

# The Living Room Times

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

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## Mr. Turner gives Brendan Loy his first detention

Mr. Turner, a foreign language teacher at Kellogg, who is often disrespectfully called "El Taco," made a little bit of history at Kellogg on Friday afternoon when he gave Brendan Loy a detention for talking in class—Brendan's first detention ever.

Several other students had been give detentions during the class, including Jason Saccente and Kevin Hauschulz. Jason, Kevin, and Brendan had been having a conversation during class. Jason's name was written on the board, then Kevin's, and then a few minutes later, Brendan's.

"Brendan, look at the board," said Cathy Towle, who saw Brendan's name on the detention list before he did. Brendan had been looking at something else and hadn't noticed.

Before he even had a chance to look at the board, Brendan looked across the room and saw Joey DiNardi—who also got a detention—yelling incredulously, "Brendan got a detention!!!"

Several students remarked at the fact that Brendan's name was on the board, creating an uproar in Mr. Turner's class.

The detention, said Mr. Turner, was because Brendan had been talking in class. So had the five

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## LR Times exclusive interview with reporter DUBY McDowell

At a rally for Bill Curry, the Democratic candidate for Governor in Connecticut, Brendan got a rare opportunity for an exclusive *Living Room Times* interview. WFSB Channel 3 political reporter DUBY McDowell was at the rally, reporting for the WFSB news. As the rally ended, and DUBY got ready to leave, Brendan seized the opportunity to get her thoughts on the election. Here is our *Living Room Times* exclusive interview with DUBY McDowell:

**DUBY:** "Hi!"

**BRENDAN:** "Hi! You're usually the one interviewing people; can I interview you?"

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## Former President Reagan diagnosed with Alzheimer's



**LOS ANGELES (AP) --** Former President Reagan, in a handwritten letter to "my fellow Americans," disclosed Saturday that he has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

Reagan, 83, wrote that he was feeling fine now, but he and wife, Nancy, had chosen to reveal the diagnosis in hope of promoting greater awareness of the mind-crippling disease.

"Unfortunately, as Alzheimer's Disease progresses, the family often bears a heavy burden," Reagan wrote. "I only wish there was some way I could spare Nancy from this painful experience. When the time comes I am confident that with your

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## Brendan's no-detention streak ends

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others—Joey, Kevin, Jason, Jeff Blum, and Peter Pellegrini—who were given detentions. So had many other kids in the class, who were **not** given detentions.

Things calmed down in the last few minutes of class. After class, though, Brendan and the other five kids who got detentions came up to Mr. Turner to try to get their detentions taken away.

Brendan presented the argument to Mr. Turner that, in punishing only the six students, he was using them as “scapegoats” to prove to the entire class that he was going to get tough. Brendan admitted that almost everyone in the class has been disrespectful and mean to Mr. Turner throughout the year, but claimed that it is unfair to punish only six students when nearly the entire class was acting up. Mr. Turner didn't seem to have a rebuttal to Brendan's argument, but he gave the detentions anyway. He said the six students given detentions can serve them at their convenience.

After class was over, those who had witnessed Brendan's speech complimented him on “almost outsmarting” Mr. Turner. Brendan pointed out that Mr. Turner seemed to have no response to what Brendan was saying. But he didn't need one. He's a teacher.

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

As the rumor spread that Brendan's no-detention streak was broken, several students commented, including most especially Jessica Olson and Billy Gray, who were both delighted. Brian Newbold pointed out that Brendan's first ever detention came at the end of his first week as a teenager.

Brendan clarified later that his detention streak will not be officially broken until the detention is served, because he has been given detentions two or three times in the past, and then let out of them without even asking.

“I don't have any intention of trying to get out of this now, though,” he said. “I gave Mr. Turner my best argument and he didn't agree with

**Right:**

Brendan Loy, who had never gotten a detention at Martin Kellogg until he was given one by Mr. Turner on Friday for talking in foreign language class.



## Exclusive interview with DUBY McDowell

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**DUBY:** “Yeah!”

**BRENDAN:** “Okay.”

**DUBY:** “I've got time for one or two quick questions. What's your name?”

**BRENDAN:** “Brendan Loy. I interviewed Dennis House for a school project.”

**DUBY:** “Great!”

**BRENDAN:** “I do a newspaper on my computer. Um, I was wondering, do you have any comments on the, uh, on the way the political race is going?”

**DUBY:** “Well, I think what's been exciting is that nobody had any idea it would turn out like this. At first, it seemed like John Rowland had it in the bag, no question. And, Curry has come up; and Groark has ended up doing better than people expected. So, whereas a few weeks ago, nobody was placing any bets because they assumed it was Rowland, we've got people in the newsroom who are placing bets and trying to figure out who it's gonna be. So, I think it's really been interesting from a reporter's point of view.”

