

# FEATURE

## T F E A T U R E A C H E R

by Megan Prosen  
Lightning Reporter



In the halls of Eastview, we see many different and interesting faces. Unfortunately, not many of us actually have the chance to get to know the people behind those faces. Some of those faces (the slightly older ones) are the dedicated teachers of EVHS. Among this group is Sra. Perona. Unless you are taking a Spanish class, you probably aren't very familiar with this self-proclaimed procrastinator and former Wildcat mascot. So here's the inside scoop.

Sra. Perona grew up in Olivia, MN, a small town about 100 miles west of the Twin Cities. She attended Olivia High School where her two favorite subjects were Spanish and math. As a student, Sra. Perona says she was kind of "geeky" and very involved. Some of the things she did during her high school years were volleyball, basketball, and golf. She played trumpet in the band and sang in the school choir. She participated on the Math team, on the Spanish club, and in the National Honor Society. She was involved in 4-H, church activities, took piano lessons, and did a lot of baby-sitting.

When Sra. Perona was a young girl she either wanted to be an airline ticket agent or a teacher. She was convinced that she was going to be a teacher after working several summers in a migrant summer school program. She says she loved working with the kids and using Spanish to communicate with them and their families.

She chose Eastview after getting her masters because she wanted to teach more advanced levels of the language. After nine years, she says her favorite thing about teaching is that it "gives me the opportunity to share my passion for the Spanish language and for the cultures where it is spoken to some of my favorite people - teenagers!" As a teacher, Sra. Perona enjoys showing her students the importance of learning in a comfortable environment, somewhere students can learn by doing the silly, fun games that go along with the language.

Sra. Perona first became interested in Spanish because she had an enthusiastic teacher in high school who was able to spark the interest of her students to continue to study. The language has brought her many great memories. When asked what her funniest Spanish memory was, she replied, "One day my (now) husband came to visit my classes while he was visiting the US for the first time (he's from Spain). I made all of my students ask him questions in Spanish and one of the many was 'What is your favorite store in the Mall of America?' He answered with his best English pronunciation, but with his Spanish accent, 'The Warner Bros. Store' (he loves cartoons) and everyone laughed. Not until weeks later did I find out that my students had understood him to say 'the Wonder Bra store'." Another memorable experience was traveling to Spain with students because it gave her a chance to show them her home away from home, where she studied and fell in love with Spanish.

OK, I had to ask. Thanksgiving is coming up... What is this "fun-loving, curious, caring, life-long learner" thankful for? "My husband, my family, my friends and colleagues, and yes, of course, my students."

### What Are You Most Thankful For This Thanksgiving?

"We get a day off!" -Jamie Howard (Junior)

"I'm thankful for the turkey, but not the cranberry sauce, because it's icky. I am thankful for my friends and family because they rock my boat." -Cora Bryan (Sophomore)

"I am thankful for my best friend, who is my sister and my family." -Tasha Carlson (Freshman)

"That after Thanksgiving the basketball season starts." -Jenna Jacobson (Junior)

"I'm thankful for girls." -Chris Adams (Freshman)



"I am most thankful for all the wonderful people in my life, my family and friends, and for all the great experiences I have had over the years." -Leslie Lindgren (Senior)

"My wonderful friends and family." -Alex Gioe (Sophomore)

"The opportunity to finally have time to correct essays; and maybe a few minutes to visit with my family." -Mr. Hokkanen (Staff)

"I am thankful for Disney World because it is magical." -John Strom (Junior)

by Megan Prosen and Megan Erickson

## Have No Fear, Study Tips Are Here

*This Five-Step Program Can Lead You to Success*

by Jenna Zirbel  
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With Sadie's just behind us, Thanksgiving just around the corner and 2,000 Eastview students right here in the middle, Quarter 1 of the 2001-2002 Eastview school year has come to a close. So maybe you didn't get that A in AP that you were hoping for, and maybe you didn't QUITE pull off that B+ goal in Math last quarter...but have no fear, there is always hope for quarter 2.

Many students here at Eastview are involved in co-curricular activities, extra curricular activities, sports, and non-school related activities such as church.

Many would agree that this is a lot for high school students to handle. So is there a way to balance homework, activities, sports and friends...and still maintain that 3.8 GPA? Of course! Here's how...

1.) **MANAGE YOUR TIME.** There are only 24 hours in a day, and no matter what the "invincible student" may come up with for an excuse, that number doesn't change.

