was unchanged.

—from the June 5 edition of *The Living Room Times*

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- TOP TEN MKMS NICKNAMES**
10. Chief
 9. Shin
 8. Wusstavson
 7. V-Dog
 6. Rat
 5. Cheese Puff
 4. J-Hawks
 3. Dunks
 2. Koob
 1. Barth

- TOP TEN NICKNAMES OTHER THAN 'EL TACO' FOR NED TURNER**
10. Nedward
 9. Nedturnerism
 8. Ned-head
 7. Turning Turner
 6. Ned Taco
 5. Ted Turner
 4. T-Hawks
 3. Mr. Tincenzo (T-Dog or T-Tard)
 2. The Grand Taco of Martin Kellogg
 1. El Turner

- TOP TEN SIGNS THERE IS TOO MUCH FIGHTING AT MARTIN KELLOGG**
(From 11-29-94 edition when there had been several recent cafeteria fights)
10. There are referees stationed throughout the school.
 9. *The Living Room Times* has been renamed *The Punching Post*.
 8. You see Mrs. Kopcha beating the you-know-what out of Mr. Turner.
 7. Officer Dave has set up a permanent residence here.
 6. Bullet-proof vests are now part of the dress code.
 5. All our school buses have been replaced by ambulances.
 4. Intramurals now include target practice.
 3. Whenever anyone asks you what class you have next, you say "boxing."
 2. President Clinton is considering military intervention.
 1. Mrs. Brown has declared martial law!

- TOP TEN PILZ SAYINGS**
10. "No one's leaving until the scrimmage shirts are put away."
 9. "I'm very disappointed."
 8. "Toadman"
 7. "Opposite side..."
 6. "...and freeze."
 5. "5 more minutes"
 4. "I'll talk to you after class."
 3. "...aaaaannnd freeeeezee!!!"
 2. "Connelly, you get a zero!"
 1. "Carmine, put the ball down and get on the bleachers!"

- TOP TEN CARL SAGAN PICK-UP LINES**
10. "Go out with me and I'll name an asteroid after you."
 9. "The universe might collapse to a singularity in the next 15 billion years — let's go someplace while we still have the time!"
 8. "The sight of you makes my head spin faster than an elliptical galaxy."
 7. "We're made for each other! I know we are — it's in the Grand Unification Theory!"
 6. "Of the *billions* and *billions* of women in the universe, you're the most beautiful."
 5. "God himself told me I should ask you to dinner."
 4. "My name is Carl. Carl Gump."
 3. "What's a girl like you doing in a universe like this?"
 2. "There are more reasons why we should go out than there are grains of sand on all the beaches of all the world."
 1. "Hey baby — We're both made of star stuff!"

TOP TEN BAD VARIABLES

	<i>Variable</i>	<i>What it looks like</i>
10.	g	9
9	q	9
8.	b	6
7.	o	0
6.	a	9
5.	y	4
4.	t	+
3.	s	5
2.	z	2
1.	l (lower case L)	1

And now, one final MKMS Top Ten list...

**TOP TEN THINGS WE'LL
MISS ABOUT KELLOGG**

10. Brendan Loy saying “Who do you want, Cachou or Birdy-Bird?”
9. Those hallways that were always so neat and tidy
8. TACO TIME!!!
7. V talking in his sleep about Mrs. Noonan
6. Pilz saying “...and freeze!”
5. Carl Sagan videos (yeah, right)
4. Room 202—Home of the Hawk
3. The Pushing Game
2. The dynamic duo: Amzie and Teddy
1. Two words: Psycho Sub

Special thanks to everyone who has helped with *The Living Room Times* this year, especially those who contributed to this edition.

And thanks to all the readers of *The Living Room Times* for your support all year. Have a great summer, and good luck in high school!

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