

The Living Room Times

All the Nose that's fit to print... weekly!

250th overall edition — First regular weekly edition of 1995-1996 season

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SEASON PREMIERE EDITION

The high school journey begins...

The Classes of 1995 from Kellogg, Wallace, and St. Mary's combine, and become the Newington High School Class of 1999... For NHS freshmen, the four-year journey toward graduation begins today...

"You ninth graders who are here today should expect that your teachers are eager and enthusiastic in class...that we challenge you academically...that we get a lot out of you in the time that we have you in class."
—ninth grade teacher John Perotti



"Everyone has to be a freshman, so it's definitely nothing to worry about. It's something to look forward to. You'll meet lifelong friends, and develop memories which will last you forever."
—Senior Class President Paige Churchill

LR Times turns weekly this year

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With today's season premiere edition, *The Living Room Times* is beginning its third season of "All the Nose that's fit to print," and its first season at Newington High School. As school begins, and freshmen adapt to their new surroundings, the *Times* will try to adapt as well.

Part of this adaptation involves scheduling. Chief editor Brendan Loy anticipates much more homework at NHS, which will cause a much tighter schedule. Therefore, he has decided to print the *Times* weekly this year rather than "daily when possible" as it has been the last two years, to ensure that the quality of the newspaper will not be undermined.

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Hilari Butler moves to Indiana

Friends say goodbye at June 29 surprise party



photo by Angela Lewonczyk

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Former Martin Kellogg

student Hilari Butler moved to Indiana over the summer, but not before many of her friends had a chance to say goodbye at a surprise party in her honor on June 29.

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Times turns weekly at Newington High

Will continue to report a wide variety of news

Our goal is to entertain and inform the students and teachers of Newington High School.

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A new edition will come out the first day of each week.

Brendan may also write the *Living Room Times Extra* at other points during the week if there is a major news event, and if he has time.

Another part of adapting to NHS involves the news we report, and the people involved. The *Times* has been published for Martin Kellogg students only for the past two years. Now that our circulation is at Newington High, the editors will do our very best to give equal coverage to news involving students from Kellogg, Wallace, and St. Mary's.

The focus of the newspaper will be on news involving freshmen, as well as schoolwide news, but if we hear about interesting or important news events in other grades, they will be reported as well.

We will, however, continue to abide by our policy of giving students and teachers respect and privacy. Although we will do our best to print newsworthy items, if we believe a story is inappropriate or offensive, it will not go into the newspaper. In addition, if a student or teacher states that they wish to remain anonymous in a story or a quote, they of course have that right.

Keep in mind also that we are not here strictly to inform you. There will be 'light news' printed when it comes up, as well as some comical stories and sections.

Our goal is to entertain and inform the students and teachers of Newington High School, and we will do our very best to accomplish that goal.

Stories about major national or international news will also sometimes be printed, as will any other newsworthy events that happen.

And of course, we want your input! If you know about a story you think should be printed, let Brendan Loy know about it!

Also, if you would like to start a special item which will be printed daily or weekly, you are welcome to do so. Last year, several students contributed to the *Times* with such items as "Cooking Tip from Keith," "Shopping Tip from Beth," and "Poetry from Jenn." Just tell Brendan what you'd like him to include in the

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But, what does "All the Nose that's fit to print" mean?

The truth is, it doesn't really mean anything.

One thing about this newspaper that often confuses readers is our slogan, which has been included on every issue

ever printed of *The Living Room Times*.

The slogan, of course, is "All the Nose that's fit to print."

And the truth is, it doesn't really mean anything.

Brendan Loy came up with it on December 27, 1993, when he wrote the first issue of the *Times*. He decided to call the newspaper, which was at that point written only for the sake of writing it—Brendan didn't start bringing it to school until several months later—"The Living Room Times."

This name reminded him of the world-famous *New York Times*, which has the slogan "All the News that's fit to print." Brendan wanted his slogan to be slightly different, so he came up with a nonsensical, meaningless, and somewhat corny satire: "All the Nose that's fit to print."

The slogan stuck, and has now become a *Times* tradition.

Today's edition our 250th issue ever

Since its start on December 27, 1993, *The Living Room Times* has been through its ups and downs—and we've survived all of it, making it to our 250th edition.

That landmark issue is today's. As the *Times* begins its third season of "All the Nose that's fit to print," we also look back on our first two seasons.

The newspaper started on December 27, 1993 as a newspaper written by Brendan simply for his own benefit. It started on Microsoft Write, with few graphics or pictures, and most articles about weather and stuffed animals.

