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EASTVIEW STUDENT B.J. VIAU LEADS CHARGE FOR HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE

by Irina Vaynerman
Lightning Reporter

A Huntington's Disease patient has a 50-50 chance of passing the defected gene to his or her children. This startling truth has become an unrelenting reality to Eastview student B.J. Viau and his sister Emily. Unfortunately, their mother suffers from Huntington's Disease. Huntington's Disease is a combination of Multiple Sclerosis and Alzheimer's. This devastating illness results from degenerated nerves that cause uncontrolled movements, disabling the affected individual's ability to walk, talk, think and reason. Today, over a quarter million Americans are affected by Huntington's. There is no cure for Huntington's and millions of Americans continue to suffer from this gene defect. Researchers say that with proper funding, a cure could be found in the near future.

Eastview's own, Senior B.J. Viau, is again taking action in order to aid researchers' efforts. Viau founded the Twin Cities Hoop-a-thon, a charity event that raises money and awareness for Huntington's Disease. This year the eighth annual Hoop-a-thon will be held on March 6, 2005 at Falcon Ridge Middle School from 1-4 pm.

Last year the event raised \$43,000, this year they hope to increase that amount to \$50,000. However, for the Viaus, a successful fundraiser involves both raising money and increasing community awareness of Huntington's Disease. Eastview students are volunteering in several ways. LINC has created a Hoop-a-thon leadership committee in which students assist Viau in planning and organizing the event. The committee consists of about a dozen students, ranging from freshmen to seniors.

Family, friends, and many members of the Twin Cities community will be joining together on March 6, in order to aid Viau's fundraising efforts. Junior Katie Brown, two-time member of the Hoop-a-thon leadership committee, says, "Anyone who attends [the event] is sure to be inspired to give to such a worthy cause."

B.J. Viau is very passionate about the Hoop-a-thon because his own mother suffers from Huntington's Disease. Viau's mother has gradually

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WALK-A-THON RAISES \$47,614 FOR TSUNAMI VICTIMS



Photo: Briana Hewitt

PUTTING IT TOGETHER: Mckenna Belgarde (left) joins Hannah McKeen (right) to set up for the Eastview Tsunami Relief Walk-a-thon on January 21. The NHS, Student Council, Diversity Club, and LINC worked together to make it a success. For more follow up coverage on the tsunami relief effort, turn to page two.

Valentine's Day Around the World

NOT SIMPLY A FABRICATION OF THE CARD INDUSTRY

by Mike Lenz
Lightning Reporter

Valentine's Day is not a uniquely American holiday. Millions celebrate variations of Valentine's Day around the world. The holiday that draws its roots from ancient Rome's holiday of Lupercalia is known to mean many things to different cultures.

Groups from around the world remember the holiday in a variety of ways. British children sing festive songs and receive gifts such as candy, fruit, or money. In some areas of England, special Valentine buns (made of seeds, plums, or raisins) are common. Valentine's Day feasts are regularly held in Italy.

One tradition of European women calls for the unmarried to get up before sunrise, and peer out their windows onto the street, anticipating the passing by of a man. It is believed that the first man they see will marry them before the next year passes. This tradition is even mentioned in

Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Ophelia, a woman in the play, sings: "Good morrow! 'Tis St. Valentine's Day, All in the morning betime, And I a maid at your window, To be your valentine!" In one Danish practice, men typically send joking letters called "gaekkebrev" anonymously. It is then the woman's task to discover who the sender is.

comes from South Korea, finds similar traditions there. However, South Koreans also have another holiday on November 11 for friends. Many people in Thailand choose Valentine's Day as a popular time to tie the knot. In Mexico, friends and couples exchange gifts, according to Eastview students Primavera Compañ and Cynthia Delacruz. South Africa celebrates the day similarly to the U.S. with celebrations including dating, watching movies, or giving presents like cards, perfumes, teddy bears, or sweets. Eastview student Fraisa Duale, who comes from Somalia, recalls that Somalis

celebrate the day very similarly, only they do so on February 11. Patricia Peña notes that the Dominican Republic also celebrates like our own American traditions. Helen Solomon of Ethiopia says Ethiopians do not celebrate it at all.



French teacher Patricia Hoveland notes that the French now reserve the day for only more serious relationships. Exchange student Gergo Smuta from Hungary agrees, and notes that only couples give gifts. Yu-jin Park, who

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TSUNAMI: How EASTVIEW Helped

The \$47,614 that Eastview raised can provide:



36,000 people with safe drinking water



9,000 people with treatment for fatal diseases such as cholera



600 people with full surgical care



127,000 people with basic medical care for three months



WALK: Eastview students participate in the tsunami fundraiser that surpassed its goal three-fold. Right Middle: Eastview Student Council Vice-President Jesse Cabak is interviewed by Channel 4 WCCO reporter Ed Heil.

