

# The Living Room Times

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

Monday, May 8, 1995



The Martin Kellogg Drama Club put on their rendition of L. Frank Baum's "The Patchwork Girl of Oz" on Thursday.

The Drama Club's version was called "Ozland's Ragtime Gal," and the general feeling after the play ended was that, despite a surplus of corny jokes, the play wasn't as bad as it could have been. In fact, most agreed, it was pretty good.



Ojo the unlucky (Erin DeRubbo, center) is declared "Ojo the fortunate" and is hoisted into the air by Woozy (Sean Harper, left center) and Miss Scraps (Chrissy Torda, right center), as the Scarecrow (Stephanie Green, far left) sings and Unc Nunkie (Ryan Francis, far right) looks on.



Ojo sings about his bad luck in a song called "Ojo the Unlucky"



The Scarecrow (center) sings as the Glass Cat (right) and Ojo (left) look on.

The show began with "Ojo the unlucky," played by Erin DuRubbo, and Ojo's uncle, Unc Nunkie, played by Ryan Francis, walking through the blue forest of Munchkinland

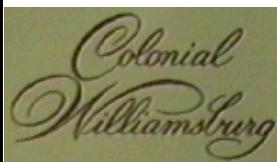
. They run into a magician named Dr. Pipt, played by Adam Madison, who accidentally turns his wife, Dame Margolotte, and Unc Nunkie, into stone.

So he sends Ojo, Miss Scraps (played by Chrissy Torda), who is the ragtime gal of Oz, and the Glass Cat (played by Sean Vivier), to find six ingredients necessary to reverse the magic which turned Unc Nunkie and Dame Margolotte into stone.

In Scene Two of Act One, Stephanie Green's

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## Seventh graders leave; head for Williamsburg



If everything went according to plan this morning, Kellogg's seventh graders have left the state and are well on their way to Washington and

Williamsburg, and an experience which they'll never forget.

According to seventh grade teacher Mr. Spitzer on Friday afternoon, everything is in place and ready to go for the trip.

"Are you going nuts by now?" Brendan Loy asked Mr. Spitzer afterschool. "Going nuts with anticipation?" "Nuts with anticipation. I hope we have some kind of Birdy-Bird contest, but my hopes are not high."

As for special preparations for the trip, Mr. Spitzer said "I've got my name sewn into all my underwear, so I'm all set."

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## Rinaldi one-hits Giants; Mets win on Mont error

|         | W | L | T | Pts |
|---------|---|---|---|-----|
| Red Sox | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5   |
| Mets    | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4   |
| Padres  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2   |
| Dodgers | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2   |
| Rockies | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2   |
| Giants  | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1   |

In the first game of the day on Friday, the Red Sox scored four runs in the top of the first, and Carmine Rinaldi threw a complete game, one-hit shutout, as the Red Sox remained undefeated, while the Giants stayed winless and without a run in three games.

In the second game, the Mets and Rockies were tied at 1-1 until Barry Skipp reached on an error by Mr. Mont and Nuno Ramos scored the winning run in the bottom of the fifth and final inning.

Friday's 'Whifflemania' games were both exciting, but

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# MKMS Drama Club performs “Ozland’s Ragtime Gal”



Stagehand Greg O'Donnell (center) comes on stage to fix a microphone. The **Scarecrow** (Stephanie Green, left) and **Miss Scraps** (Chrissy Torda, right) wait for him to finish.

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Scarecrow character became part of the group looking for the six ingredients. In Scene Three, a yodeling Sean Harper, as Woozy, was added to the group.

At the end of Act One, a soldier from the Emerald City was to appear in a balloon and inform the travelers that Ojo was being charged with some sort of crime and was to be taken back to the palace of Glinda the good witch. But technical difficulties arose in the scene, as the balloon had to be hauled out by backstage workers, and then a microphone had to be positioned by Greg O'Donnell so it would work. This caused a considerable delay, and a lot of dead air space.