2.) **DON'T OVER-SCHEDULE YOURSELF.** You may want to make Varsity Basketball, be involved in SADD, continue working at your job and be in a

group at church, but you can't do it all. Remember that you need to make time for family, friends, sleep and homework every day...and sometimes adding 5 or 6 extra activities per day becomes too much to handle.

3.) **STUDY EFFICIENTLY.** Study every day, in the same place, and stay focused. Have a designated study time, and don't let yourself become distracted.

4.) **BE AWARE.** If you become distracted, if you over-book yourself, or if you find yourself too tired to even sleep...make some changes in your daily routine. It's never too late.

5.) **SET AND MEET GOALS.** When you have some thing to work towards, you will stay motivated. Set realistic goals and work hard to reach them.

When looking over your report card, don't get stressed out when you see that B in Science. It will improve next quarter if you just follow the few simple suggestions above. When balancing homework, activities sports and your social life here at Eastview, it can become stressful. Be supportive of each other and soon...those A's will be there in EVERY class...maybe even AP!



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Jon Friedman

Welcome to the 2nd episode of Canned Spam. Since the last issue, I have heard many comments on this column. "Isn't Canned Spam supposed to be about Spam?", "I don't get it," etc. To answer these questions simply, I do not have a clue why the column's name has the word Spam embedded in its name (you should ask its creator), and there is nothing to not understand. Thus, I will not have to mention the opening of the Spam Museum in Austin, Minnesota, featuring a performance by Jimmy Page. Thank you.

Since we are all going to hope for the best on Thanksgiving for all of us, I have used the theme of Thanksgiving in my questions.

# Remembering the Veterans:

## A Tribute to Those Brave Men Who Have Fought For Our Country

by James Hohmann  
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November 11<sup>th</sup> was an emotional day for Americans. It was Veteran's Day - a day of respect and memorial for the American soldiers who have served their nation. It was Armistice Day. Eighty-three years before on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month, the German Army surrendered to an Allied force marking a close to what was supposed to be the 'war to end all wars' - World War One. It was a fifty-year anniversary of battles and American courage in Korea. It was two months to the day after the savage attacks on New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania. A time for world leaders to gather together at the rubble of the World Trade Center to mourn the loss of their countrymen.

It was a time to remember and pray for the safety and victory of servicemen standing prepared to fight for their country and their family's ways of life. Many wore poppies to represent fallen heroes. The bright red wildflowers became symbolic of the soldier's cause after growing upon the graves of the dead following the bloody battle at Flanders Field in Belgium.

Twenty-one gun salutes were sounded at cemeteries all over America, as President Bush renewed a pledge for continued battle. Citizens came together at churches and synagogues, at cemeteries and at battle sites, as American veterans proudly donned their

uniforms and medals from past action.

Millions of Americans have struggled in defense of this country and the values it holds paramount. It would be impossible to list them all here. But of the over 650,000 Americans who have sacrificed all for our freedoms - two were chosen to be profiled in this issue.

In honor of the conclusion of World War One and the fifty-year anniversary of Korea, a representative from each action is remembered. These men represent only a tiny fraction of what Ronald Reagan explained as "the price that has been paid for our freedom."

A sense of duty compelled a young Martin Treptow to leave his family and barber shop in North Dakota to serve his country in France. The year was 1917, and Treptow joined up with the famed Forty-Second (Rainbow) Division. He fought alongside many valiant men in the trenches of his encampment on the western front. While carrying a critical message between battalions under heavy artillery fire he was killed.



On his body was found a diary. On the flyleaf was written his personal credo. He had inscribed - "My Pledge: America must win this war, therefore, I will work, I will save, I will sacrifice, I will endure, I will fight cheerfully, and do my utmost as if the issue of the whole struggle depended on me alone." The sacrifices made by Martin Treptow assisted in an Allied victory at that battle and others to come.

Sergeant George Libby joined the Army to protect our liberties and save the future from the evils of communism. He was one of the first to rush to the aid of a defenseless South Korea, and was stationed with the Third Combat Engineers Battalion. On a fateful day in 1951, he was encircled by the enemy.

He was in a transport truck when an enemy shell disabled his vehicle. Everyone was injured. Simultaneously, Libby fought off the enemy and cared for his wounded comrades. Seeing a passing American artillery vehicle, the Sergeant loaded his men on the truck.