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digressed from running marathons to requiring careful focus on each step she takes. Huntington's Disease affects the patient's entire family, because of the severe symptoms the illness causes. Viau's efforts to increase research funding for Huntington's affect not only present Huntington's patients, such as Mrs. Viau, but also potential patients and family members of those currently affected.

"My favorite part of the event is seeing everyone come together and

[The] community will be joining together March 6th to aid Viau's fundraising efforts at Falcon Ridge.

have a really fun day while raising a ton of money," says Viau. The Hoop-a-thon is a fun filled basketball free throw event.

The "shooters" come to the event with a flat donation or have sponsors that pledge a specific amount of money for every basket made. The event has many activities to offer for non-basketball enthusiasts as well.

A participant's time will be filled with activities ranging from free food and prizes, and a raffle for plane tickets, to games such as *Dance Dance Revolution* and the goldfish game where an individual attempts to win a pet goldfish by throwing a ball into a specific ring. The highlighted feature this year will be the appearance and performance of the Timberwolves Extreme Team along with several Vikings cheerleaders.

OPINION

Penalized for Peeing...

The Sad Saga of Bathroom Passes

by Becca Habegger
Lightning Reporter

Are you a human being? Do you drink water or any other such liquid beverage? Do you ever find yourself compelled to take a stroll to the restroom and even, perhaps, venture inside? Do you quickly tire of rhetorical questions? If you answered yes to any of these questions, (particularly the first one), then you may be a victim of the dreaded bathroom pass.

Intended to keep kids from wasting their class time skipping, smoking, vandalizing, or even answering the call of nature, bathroom passes are used by many Eastview educators. In fact, I have had at least one teacher per quarter who has had this rule for all my four years of high school. How they typically work is this: you get two or even *three* bathroom passes per quarter, (depending on how graciously generous your instructor is), to use whenever needed. However many passes you have left at the end of the quarter you can turn in for extra credit points. Essentially, then, teachers are rewarding us for denying a natural function of our body, which, I imagine, cannot be the healthiest thing in the world.

According to Steven Gange, MD, a urologist at the Western Urological Clinic in Salt Lake City, "The average adult has a bladder capacity of about 500 milliliters (16 ounces), and most adults urinate 5 to 6 times a day with a volume of up to 300 milliliters (10

ounces) each time." Why such graphic information? Think about it: assuming that we sleep from 10pm-6am each night, that leaves us with sixteen waking hours in which to relieve ourselves five times. If that is spread evenly throughout the day, then we must go roughly every three

choose between extra credit (possibly the difference between that B+ and an A) while wetting your pants, and giving in – heaven forbid – to a natural function while sacrificing your class score. On one hand you please your teacher but end up with bladder control issues,



Photo: Jack Thumblad

EXCUSED: Jon Uhrich and Matt Steele demonstrate various "bathroom passes" that allow students to leave the classroom.

hours. Am I the only one who thinks that five minutes of passing time is not enough to get from C1 to A3, perhaps stop at a locker on the way, *and* go to the bathroom? Okay.

What, then, shall we do? I propose that we simply deny ourselves any liquids between the hours of 4am and 1:30pm. That way, you don't have to suffer the internal struggle of having to

whereas on the other hand you lower your GPA, no college will ever accept you, and you will become a jobless hobo, (though one with a superbly functional bladder). I, for one, chose my grade over my long-term health. So join with me, my friends, in the liquid-denial movement and save your GPA. You may be giving your bladder and body a run for their money, but then again, isn't life all about making the grade?

Flushed with Excitement...

Analyzing the Lure of Poker

by Grant Anderson
Managing Editor

Everywhere you turn, poker and gambling are highlighted and encouraged. I turn on my TV and our very own Governor, Tim Pawlenty, is talking about his plan for increasing gambling. Change the channel from news to sports (ESPN!) and I can watch the Texas Hold'em Championships for hours of entertainment.

The reasons for this drastic upturn in the popularity of poker seem murky



to me as I play with my chips. I look around the poker table – what could possibly possess these intelligent, athletically inclined individuals, to sit and look at pieces of paper with pictures of royalty on them for hours on end?

The first thought that comes to my mind is money. After all, in front of me sits those poker chips, representing my "earned" wealth. But that wealth is barely a fraction of my potential earnings doing any kind of real work. I sit with ten or twenty dollars and could easily lose it simply by the forces of luck turning against me. After all, luck determines whether I'll get that elusive Royal Flush with odds of 1 in 650,000 - not any skilled play on my part. That is, unless rigging the deck is skill play. And there is also no big payout. No possibility of winning millions on any given night. So if money isn't the focus or purpose of those wasted hours perhaps another force is at work.