**BRENDAN:** “Okay. Thank you.”

**DUBY:** “Okay! Nice to meet you!”

**BRENDAN:** “Tell Dennis House [that] Brendan said ‘Hi’.”

**DUBY:** “I will.”

On Channel 3 Eyewitness News at 6:00, Joe Loy, Brendan's father, was visible in the background in DUBY's taped her report for Channel 3. The campaign sign for Joe Lieberman which Brendan was holding was also visible, although Brendan himself was not.

## WHAT'S THE WEATHER?



**MONDAY...** MOSTLY SUNNY... WINDY AND TURNING COLDER. HIGH IN THE UPPER 40S.

**TUESDAY...** MOSTLY SUNNY. LOWS 35 TO 45. HIGHS IN THE 50S.

**.WEDNESDAY...** MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF SHOWERS. LOWS 35 TO 45. HIGHS 55 TO 65.

## Tropical Update

### Hurricane Florence

Update as of: Sunday at 10:00 AM EST

Location: 32.9 N, 57.0 W; 445 Miles East of Bermuda

Maximum Sustained Winds: 85 MPH

Movement: Moving North at 8 MPH

Pressure: 979 MB/28.91 inches

# Former President Ronald Reagan diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease

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help she will face it with faith and courage."

The letter, released to The Associated Press by Reagan spokeswoman Catherine Busch, was accompanied by a statement from five of the former president's doctors.

The doctors said the diagnosis turned up in the course of routine yearly testing.

"Over the past 12 months we began to notice from President Reagan's test results symptoms indicating the possibility of early stage Alzheimer's disease. Additional testing and an extensive observation over the past few weeks have led us to conclude that President Reagan is entering the early stages of this disease," the doctors wrote.

The doctors said that Reagan's health was otherwise good, but "it is expected that as the years go on it will begin to deteriorate."

The statement was signed by Drs. Oliver H. Beahrs and Ronald Petersen of the Mayo Clinic, Dr. Leslie Weiner of the University of Southern California, Dr. James R. Blake of St. John's Hospital, and Gen. John Hutton of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

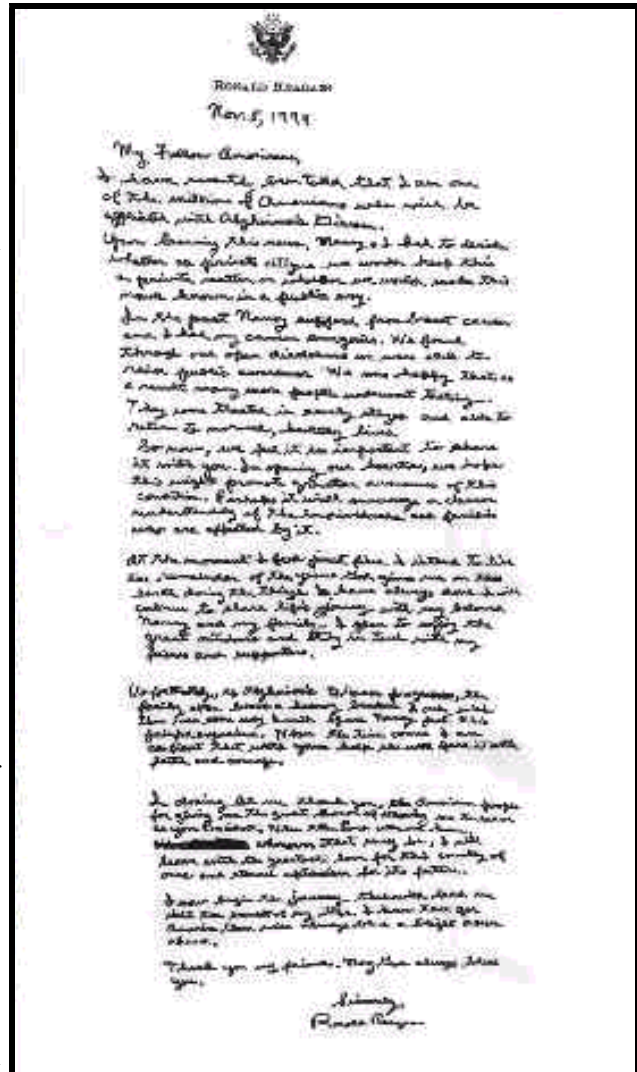
Alzheimer's is a progressive, irreversible neurological disorder. Symptoms include memory loss, impairment of judgment, disorientation and personality change, among others.

Reagan sounded an optimistic note in his letter, saying he intends "to live the remainder of the years God gives me on this Earth doing the things I have always done. I will continue to share life's journey with my beloved Nancy and my family. I plan to enjoy the great outdoors and stay in touch with my friends and supporters."

He thanked the American people for electing him president.

"When the Lord calls me home, whenever that may be, I will leave with the greatest love for this country of ours and eternal optimism for its future," Reagan wrote.