It wasn't until February 1994 that he started bring the newspaper to school. But once some students started reading the *Times* each day, it gradually grew in popularity—and quality, and Brendan used fancier programs and graphics to write it.

In eighth grade, with the paper written daily on high-tech Microsoft Publisher, about stories of great interest to students at Kellogg, the paper's popularity soared. Just

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Hilari Butler moves Tara Boisvert organizes surprise farewell party

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Tara Boisvert organized the party, which took place outside her house and outside Eric Faraday's house. Eric's house is just across the street from Tara's.

The guests at the party arrived at 2:00. Hilari was walked to the party by her boyfriend, seventh grader Paul Urcillo. Hilari and Paul were supposed to arrive at 2:30, but they were about fifteen minutes late.

When they did get there, Hilari was blindfolded as she walked in—probably a clue to her that something unusual was going to happen—and Paul led her to the place where the party was to start.

As soon as she was in front of all the guests at the party, he helped her take off the blindfold. Everyone yelled "Surprise!" and someone sprayed her with silly string.

After a few minutes of drinking soda, eating various snacks, and listening to music in Tara's side yard, everyone went over to Eric's yard to play volleyball.

After that came a planned water balloon fight, which inspired a huge unplanned water fight involving Super Soakers and other water guns, cups and soda bottles filled with water, and hoses.

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Above, left: Paul leads Hilari, blindfolded, toward the party guests.
Above, right: A few seconds later, Hilari is blasted with silly string.



Above: The gift table, including a stuffed bear called the 'Mother Bear'

Above: Hilari and Paul toward the end of the party, after getting into a food fight with the cake.

all photos by Angela Lewonczyk

From "TOP TEN" controversy to *Town Crier* article, *Times* makes it to 250th issue

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about everyone in Brendan's classes wanted to read it.

Things took a sudden turn for the worse when Kellogg principal Amzie Brown saw the special TOP TEN edition on December 9, 1994. She cracked down on the *Times*, limiting Brendan's ability to write and circulate the paper with several strict regulations.

She told Brendan he could no longer include TOP TEN lists by David Letterman—one of the most popular features of the newspaper—and could only pass around the newspaper before homeroom and during lunch.

But we came back, thanks to our readers, who maintained their interest. Gym teacher Sandy Pilz had a lot to do with the comeback as well, as he advertised the paper by putting copies of it, with its articles about the "March Madness" tournament, on the wall in the gymnasium. Mr. Pilz promised to take the blame if Mrs. Brown got mad about the newspaper being posted there.

On March 13—again thanks to Mr. Pilz—the *Times* was interviewed by a reporter from the *Newington Town Crier*. Pilz called a former Kellogg student, Janet Lopes, who is now a reporter for the *Crier*, and told her about the paper. Ms. Lopes interviewed Brendan, and then wrote an article which called the *Times* a "phenomenon within the walls of Martin Kellogg Middle School."

"Brendan has created a fascinating paper. It covers school events and other newsworthy items just like any other newspaper," said Pilz, quoted in the article.

The *Times* continued for the rest of the year to cover major school events. And on the last day of school, the season finale "Class of '95" edition came out.

The edition was one of the most popular of all time—perhaps second only to the controversial "TOP TEN" edition mentioned earlier. It featured pictures of the eighth grade dance from the night before, as well as various articles and quotes looking back on the Class of '95's three years at Kellogg.

That was the 249th edition of the *Times*, which makes today's 1995-1996 season premiere edition our 250th.

Times becomes weekly

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paper, and if it isn't inappropriate or offensive, he'll put it in for you.

So remember... For "all the Nose that's fit to print," turn to *The Living Room Times*.

NHS Information

First Day Of School (Tuesday) Special Schedule

7:42 AM	Two-minute warning bell
7:44 AM to 8:35 AM	Extended Homeroom
8:39 AM to 9:13 AM	Period 1
9:15 AM to 9:51 AM	Period 2
9:55 AM to 10:29 AM	Period 3
10:33 AM to 11:08 AM	Period 4
11:12 AM to 12:35 PM	Period 5 Lunch 1: 11:11 - 11:37 Lunch 2: 11:41 - 12:06 Lunch 3: 12:10 - 12:35
12:39 PM to 1:25 PM	Period 6
1:29 PM to 2:15 PM	Period 7

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Regular Schedule

7:42 AM	Two-minute warning bell
7:44 AM to 8:30 AM	Period 1
8:34 AM to 8:40 AM	Homeroom
8:44 AM to 9:30 AM	Period 2
9:34 AM to 10:19 AM	Period 3
10:23 AM to 11:08 AM	Period 4
11:12 AM to 12:35 PM	Period 5 Lunch 1: 11:11 - 11:37 Lunch 2: 11:41 - 12:06 Lunch 3: 12:10 - 12:35
12:39 PM to 1:25 PM	Period 6
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Homerooms: Who's Where?