I may be sitting down at the table with my peers to prove I can out bluff them. Prove I can out think them. But friendship is about working together, not proving intelligence over them. And I could use that time to hang out with those friends doing something else. We all have other interests in common. You would think that we could go play some basketball or football outside and actually enjoy the outdoors. But somehow sitting done to an old wooden table, grabbing your chips, and saying, "Ante-up" holds more excitement.

There is that addictive nature to poker. A drive that makes you want to keep playing, even when losing. A part of this might be biological, according to Mary Heineman, author of *Losing Your Shirt: Recovery for Compulsive Gamblers and Their Families*. She believes that gambling can release extra endorphins - chemicals that are manufactured naturally in our bodies, producing a kind of "high." During exciting periods, such as getting a good poker hand, more endorphins are released, producing this level of energy that may be lacking at other times. She believes that these endorphins can lead to an intense urge to play poker.

And I agree with Heineman. When you get that perfect hand the world seems to slow down. Maybe someone is betting into you while you hold the best hand possible. Your heart starts to race a little faster...

Maybe that is why a good friend of mine who enjoys the game immensely says, "You don't play poker for the money, you play it for the thrill – you play it for passion – and that's why I love it." Thrill and passion are what this game is all about – just tune into ESPN if you have any doubts.

Bulging Backpacks

Whose Fault is it?

by Jennifer Henderson
Lightning Reporter

Walk through the halls at Eastview and everywhere you look there are backpacks busting at the seams, held together by safety pins because the zippers have long ago been broken. They're more reminiscent of pack mules than students. Walk through a high school in California and another scene would unfold - people without bulging backpacks.

Due to a newly passed law, California textbooks now have a weight limit. With such a law passed in a state, it is more likely that other states, including Minnesota, will someday debate that same law. To be honest, I personally believe that the Minnesota legislature can more effectively use their time and resources elsewhere. What would undoubtedly take Minnesota's government months to decide, three simple words would suffice: carry less stuff.

Though it seems like such a simple concept, putting into practice appears to be too much to handle. The problem is that it is just too easy to shift the blame somewhere else: teachers shouldn't give out so much homework, my locker is too far away from my classes, and countless other excuses out there. Instead of looking for a scapegoat, walk up that extra flight of stairs and use your locker every once and a while. You ultimately



Photo: Jack Thumblad

PULLED DOWN: Gravity & the weight of a huge bag get the better of Senior Casey Kuester.

control what you carry; we shouldn't have government looking out for us when we can.

As much as we would like to think that textbook publishers would cut out subject material to achieve lighter books, the most likely truth would be multiple volumes of books. So instead of worrying about one textbook, imagine having two books per class. Multiply that by the four common classes that require textbooks (Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language) and those books add up. Walking up that extra flight of stairs once a day doesn't look so bad now, does it?

Ever feel like you live at school?

Former student sleeps undetected in Apple Valley for three weeks

by Britta Nicholson
Staff Columnist

On January 14th, 2005, Francisco Javier Serrano was arrested for trespassing on the property of Apple Valley High School. When he emerged from the Dakota County Jail later that week, he discovered that he was the center of media attention. His adventure began in Connecticut, where arguments with his father lead to a bus ticket to Pennsylvania. He left with \$200 in his pocket and the intention of returning to Minnesota, where he had once lived and attended high school. After slowly hitchhiking his way to Minnesota, he sought help from a police officer, who lead him to a homeless shelter in St. Paul. He stayed there for one night with 50 to 60 other people, and then realized that it "wasn't for him." The next day he returned to Apple Valley and visited a restaurant where he used to work. He applied for a job, but wasn't hired. A friend who worked at the restaurant offered him a place to stay, but he refused. He said, "I didn't accept that because I was so ashamed." So the 21 year old made the decision to live in the building where he had once attended school: Apple Valley High School. He made the school his home,

moving around as much as possible while he was in the building to avoid being detected. Sometimes he attended study hall or gym class and stashed food and clothes in a locker.

When his presence was discovered in mid-January he was immediately arrested for trespassing. Reactions



Photos: KSTP.com

ranged from an outpour of sympathy to an outcry of anger. Some saw Serrano as a helpless young man that just needed a place to call home. Others were outraged that the school's security had allowed a potential threat to dwell within the walls of the school for so long. Serrano was eventually released after a bond was posted by Minneapolis businessman Basim Sabri, but he still faces a review of his immigration status.

In the aftermath of the incident, the administration of Apple Valley High

School has decided to make some changes. According to the Star Tribune of January 28th, "Principal Steve Degenaar said that about \$40,000 will be spent on extra security cameras and controlled-access doors, \$10,000 on new interior door keys and locks, and \$5,000 to \$7,000 for security staff, starting with current employees but possibly including outside contractors."

While the future of Francisco Javier Serrano remains uncertain, many hope these changes will make Apple Valley High School a safer place – along with alerting the community to the needs of the disadvantaged people that seek help in Dakota County.