When the interruption was over, the scene continued. Ojo was charged with the as yet unknown crime, and all the main characters got into the balloon to be taken away to the Emerald City.

There was an intermission after the first act. During the break, *Living Room Times* chief editor Brendan Loy interviewed some of the actors and actresses as they rested and waited for the second act to begin.

“My yodel’s supposed to be lovely, but she’s like, ‘Oh, I’ll make it not lovely. Uh, I’m scared. I think I’ll be hearing impaired. Uh...’” said Glass Cat Sean Vivier.

Sean was referring to a ad-lib by Chrissy Torda, Miss Scraps, in scene three. Sean had just done his own version of a yodel, when Chrissy said “Oh me, oh my, I am greatly scared. I fear my hearing will become impaired.” The line got a better laugh from the audience than most of the scripted jokes, but Sean said that his yodel was supposed to be lovely, and Chrissy’s ad-lib therefore didn’t make sense. “She’s making little ad-libs that she thinks are funny, but that’s....ruining the whole play.”

When asked how the play was going so far, Stephanie Green, the Scarecrow, said “Good, except Chrissy messed up once.”

“It’s goin’ pretty good,” said Sean Harper, Woozy. “We had a few technical problems with the sand thing falling. But besides that, everybody seems to know their lines, and they’re doing really good.”

In Act Two, Ojo was taken to trial in the Emerald City for his crime, picking a six-leaf clover from the Yellow Brick Road, which was one of the ingredients needed to help Unc Nunkie and Dame Margolotte. But Ojo was acquitted since he was picking the clover for a good purpose, and the group continued on their journey, accompanied now by Dorothy, played by Kate Harbeson.

In the end, they got the ingredients, and they all lived happily ever after. Surprise, surprise.

After the show, the actors and actresses gave more comments to Brendan about how it went, as did backstage hands and those who were simply watching it.

“Uh, [the play went] pretty good, but I think I shoulda had a little more lines,” said Ryan Francis, who played Unc Nunkie and an Emerald City citizen.

“Groovy, man,” said backstage sound manager Billy Gray. “I think it went rather well, since I didn’t see most of it,” said Cathy Towle, an Emerald City citizen.

“I think it went pretty good,” said Stephanie Green, the Scarecrow.

“I think the stress pulled it all together, and we did it remarkably well,” said Glass Cat Sean Vivier. And I didn’t get to cover anybody. Everybody knew their lines. I didn’t get to cover anybody!”

“The play was excellent, and I am tremendously impressed by the set,” said spectator Mr. V. “A set man myself, that was an incredible set they had.”

“I think it went pretty good,” said spectator Michelle Vivier, sister of Sean Vivier. “He [Sean] said it stunk, so it was better than he thought it was gonna be.”

“It was kind of boring,” said spectator Tina Lentini. “But, like Mr. Buginski says, ‘I admired the special effects’.”

“Pretty good,” said Kate Harbeson, Dorothy.

“I thought it was very nice,” commented spectator Mr. Spitzer.

“As long as it’s over, okay?” said stagehand Greg O'Donnell.



**Glinda the Good** (Amanda Asrelsky, left) and **Dorothy** (Kate Harbeson, right) sing in Act Two, Scene One. In the background are two Emerald City citizens.



**The Hoppers** (Carolyn Regina, Sara Silva, Candace Bon, Jen Horan, Stephanie Boorman) dance in the purple mountains of Quadlingland in Act Two, Scene Two.



**Woozy** (Sean Harper) yodels for the first of many times in Act One, Scene Three.



Backstage before the play, Michaela O'Donnell, one of the Tottenhots, tells cameraman Brendan Loy to go away.



Sound manager Billy Gray messes with wires and buttons in the backstage sound system before the show.



On stage, **Glinda** (Amanda Asrelsky) starts laughing for no apparent reason.