The Chinese forces began to fire upon the evacuating Americans. As the truck continued to pick up more wounded, Sgt. Libby

understood that the driver was the only one capable of operating the vehicle. He shielded the driver of that vehicle with his own body and received a number of wounds. Sgt. Libby refused medical care so that he could protect the driver. He continued to protect the truck until he lost consciousness.

He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, which was the first awarded during the Korean War. As the text of his Medal of Honor citation reads, "his dauntless courage and gallant self-sacrifice reflect the highest credit upon himself and uphold the esteemed traditions of the U.S. Army."

The efforts of Sgt. Libby helped to contain not only an aggressive North Korean/Chinese force, but also helped to save a democratic South Korea, all free nations, and freedom itself. Today he rests in peace at Arlington National Cemetery.

Often Americans forget the commitments made by soldiers in protection of their natural rights. The society must not allow for veterans to be remembered only on Veteran's Day.

The goal of this exercise is to make their stories known to generations of Americans who may not otherwise know of them. The two above men are role models for all. In terms of their commitment, duty, and honor they must be emulated.

## Lonely and Depressed? The Internet Can Help!

### AdventureGuy Goes to HotOrNot.com For Answers and Pictures of Hot Girls

by Joe Filipas  
Staff Columnist

I was surprised by how many comments I received from you, the student body, on my column in the last issue of the Lightning Press (Official Motto: Good For More Than Spitwads!). Actually, the comments weren't on the column itself, but the terrible picture of me that began the story. The typical conversation went something like this:

Fan: Hey Joe, nice pic! It looks like you've been sniffing glue!

Joe: Thanks, Fan. Say, did you read the actual column?

Fan: What column?

Needless to say, my pride was slightly bruised, much like the Pacific Ocean is slightly wet. Despite obvious deformities that have been brought about by lab experiments and falls down staircases, I've always thought I was borderline Harrison Ford on the Male Hotness Scale. In order to boost my floundering self-esteem, and increase my social

interaction with sane people, I turned to the Internet.

More specifically, I turned to [www.hotornot.com](http://www.hotornot.com), which provides the great

service of allowing anyone with a computer to look at hundreds of pictures of the mentally disturbed and social deficient, and rate their general appearance on a scale of 1 to 10. I could think of no other better way to have my appearance judged, other than ask my mother, who by the way says I'm pretty cool.

So, I posted both my picture from the paper and a proof of one of my senior pictures.

The results are what I expected: the senior pic, after being rated by the maximum of 241 votes, scored an average rating of 9 out of 10. The newspaper pic scored an average rating of 6.8, even though the score bars seemed to tell me that the average rating was a 4. Maybe the scores are beefed up to keep ugly ducklings such as myself from losing faith.

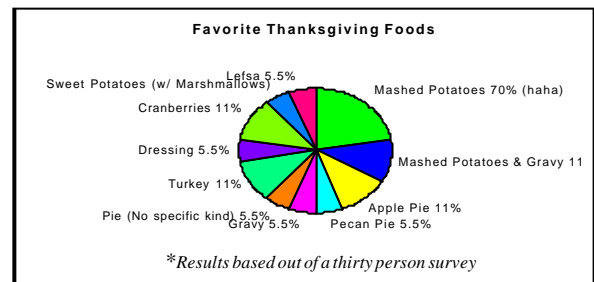
Interestingly enough, more girls want to meet the 6.8 glue sniffing Joe than the 9 suave, sensitive Joe. I think in part was because the 6.8 Joe clicked yes to every girl available whereas the 9 Joe could afford to be a little more picky.

The greater conclusion that I gained from

this experience was that the Internet is filled with a bunch of pathetic losers that are trying to find other pathetic losers to talk with. Unfortunately, I could not find one such person to talk about the website with me, possibly because they knew I would make fun of them, possibly because they could sense that I am an even bigger loser than they are. I guess they are desperate, but not that desperate.

In short, I think that my postings boosted my self-esteem a little bit, and in fact may help me in the Universal Guy Quest of meeting lots of girls. I see a lot of them, too, whilst walking down the halls. I'm ready. Just tell me where to click "Yes".

Anyone out there still reading? Send email to [adventureguy99@hotmail.com](mailto:adventureguy99@hotmail.com)



#### QUESTIONS:

- 1) One thing you are thankful for this Thanksgiving
- 2) Who made Thanksgiving a national holiday?
- 3) What's in your cornucopia? (Sam's question)
- 4) Quote

Spam Candi dates:  
Freshman - Trevor Murphy  
Sophomore - TJ Huie  
Junior - Phil Weiss  
Senior - David Stochil

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