FREE FRANCISCO: 300

students wore shirts

to support the former sophomore. Left: Serrano apologized to students.



Valentines Around the World, continued from page 1

One tradition remains distinct to a single culture. Self-described Martian Lizzie Reding notes that the tradition from her planet includes the shaping of antennae into the shape of a heart.

In some places around the world, Valentine's Day is more controversial. The youth have discovered Valentine's Day in the last decade in India, and celebrate it against the wishes of many of their elders. Many believe celebrations of Valentine's Day run contrary to the beliefs of Hindu culture. Some hardliners go as far as attacking shops that sell Valentine Cards and restaurants where couples are celebrating. China has historically celebrated its own version of Valentine's Day, Qi Qiao Jie, which is an ancient tradition. Part of this celebration calls for girls to prepare melons and fruits. They also commonly worship while praying that their wishes for a good marriage will become true. Of course, the modern atheist government now discourages such traditions. Flowers are frequently confiscated; however, the observance of the day continues to grow more popular. Huang Le, from Vietnam, says that they do not celebrate the day there. However, many couples will go out to eat. These celebrations, labeled as radical, seem to be coming all the more common around the world.

As we examine other places from around the globe, let us realize that this is not merely the holiday started in ancient Rome, but one celebrated by much of the world.

Letter to the Editor: Target deserves balanced response

Target's history of charitable giving should not be ignored

To the editor:

I was appalled at Ms. Gustafson's article "Target Says Goodbye to Salvation Army" in the December issue of the *Lightning Press* and her argument that it is an outrage that Target was not allowing solicitation – including that of the well known organization the Salvation Army – at their stores this past holiday season. Ms. Gustafson interviewed a few different Eastview students, who all came to the conclusion that the bell ringing would be missed and leading to a lack of Christmas cheer. I'd like to quickly say that even though the article makes a valid point, there are plenty of other local businesses where shoppers can "regain" their Christmas cheer (including, as pointed out in her article, JC Penney, K-Mart, and Wal-Mart).

To begin, there are many reasons why Target should not be looked down upon for its decision to stop allowing solicitation by the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army, due to its interpretation of the Christian Bible, does not approve of homosexuality. An in depth look at SalvationArmy.org and you find their soldiers' covenant that members of the army pledge to uphold "the sanctity of marriage and of family life" and to "abstain from...pornography, the occult,

and all else that could enslave the body or spirit." (Some consider homosexual sex to be pornographic and mind or body altering). Many people do not believe in giving money to, promoting, or approving organizations that openly disapprove of alternative lifestyles – which is exactly what the Salvation Army is.

Secondly, it is important to look at the Target Corporation itself. In 1946 Target became the founding member of the "Five Percent Club," a landmark movement encouraging U.S. corporations to commit five percent of federally taxable income to support community nonprofits. With this, the Target Foundation was established with a commitment to sustained community giving. Most importantly, Target continually gives over two million dollars every week to schools, educational programs, and neighborhoods across the country. Throughout the 2004 hurricane season, Target proved to be a

top Red Cross supporter by donating \$500,000 to the unprecedented hurricane relief efforts and providing budget

reducing donations of supplies for disaster relief. On top of that, Target already gives

the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund \$400,000 annually.

Target has

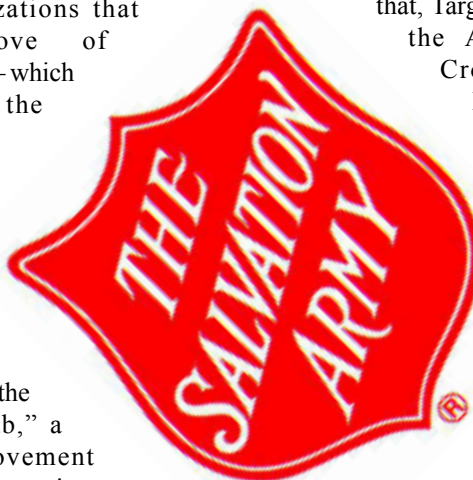
also pledged one million dollars to the American Red Cross International Response Fund to aid tsunami relief efforts.

Target offers store-based grants that support projects promoting early childhood education, the arts and family violence prevention. In addition to all this, Target has raised 27 million dollars for the St. Jude's Children Hospital and Target House. In 2003, Target Corporation and individual team members invested in their

communities by donating more than \$15.4 million to local United Ways across the country. And the giving doesn't stop there – last year they also donated \$7 million to none other than the Salvation Army itself.

Instead of criticizing Target for not donating the \$1.3 million this year that they collected last year in Minnesota and North Dakota, step back, do the research, and look at the entire picture. It has been speculated that the Salvation Army gives almost 11% of its income to administration; while the American Red Cross and United Way only give about 3-4% back to administration. I'm not upset with Target's decision to stop allowing the Salvation Army to ring their bells. In fact, I agree with their decision. Plain and simple, Target already donates enough money to relief organizations and has fulfilled its moral obligation to give back to the community. Now it's time for other companies to step up to the plate, fulfill their moral obligations, give more money to aid programs, and invite the bell ringers to their front doors.