**The Glass Cat** (Sean Vivier) in Act One, Scene One.

# Rinaldi one-hits Giants; Mets edge Rockies 2-1

| <u>BOX SCORE</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>R</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>E</u> |
|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Red Sox</b>   | 4        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | <b>4</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>1</b> |
| <b>Giants</b>    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |

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|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Rockies</b>   | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | <b>1</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>4</b> |
| <b>Mets</b>      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1        | <b>2</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> |

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for very different reasons.

The first-place Red Sox got all the offense they needed against the last-place Giants in the top of the first. Giants pitcher Nick Todoroff walked Mike DelGaudio and Tim Jorel to start the inning, and a single off the wall by Carmine Rinaldi brought DelGaudio home for a 1-0 lead. Russell Dailey came in to pitch, and he struck out Peter Pellegrini for the first out of the two-out inning. Myke Cocolla then came up and grounded it to Dailey, who tried to get a force play at second on Rinaldi. But Rinaldi was called safe, and Jorel scored for the Red Sox's second run. Chris Manzione walked to load the bases, bringing up Kevin Hauschulz. Hauschulz singled, bringing Rinaldi home and increasing the lead to 3-0. Mark Almeida then came up and smashed a single off the bleachers, scoring Cocolla for a 4-0 lead. Manzione also tried to score on Almeida's single, but he was tagged out at the plate to end the inning. But the Red Sox wouldn't need any more offense than that.

The Giants threatened in the bottom of the first when Marc Stavros got to second on a two-base error by Mike DelGaudio. Stavros got to third when Russell Dailey grounded out, but Red Sox pitcher Carmine Rinaldi struck out Nick Todoroff to end the inning.

The only hit allowed by Rinaldi was a single down the third base line by Sean Waterman in the bottom of the third with nobody out, but Nick Todoroff and Alex Budney both hit the ball off the cieling to end that inning without any runs scoring.

The final score was Red Sox 4, Giants 0.

The second game was filled with errors and missed opportunities, especially for the Rockies. The Rockies left the bases loaded three times, and although they had one less error than the Red Sox, they made three consecutive errors in the bottom of the fifth, including one by pitcher Mr. Mont which allowed the game-winning run to score.

The Rockies loaded the bases with no outs in the top of the first and did not score. They loaded the bases with one out in the top of the third, and again did not score.

The Mets had less squandered opportunities, but they did leave a runner on third in the bottom of the first.

No one scored until the bottom of the fourth, when Barry Skipp led off the inning for the Mets with a double. Scott DiBattisto grounded out, but Skipp advanced to third. Fernando Silva then came up, and drove Skipp home with an RBI single. Silva tried to stretch the hit into a double and was tagged out for the second and final out of the inning, but since it was not a force play, the run counted, and the Mets had a 1-0 lead.

The Rockies answered in the top of fifth by again loading the bases with nobody out. Natalie Ortiz, Aimee Viens, and Juvan (last name unknown) all singled to load the bases for Yasmin Viera. Viera hit the ball, but Ortiz was forced at home plate for the first out. The Rockies finally did score, however, when Sandy Ramos's RBI single off the wall scored Aimee Viens to tie the game at 1-1. Kristyn Fontanella came up next, and she hit the ball but the Mets got a force play on Viera at third base to end the inning without allowing another run.

In the bottom of the fifth, Paul Urcillo led off and struck out. Nuno Ramos singled, and was followed by Ryan Cicowski, who smashed a hit off the bleachers. The Rockies would have had a force play, for the final out of inning and the game, at second base on Nuno Ramos, but the second baseman dropped the ball and Ramos was called safe. Mike Pfund came up, and reached on an error to lead the bases for Barry Skipp. Skipp hit the ball to Mr. Mont, the pitcher, who should have had an out but dropped the ball. Nuno Ramos scored on Mont's error, giving the Mets a 2-1 win.