Forgot where you're supposed to go for homeroom?
Wondering where your friends are?
This chart will tell you where to go.

<u><i>If your last name is between...</i></u>	<u><i>...then you go to this homeroom!</i></u>
Acey and Bolduc	Room 403 (Magee House)
Bordonardo and Cavalho	Room 111 (Magee House)
Casioppo and Czerwinski	Room 210 (Magee House)
Dailey and Ewaski	Room 215 (Magee House)
Fahr and Gualtieri	Room 227 (Magee House)
Guerrera and Joseph	Room 300 (Doran House)
Kagan and Kwassman	Room 301 (Doran House)
Labowski and Marble	Room 305 (Doran House)
Marczak and Mozzicato	Room 308 (Doran House)
Nasinnyk and Petrocelli	Room 312 (Doran House)
Phelps and Rivard	Room 313 (Stoddard House)
Rivera and Santos	Room 327 (Stoddard House)
Saunders and Sullivan	Room 328 (Stoddard House)
Tagle and Vivier	Room 332 (Stoddard House)
Wartschow and Zinkerman	Room 333 (Stoddard House)

NHS Alma Mater

Words and Music by Ned Rose, Class of '68
Edited and Arranged by F. Dillon

Banners raised on high now,
voices sing thy name.

Newington; we hail you;
Hear! We acclaim

To Thee Gold and Blue, we pledge to
endeavor to always be true.

Oh, Newington High forever! With
hearts to thee. Proud sons e'er to be;

All hail our Alma Mater,
Newington High forever.

Hilari moves to Indiana

Friends say goodbye at party hosted by Tara and Eric

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The water balloon fight took place entirely in Eric’s yard, while the all-out water war was in Tara’s yard, Eric’s yard, and sometimes in the street. When it was all over, everyone was thoroughly soaked.

After that, the partygoers returned to Tara’s side yard to eat cake. There was a threat of a food fight, but it didn’t fully unfold—except between Hilari and Paul, who smeared cake all over each other’s faces and shirts.

At about 5:00, the time the party was supposed to end, parents started to arrive to pick up their kids. The guests, or what was left of them, moved to the front yard and waited as more and more parents showed up, and more and more kids left.

There were no water fights, food fights, or anything particularly organized going on in the front yard, but everyone was just sitting around and socializing, and occasionally trying to beat each other up (what are friends for?), and no one really wanted to leave. At about 6:00, when Hilari and Paul finally left, there were still several people at the party.

“I had a really fun time,” said Hilari. “I’m gonna miss everybody....I’m gonna see you guys all again, you know. I’m coming back in the summertime.”

Tim Stevens, Kim Pina featured in *Town Crier*

Former Martin Kellogg students Tim Stevens and Kim Pina were featured in the July 28 issue of the *Newington Town Crier*. Tim and Kim were pictured in the paper because of their involvement in a banquet for some of Connecticut’s top middle school students.

An article accompanying the pictures said the students, both active members of the Kellogg student council last year, “exemplified academic achievement and service; their personal standards and accomplishments are a positive role model to others. These students possess high levels of integrity, self-discipline, honesty and courage.”

The banquet, held on June 5, was sponsored by McDonald’s, the Connecticut Association of Secondary Schools, and the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference.

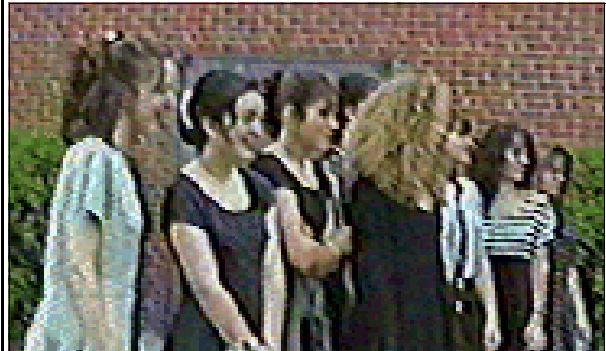
Every middle school in the state could nominate one boy and one girl. Over 250 students were honored.