Sincerely,
Chris Morgan '06



The Early Bird Gets the Girl

“Prom Planning: Four Months Out”

by McKenna Ewen
Lightning Reporter

It’s February 14th, 2005, exactly four and a half months until Eastview’s prom. There are always those over anxious, perfectionists that want to do everything correctly this year. Therefore, we’ve established a four-month planning guide for this year’s prom season.

Four-Months Out – Prom is still a long ways out, yet you want to be aware of your surroundings. This is the time to start looking for potential dates. When looking, it’s important to search for specific traits. For example, they must have some dancing ability. While you may not be dancing with the same person the entire time, it’s important to make sure you are not stuck with a lousy dancer for the whole night. Also, you want to find someone you can establish a personal connection with. Whether you enjoy the introverts or the extroverts, there’s nothing worse than an awkwardly silent \$500 meal. Lastly, it’s important to keep in mind how easily you get along with their family. The most annoying part of the whole evening may be finding that one parent who constantly pinches your cheeks and demands more pictures. For that reason, you may want to test their family members by handing them a camera of your own and asking them to take a picture. If they break the three-picture barrier, then you know you’re in trouble.

Three-Months Out – Prom is gradually getting closer. You may want to set up a countdown system at this point, such as in your school planner. Under some drastic circumstances, it may be helpful to post the countdown in a locker or AIM profile to remind those procrastinating guys and girls just how long they have before you need to get asked. Also, you may want

to start browsing for that irresistible cologne/perfume, such as Black Panther, to prepare for the intense competition for prom dates.

Two-Months Out – This is when you need to operate at your peak performance. It’s your last chance to lay down your best flirting techniques and seal the deal. You want to brainstorm asking-techniques and find that cute guy/girl’s favorite color, food,

of a potential fight or mind change. All together, it is much better this way. If you are still waiting to be asked, this is the perfect time to ask that someone out on a couple of small dates to get better acquainted. If you don’t want to do the asking, you may help convince that special someone by showing him or her how cool of a person you are. If you simply wait and do nothing, the chances of finding a mind reader are



Submitted Photo

READY FOR PROM: Seniors Natalie Jones and Maria Robideau pose for a photo the night of last year’s big event.

flower, scent, and music, the “unforgettable five.” You may also want to start communicating with your friends to arrange a way for all of you to go together, without placing your dates in an awkward position. However, the asking itself needs to hold off. It’s unfair to ask too early, especially to the other prom goers.

One-Month Out – Now everyone is fair game, all asking is legal. By establishing the one-month marker, it gives everyone a fair chance, rather than booking dates years in advance. Not only that, but asking someone less than a month out eliminates the chance

not very likely. Prom does not make a good first date. To increase your chances of being asked and having a successful prom date, it helps to hang out as frequently as possible until you are comfortable together.

Two-Weeks Out – At this point, you want to make sure that your date wasn’t playing a joke when they said yes and that they actually want to go with you. If you still don’t have a date, it’s not a bad thing to ask a close friend. However, prom is not an experience that you want to miss out on in

high school. Once your date has fully committed, it’s important to confirm the exact status that you’re going to prom as. The last thing you want to deal with is a “we’re just friends” lecture on prom night.

Not only is it awkward, it’s just plain embarrassing to be scolded on the side of the dance floor, while every other couple falls madly in love. As far as the dance itself, you’re on your own. But if you follow these steps, I guarantee that you will experience success this year. It’s four month out, but you can’t ever start too early.

Math Team: Adding it All Up

by Ally Huang
Lightning Reporter

Many people can’t figure out why anyone would want to stay after school and do math for *fun*. But for the EVHS math team, it’s more than just the numbers and equations.

“Math team is one of the most underestimated and underrated activities at school,” says Jon Friedman, one of the team captains.

With this year’s team doing the best it ever has, math team is far from boring. “We are currently ranked twelfth, out of approximately 180 schools, statewide. This is the highest ranking that the EVHS Math Team has ever achieved,” says team advisor Bonnie Pendergast.

The math team consists of around thirty people, a mix of all four grades. This is a third larger than last year’s team of twenty.

When asked about the Math Team’s future, Nathan Henry, the other captain, hopes that the team will “Go to state.” It looks promising, since at the last two meets, they have finished 3rd and 2nd and are now fourth overall.

Though it doesn’t sound like the most exciting thing to do, people on the Math Team have good reasons for their involvement.

“I was in math team in middle school and really enjoyed it,” says sophomore Angie Flom, a sophomore.

Other members were convinced to join by those on the team. “I wanted to have fun doing math with my friends,” explains junior Andrew Mitsch.