The Red Sox's win keeps them in first place in the Sliders division, and since they are scheduled to play the Mets this week, when most or all of the Mets' players will be in Williamsburg, the Sox will get an automatic win and two more game points. As for the Mets, they are now all alone in second place, but will have to forfeit their game against the Red Sox this week, and that will drop them in the standings. The Rockies are in a three-way tie for second, but they are the lowest of those second-place teams in tiebreakers because they haven't won a game yet. The Giants remain in last place, without a win or even a run scored in three games played.

| <u>SLIDER DIVISION</u>   | <u>Wins</u> | <u>Losses</u> | <u>Ties</u> | <u>Game Points*</u> | <u>Runs Scored</u> | <u>Runs Allowed</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Red Sox</b>           | 2           | 0             | 1           | 5                   | 10                 | 5                   |
| <b>Mets</b>              | 2           | 1             | 0           | 4                   | 5                  | 3                   |
| <b>Ye Olde El Padres</b> | 1           | 1             | 0           | 2                   | 2                  | 1                   |
| <b>Dodgers</b>           | 1           | 1             | 0           | 2                   | 1                  | 3                   |
| <b>Rockies</b>           | 0           | 1             | 2           | 2                   | 6                  | 7                   |
| <b>Giants</b>            | 0           | 2             | 1           | 1                   | 0                  | 5                   |

## DIVISION SCHEDULE

### **Friday, April 21**

Red Sox 5, Rockies 5  
Dodgers 1, Giants 0

### **Thursday, April 27**

Padres 2, Mets 0  
Giants 0, Rockies 0

### **Tuesday, May 2**

Mets 3, Dodgers 0  
Red Sox 1, Padres 0

### **Friday, May 5**

Red Sox 4, Giants 0  
Mets 2, Rockies 1

### **Wednesday, May 10**

Dodgers vs. Padres, 2:05 PM  
Red Sox vs. Mets, 2:25 PM

### **Monday, May 15**

Red Sox vs. Dodgers, 2:05 PM  
Padres vs. Rockies, 2:25 PM

### **Thursday, May 18**

Mets vs. Giants, 2:05 PM  
Rockies vs. Dodgers, 2:25 PM

### **Tuesday, May 22**

Rockies vs. Dodgers, 2:05 PM

### **Friday, May 26**

Giants vs. Padres, 2:05 PM  
Mets vs. Giants, 2:17 PM  
Padres vs. Red Sox, 2:29 PM

### **Thursday, June 1—Division Semifinals**

1st place team vs. 4th place team, TBA  
2nd place team vs. 3rd place team, TBA

### **Wednesday, June 7—Division Championship**

Semifinal Winners, 2:10 PM

## Williamsburg trip begins for Grade 7

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“It’s gonna be fun.”

“If happiness was bliss, I would be a blister,” said Mr. Robison in a fake southern accent, when asked if he is looking forward to this year’s trip. “I just cannot wait to back among my friends in the south.”

As Brendan was interviewing Mr. Rob, at about 2:50 Friday afternoon, a message came over the school intercom from Mr. Liebler, who said “To our brave seventh grade students and teachers, have a great week in Williamsburg. The best.”

Teachers going on the trip, according to Mr. Spitzer, are: Mrs. Weber, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Spitzer, Mrs. Halprin, Mrs. Pelletier, Mr. Correll, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Robison, Mr. Turner, Mrs. Gauger, and Mrs. Rosen. He said there may be others, but those were the only ones he could remember on the spot.

Mr. Spitzer also said that the agenda for this year’s trip is basically the same as last year’s trip. Amanda Spitzer said that this year’s students will be seeing ‘Nonsense 2’ at Ford’s Theater. Last year’s students saw ‘The Hot Micado,’ as did the previous year’s students.

The biggest effect of the trip on eighth grade students, aside from the fact that the seventh grade end of the seventh and eighth grade wing will be rather quiet, is the absence of foreign language teacher Mr. Turner, who is known to his students as ‘El Taco.’

“Are you looking forward to the Williamsburg trip?” Brendan asked Taco before class on Friday.

“Oh, most definitely,” Taco replied. “My sister’s gonna be down there, and she’s gonna give us a tour through the Air and Space Museum. She’s got some exhibits down there too.”

“This is Mrs. Taco?”