"I now begin the journey that will lead me into the sunset of my life. I know that for America there will always be a bright dawn ahead."



Above: A photograph of Former President Reagan's letter to the American public stating that he has Alzheimer's disease.

## WANTED: Business cards!

If your parents or any other members of your family or anyone you know has a business card, get one for Keith Druckenmiller.

“I want business cards. Any business cards. I collect them for the hell of it.” —Keith

**Strange Noises disturb algebra quiz**— Mrs. DuFault was not at school on Friday, but that didn't stop her Algebra class from going ahead as scheduled with their Algebra quiz.

What did cause a problem during the quiz was some kind of relentless, loud hammering noise which continued throughout the class. So, if anyone in the class finds out that they got a bad score on their quiz, they can blame it on the noise.

**Bad time for a fire drill**— At about 10:45 AM Friday, there was a fire drill at Kellogg. As the eighth grade learned, 10:45 is a very inconvenient time for a fire drill. At 10:45, eighth graders are switching classes, and therefore carrying their books with them. Several students, including *LR Times* chief editor Brendan Loy, had to bring their binder and school textbooks with them when they went outside for the fire drill, because they were carrying them in the hallway at the time the alarm went off.

“Mrs. Mann, Mr. V., and Mrs. Toback are discussing whether this fire drill was planned,” reported Brendan to his tape recorder as he walked down the stairs toward the eighth grade fire drill exit. “It is 10:47 AM.”

“Is this rigged or something?” asked Billy Gray. As he spoke, the fire drill stopped buzzing. It then came back on again for a second, and then turned itself off again. “The alarm stopped and then it just came back on,” reported Brendan, who was just walking out the door at that point. “When it first went off, several people screamed.”

“Shh!” said a teacher who was at the door and heard Brendan talking to his tape recorder.

“Is the school burning?” asked someone.

“That was cool!” commented Billy Gray.

They waited outside for several minutes, but the bell which would call them back inside the building did not ring. “At first this was funny, now it isn't,” complained Brendan as he continued to stand around carrying his binder, his science textbook, and his history textbook, which when all put together make for a rather heavy load. “These books are getting very tiring.”

At last, the bell rang and everyone headed back inside. “And, finally! At 10:53 and 19 seconds, the bell has rung and we now get to go back into the school, finally.”

## Seventh Grade News

**Williamsburg Update**— The first of three \$100 payments for the seventh grade trip to Williamsburg, Virginia and Washington, DC was due on Friday from any seventh graders who plan to go on the trip, which will happen in the spring. When asked if she had any comments, Mrs. Weber, who is in charge of preparations for the trip, said “It looks like we're going to be hiring four buses!”

**Sports Update**— The Newington Neutrons (u-14 girls soccer) went 3-0-2 at a tournament in Poughkeepsie New York. Goals: Tara Boisvert (5), Cindy Klubnik, Christina Amaral, Hilari Butler; assists: Sabrina Calado, Lauren Correll, Boisvert, Klubnik, Butler.

**Incident at Shell**— “Vinny got fired,” reported Carrie Angyel and Liz Acey Friday afterschool. “Attempted assault on Brenden Roche.”

“Brenden Roche was down there,” clarified Carrie, “and Vinny really hates him. So, Vinny quit, and he took off his Shell uniform. And he grabbed Brenden by the arm, and he said, like, something really stupid, like, mean, and he wants to beat him up.”

**"Saved By The Bell"  
quote of the day  
from Beth Milewski**

“I want a million dollars, so!” —Lisa of ‘Saved By the Bell’

Beth added that “you have to see it” to understand the humor, which has to do with “the expression on her face.”

# LATE SHOW TOP TEN

## TOP TEN SIGNS YOU'RE NOT GOING TO WIN THE NYC MARATHON

Letterman,  
Friday November 4, 1994

10. YOU'VE BEEN "TRAINING" AT BLIMPIE'S.
9. LOSING PRECIOUS MINUTES WITH YOUR FREQUENT MARLBORO BREAKS.
8. YOUR FAVORITE THREE WORDS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARE: "MORE PIE, PLEASE"
7. YOU GET STUCK BEHIND AL SHARPTON.
6. INSTEAD OF GATORADE, YOU'RE DRINKING ZIMA.
5. BEFORE YOU'VE GONE 2 MILES, ONE OF YOUR 4-INCH HEELS SNAPS OFF.
4. INSTEAD OF THE EYE OF THE TIGER, YOU'VE GOT THE DULL STARE OF A DAIRY COW.
3. EVERY TIME YOU BEND OVER TO TIE YOUR SHOES YOU CRAMP UP LIKE A SON OF A B----
2. YOU RUN SEVERAL FEET THEN PUKE YOUR EVER LOVING GUTS OUT.
1. YOU'VE JUST FINISHED LAST YEAR'S MARATHON!