Members also joined to do—math. “I joined because I wanted to improve my math skills,” says Tao Yan, a freshman.

Although it might be too late to join the team this year, there is always next year. “If you’re not sure, just try it. There’s no absolute commitment except for the meets,” explains Friedman. “It can be fun, or it can be the opposite. Experience is what works.” The math team hopes to qualify for state at their meet on February 14th.

Canned Spam

by Jon Friedman
Staff Columnist

Hey everybody! Here we are, another turning point, another semester gone by, and the only thing I can think about is Valentine’s Day! And I suppose that you all are joining in with the fun of the loving cheer! Exclamation mark!

In the past, I’ve usually done a



Colin Meyer – Freshman
1) “Sweet tarts.”
2) “Underwater basket-weaving.”
3) “Bruce Lee.”
4) “The Lucky Charms guy.”
5) “Instant messaging isn’t a conversation; it’s just really fast e-mail.”



Pat Lenertz – Sophomore
1) “The hearts!”
2) “Foods.”
3) “Jon Friedman.”
4) “Little leprechaun guys that use their magic.”
5) “Everybody’s doing it.”



Sam Heitzman – Junior
1) “Candy hearts.”
2) “Power Volleyball.”
3) “Taco Pastorius.”
4) “Skittles.”
5) “No, you don’t understand. They’ve released this toxin. I really might BE the last guy on Earth...”



Jack Thurnblad – Senior
1) “Customized message candy hearts.”
2) “Western Civ. With Mr. Menne.”
3) “John Frederickson.”
4) “Leprechauns.”
5) “Yahtzee!” –Matt Steele

Questions:

- 1) What is your favorite Valentine’s Day candy?
- 2) What class do you wish you had this quarter?
- 3) If you could get one bit of advice from anyone today, from whom would it be?
- 4) Where do rainbows come from?
- 5) Quote.

VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL

Send your Love

What's enough to show we care?

by Sarah Gustafson
Lightning Reporter

One of the fondest memories I have of elementary school is buying Valentine's Day cards with Nickelodeon or Disney characters on them, and addressing them to the people on the class list my teacher gave me. High school students don't do this as much at Eastview, but we still give cards to our friends.

St. Valentine is widely accepted as the founder of Valentine's Day, although the exact story is quite disputed. There are three folk tales speculating on the first Valentine's Day cards. One version goes like this: St. Valentine was in love with the jailer's daughter, and sent the first card to her through a hole in the jail's wall. Another story says that children loved St. Valentine so much that they would slip him letters and cards while he was in jail. A third version doesn't even include St. Valentine. It says that the first Valentine's card was sent by Charles, Duke of Orleans. He was captured by the English and put in the Tower of London. There he wrote love letters to his wife and sent them in February. Today, visitors to England can view the card, dated 1415, in the British Museum.

Early Valentine's Day cards were a far cry from modern cards. These cards gained mass popularity in the early

1880s. They were usually made of special paper, lace, and ribbon. Cupids and hearts were the most common designs. Americans finally caught the Valentine fever in 1870 when a young woman named Esther Howland decided to mass produce cards. She and three of her friends produced thousands of cards. By the 1880s, she made over \$100,000 off her cards.

By 1900, the cost of cards had risen to \$10 a piece. This sparked the birth of Penny Dreadfuls. Their name pretty much says it all: they cost a penny each, and were completely horrible. The artwork on them was drawn by amateurs, the

paper was cheap, and the "romantic" verse was anything but: the poems poked fun at teachers, single women, and the elderly. Despite this, the low cost made them appealing to all social statuses.

Valentine's Day follows only Christmas as the second leading holiday for card exchange. Some criticize the day as nothing more than an opportunity for greeting card companies to make millions on selling cards. Others see the cards not as a profit ploy but as a way to communicate their love.

I remember walking around in elementary school and handing them out to everyone in my class. I remember receiving my first Valentine, and I look forward to receiving them in the years to come.



The Sweet Tooth of Love

Anyone's affection can be bought with enough candy hearts or chocolate

by Stephen Edwards
Lightning Reporter

Valentines Day has always been the day of fairy tale romance and selfless acts of love. As the years pass by, it seems the coming of this special day is marked more and more by the presentation of sweets strong enough to quench any craving.

People will go to great lengths to come out on top for their soul mates. Many do this with candy and chocolate.

Sweethearts' Conversation Hearts—which this year have been branded with sports inspired messages—rule the Valentine's market. They are by far the best selling Valentine's Day candy in stores where they are sold. You'll be hard pressed to find anything that comes close to this holiday treat. As one Eastview student put it, "they're colorful, cute, and just make you smile."