“Uh, no. This is my younger sister. She’s better known as Doctor Baker, actually. She’s the first Ph.D. in our family.”

“Does she bake tacos?”

“No, she doesn’t. Although...her husband and her might, uh, move down to Costa Rica, so they’ll probably be eating plenty of tacos and burritos and all kinds of stuff.”

“Other than that, other than seeing your sister, what part of the trip are you looking forward to the most?”

“Let’s see. Uh, the hotel where I can sleep.”

Subbing for Taco this week will be Mr. C., who is known disrespectfully to some students as ‘Psycho Sub.’

On the homework hotline, some of the seventh grade teachers left messages having to do with the trip.

Mr. Spitzer, Mr. Fleming, and Mrs. Weber did not change their messages, as they left their homework messages from Thursday night.

Mrs. Weber’s message from Thursday did have to do with the trip, however, as she said “A few of you might want to start packing.”

Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Robison both listed the assignments that would be due after the Williamsburg trip is over.

And Miss Elliott, who is subbing for Mr. Hawkins for the rest of the year, said “Hello! Welcome to Miss Elliott’s homework update line for May 5, 1995. There is no homework for any of the classes. Have a wonderful, wonderful time in Colonial Williamsburg and Washington D.C. Bye!”



### Falling Filmstrip Projector—

The filmstrip projector fell to the floor in one of Mrs. Agnew’s science classes on Thursday. As it turned out, no apparent damage was done, but things looked bad at first.

Mrs. Agnew was trying to get the projector to stand up straight and face the screen so she could show a filmstrip about plate tectonics.

But one of the projector’s extendable legs which is used to get it to face the screen suddenly gave out, and projector rolled over and onto the floor.

“Oh my gosh,” Mrs. Agnew said several times.

“We’ll see if this is still functioning,” said said, as she picked it up and tried to set it up again. When the filmstrip started without any problems, she said, “Wow. Hey! It still works!”

“You said this was broken before, right?” *LR Times* chief editor Brendan Loy asked Mrs. Agnew in an interview after class.

“This has fallen many times,” Mrs. Agnew replied.

“But, it doesn’t seem like anything is loose, or anything?”

“Well, it looks a little damaged to me, but, it’s like a Timex watch. It takes a lickin’ and it keeps on tickin’.”



### V-Mistakes—

Mr. V’s recent streak of not making very many spelling mistakes ended on Thursday with a transparency ditto which was filled with errors.

“Alsace-Lorraine” was spelled “Alsac-Loorain.”

V accidentally wrote “American” instead of “America” three times.

V wrote “But will have to” instead of “But we will have to.”

He also wrote “Germany should loose all its colonies” and “Germany looses all her colonies.” “After all,” he wrote on another part of the ditto, “American loses were very high.”

He also wrote “The others want to punish Germany and make her so week that she will be unable to fight another war.”

V’s funniest and simplest mistake, however, was that he spelled “Kuwait” as “Kwait.”

And in a mistake in speaking, V referred to the kids in his ‘SuperHawks’ history class as “kiddies.”

**More V-news: Today is V-E Day—** Today is the fiftieth anniversary of the day the allies (or as V would say, the ul-LIES) won World War Two in Europe.

The significance of this to Kellogg is that the day, May 8, 1945, was known as Victory in Europe Day... or V-E Day.

*Living Room Times* chief editor Brendan Loy is planning to make a poster about V-E Day to give to V or put up in V’s classroom.

Here is the Grolier’s Interactive Encyclopedia entry about V-E Day and V-J Day:

**V-E and V-J Day** are the historic dates marking the end of WORLD WAR II (1939-45), a conflict fought on two main fronts--the European and Pacific theaters. V-E (Victory in Europe) Day was celebrated on May 8, 1945, following the surrender of Germany to the Allied forces. V-J (Victory over Japan) Day designates Sept. 2, 1945, the day on which Japan formally surrendered. It had sued for peace on August 10, following the Allied dropping of atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima (August 6) and Nagasaki (August 9).

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