MKMS dance and graduation

A look back in pictures



One of the many decorations at the Kellogg Class of '95 eighth grade dance. The numbers 9 and 5 were twisting and turning throughout the dance, creating formations like “59” and “e5.”



A group of girls gets their picture taken outside before the dance.



A much anticipated event: V (i.e. Mr. Vincenzo) arrives!

MKMS eighth grade dance



The official Class of '95 cake.



Tim Stevens (left) tries to look official next to Mr. May (right). Mr. May was a substitute teacher for Mrs. Gonzalez for the last several months of the year. He is also the father of Jenn May, who was Tim's date.



Mr. Liebler, the official D.J. for the dance.



Kids use a slide projector to look at pictures of the Williamsburg trip which they went on while in seventh grade. Later on in the dance, the projector was used to show pictures against the wall of the cafeteria.



Mary Jane Faienza takes center stage, doing an encore performance of a dance routine she did in the talent show early in the schoolyear.



A picture of Peter Pellegrini, taken on the Williamsburg trip, is projected onto the cafeteria wall using the slide projector.

COUPLES!!!

Dancing the night away at the MKMS eighth grade dance



Bryan Rudolph and Liz Joseph.



Kevin Hauschulz and Liz Acey.



Kim Pina and Tim Jorel.



David Downes and seventh grader Kristin Vasil. Kristin was at the dance with several other seventh graders manning the food table.



Nick Cassioppo and Kristen Fisher.



Switching Places: Jaimie Kwassman dances with Tom Greca while Tara Boisvert dances with Dan Costa. Jaimie and Dan were a couple at the dance, as were Tara and Tom.

COUPLES!!!

Dancing the night away at the MKMS eighth grade dance



Joey DiNardi and Melanie Rugar.



Tim Stevens and Jenn May take a break from dancing so Tim can take a picture of another couple, David Downes and Kristin Vasil.



Christina Mozzicato and LR Times chief editor Brendan Loy.



Several weeks before the dance, Claudio Gualtieri was asked to the dance by both Jen Persaud and Kate Harbeson. He chose Kate as his date, and danced with her several times, but he did dance with Jen once, as seen above.



Shannon Duplin and Chris Wartschow.



Eric Faraday and Hilari Butler.

MKMS Graduation/Awards ceremony

A look back at the last day of school at Kellogg



Kellogg Principal Amzie Brown speaks at the beginning of the awards ceremony

“Rosie! Rosie! Rosie!” ***Mrs. DuFault wins Teacher of the Year***

One of the most memorable moments of the ceremony was when Mrs. Brown announced that math teacher Rose ‘Rosie’ DuFault had won the Kellogg Teacher of the Year award.

Students stood, cheered and applauded as Mrs. DuFault walked up to the podium to receive the award. She seemed somewhat emotional during her speech.

“Thank you. I certainly didn’t think I would get this,” she began. “I thought I just gave you too much homework; I’d never get nominated.”

“You’ve been an outstanding group to work with. It’s been my pleasure to work with you. I want to thank you all for your hard work, and I certainly worked you hard.”

After her speech, as Mrs. DuFault walked back to her seat with the other eighth grade teachers, many students spontaneously began chanting “Rosie! Rosie! Rosie!”

After the ceremony, Brendan Loy asked her how she felt. She responded, “I’m shaking. I can’t talk. Thank you.”



Liz Cormier, who will be Kellogg’s Student Council President this year, speaks after being presented with the official Presidential gavel by last year’s President, Tim Stevens. Liz, who was Vice President last year, gave Tim the student council scrapbook and a symbolic gavel “for his outstanding leadership qualities.”



Vocal Techniques sings “It’s So Hard To Say Goodbye To Yesterday”



MKMS Graduation/Awards ceremony

A look back at the last day of school at Kellogg



The Teacher of the Year Award, won by Mrs. DuFault.



Mrs. Mann, surrounded by a wall of students, passes out copies of the Class of '95 yearbook.



Signing yearbooks took top priority during the last hour of the schoolyear, as seen in this picture.



Drawing cheers from many eighth graders who were anxious to sign yearbooks and eat snacks, Tim Stevens makes his final announcement as Student Council President: "This awards ceremony has officially ended!"



In sharp contrast to most years, when students have been happy and anxious to leave on the last day of school as soon as they can, many Kellogg eighth graders hung around 5 or 10 minutes after 12:35, sadly saying goodbye for the summer to friends.