For those willing to bring out a little more cash however, the delectable little Conversation Hearts are not the popular choice. In fact, there is only one thing that can so easily please: chocolate. There is no better place in

which to find such a delicacy than in the heart of Godiva, a chocolate lovers dream. Though the selection is far from needing improvement, this stores' specialty for such a season is none other than the famed truffles. Chocolate within chocolate. Hearts and little



round balls of white, milk, and dark chocolate come in boxes of many sizes or attached to a cuddly teddy bear.

Whether sweet or bold, cute or romantic, simple or extravagant, sugary candy will always be a way to share the love on Valentines Day.

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ENTERTAINMENT

A Streetcar Named Mickey's

by Becca Habegger
Lightning Reporter

One Saturday I returned home from a particularly grueling speech tournament rather late – around 11 P.M. Now, most *normal* people would head home to bed lickety-split, but anyone who knows me knows that I am anything but normal. Where do I, Becca Habegger, venture off to at 11:30 at night? Where else but the finest, most historical food establishment Minnesota has to offer: Mickey's Diner.

Open 24/7/365, (it says so on their menu!), Mickey's is the ideal destination for the excursions of both late-night adventurers like myself and the happy couple who seeks entertainment beyond the borders of District 196. "But what's wrong with Perkins, IHOP, or the Wal-Mart vending machines? They're all open 24/7," some of you naysayers may be naysaying. I promise you that Mickey's will offer you an experience unlike any other. Both in its history and atmosphere, this little restaurant is one of a kind.

Built in New Jersey in 1937, this streetcar-turned-diner was transported in all its architectural glory to Minnesota

two years later. There it has sat, on the corner of 9th and St. Peter Streets, for nearly seventy years. This place is so timeless, in fact, that it is only one of two diners on the National Register of Historic Places, placed there in 1983. Not illustrious enough for you? Well then, I will have you know that it has made several film cameos, appearing in *Mighty Ducks I-III* and *Jingle All the Way*, that infamous holiday flop starring everybody's favorite California governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Arnold isn't the only person who enjoys Mickey's Diner. Head into this place during the wee hours of the morning and you'll find some pretty unique characters. "You meet the most interesting people in here, especially at 2 A.M.," revealed Lana, my friendly waitress. She recommends one of Mickey's famous malts, giant omelette, or Mulligan stew. I ordered a California burger and oatmeal, which are both very tasty.

Allow me to throw in one more detail that may sweeten the deal. Just down the street from Mickey's is Rice Park, which was been temporarily turned into St. Paul's ice sculpture garden earlier this



Photo: Ronsaari.com

month. From snowboarding penguins to a school bus-sized replica of the capitol building, these finely carved, gently illuminated hunks o' ice had visitors oohing and ahing the entire duration of their visits. Under the glow of the light-entangled trees and the kiss of moonlight, a stroll through this park would be the perfect romantic end to a fantabulous date.

In case you haven't figured it out already, this place is in St. Paul. Yes—you *will* have to drive the twenty-five

minutes up there, but I guarantee that it is worth every mile. Parking and viewing the ice sculpture garden was free, and the food is cheap, so you needn't worry about amassing prices on top of gas money.

So check this place out – the intersection is given earlier in the text – just use Mapquest. Right next to the Excel Center, it's pretty hard to miss the little streetcar diner coming up on your right with its flashing neon sign and cozy warmth coming from within.

New Club for the Middle-Earth at Heart

by Rebecca Griffith
Staff Writer

The record-breaking phenomenon that is *The Lord of the Rings* movie trilogy has drawn millions to theatres worldwide to indulge in Tolkein's mysterious world of Middle Earth. A new gathering has been started here at Eastview for these new fans as well as old die-hards. Anyone interested in the places, language, characters, or actors of *Lord of the Rings* is welcomed.

This organization was started by freshmen Jenny Nygler and Sara Schaenzer. Nygler started the club because, "I wanted to find other people who were as into *Lord of the Rings* as me and I've had a lot fun and am glad I started it." The club meets the first Tuesday of each month and is overseen by Mrs. Kuettner's husband, who is as enthusiastic about the movies as the students.

So far this year, the "Ringer Rangers," as Mr. Kuettner has dubbed them, have focused on the first 100 pages of *Return of the King*, the final book of the trilogy. The release of the extended edition of *Return of the King* in December took up the entire January meeting, with the members watching the added scenes and commenting on how they added to the plot and Tolkein's books.

A lot of the school year remains for other fans to join. The club is always open to different perspectives on the Tolkein legend. So in the language of the Elven folks, "Aa' menle nauva calen ar' ta hwesta e' ale'quenle," or, "May thy paths be green and the wind on thy back."

Forgotten Films: "Somewhere in Time"



Source: http://www.geocities.com/sit_gal_richard_elise/re.html

by Britta Nicholson
Staff Columnist

If you're looking for something to watch this Valentine's Day, why not try something different? Most teenagers are oblivious to movies that were created before 1990, and *Somewhere in Time* is one of these forgotten films.

A romantic film from 1980, *Somewhere in Time* tells the story of amateur Chicago playwright Richard Collier (Christopher Reeve). After the debut performance of his first published play, a strange old woman approaches Collier. She presses a gold pocket watch into his hand and whispers, "Come back to me." The encounter mystifies Collier, and he is motivated to discover her identity. He

learns that she is Elise McKenna (Jane Seymour), a famous stage actress from the early 1900s, and that she died on the night that she delivered the golden watch. Years later, when he takes a vacation to The Grand Hotel on Lake Michigan, he becomes obsessed with the photograph of a beautiful woman that hangs on a wall of the historic hotel. He discovers that the woman in the picture is actually Elise McKenna, and this knowledge drives him to travel back in time through self-hypnosis to be with her. What follows is a passionate story of forbidden love and sacrifice, accompanied by all of the complexities that come with time travel.

The mysteries that are established in the front half of the film are seamlessly

linked to Richard Collier's life in 1912. Since these connections are far from obvious, they send a chill down the viewer's spine when they are unveiled. The audience is drawn in by the mysterious nature of the movie, which eventually blossoms into an intense romance that consumes the second half of the film. Richard and Elise's relationship is filled with emotional highs and lows, and the conclusion of the film is a heartbreaking and bittersweet testament to the all-consuming power of love.

Of course, a script is only as good as the actors who bring it to life. The on-screen chemistry between Christopher Reeve and Jane Seymour is amazing.

The legions of *Somewhere in Time* fans speak for themselves. There are over 2,000 members of INSITE, the International Network of *Somewhere in Time* Enthusiasts. It was established in 1989, and has published over 1,000 pages of the most elaborate journal ever produced by a fan society. It holds an annual *Somewhere in Time* weekend at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island each October, which is basically like a *Star Trek* convention for over-zealous *Somewhere in Time* fans.

So if you're looking for an intensely romantic film fraught with mystery, anticipation and jealousy for this Valentine's Day, watch *Somewhere in Time* – the powerful love story that has haunted moviegoers for generations.

LIGHTNING SPORTS

Sports
ShortsIntramural
Bowling!

By Blake Hanson
LightningReporter

One of the lesser-known but growing activities at Eastview is intramural bowling. Students form teams of four with their friends. On Mondays and Wednesdays IM bowling teams meet at Apple Place Bowl around 3:15 and usually play until 4:15. This is the third year of intramural bowling which began as an "Extra-Connections" project to get more kids involved in activities at Eastview. Currently over 100 kids are involved in IM bowling.

"In bowling you're forced to be next to people you may not know for over an hour. You can't help but talk to them, laugh at each other's shots, high five when you have a good one. It's a pretty good time", responds supervisor and social studies teacher Eric VandeBerg when asked what he likes most about bowling. When asked *what he likes about intramural bowling*, freshman Andy Kump answered, "Here is a better question... what wouldn't I like about intramural bowling"? Overall, intramural bowling is a great way to meet new people. If you are looking for something to do next winter and want to have fun with your friends, don't miss signing-up for IM Bowling!



Photo: Blake Hanson

ROLLOFF: More than 100 Eastview students bowl at Apple Place each week, to meet new people, have a great time, and attempt to put their name on the high-scores board.

Boys Hockey
Believes Again

by Amanda Jagdeo
Lightning Reporter

After a rough start to their season, the boys' hockey team has high hopes for the section tournament that starts tomorrow, February 15.

"The biggest challenge is getting these guys to believe our motto, which is Believe Again," head coach Mike Gibbons said. "They have to believe we can get to the state tournament."

While the guys have had some problems getting points on the board, senior captain Sam Bauler believes that will be turned around.

"Our team chemistry has come a long way. We had a lot of young, new guys, and it took a long time," Bauler said. "But now we really love each other."

This new found team chemistry has helped the team a lot. They were able to defeat Lake Conference rival Eden Prairie 4-3 in their first meeting of the season.

"It was a much needed win," Mike Freeman, defenseman captain, said. "It gave us a much needed mental boost."

The guys will enter the Section 5AA as an underdog; they will definitely give their opponents a run for their money.

Girls Hockey Team On Track
For Playoffs

by Tim DeBord
Staff Columnist

Change can be a difficult thing. Or, if you're the Eastview Lightning Girls' hockey team, something to look in the eye, give a smirk, and beat into submission. The past year for the team has been filled with changes- new coaches, new players, and a system entirely new to the girls' program. It would have been easy for all involved to write this season off as a building year, but the easy way never seemed to click with this team. Despite the challenges of change, the girls have skated to a 3rd place finish in the Lake Conference and made tremendous progress establishing Eastview girls' hockey as a program focused on the future.

Being a team is all about trust. Few know that better than this team, which received an almost entirely revamped coaching staff for the 2004-2005 season. Assistant Principal Matt Percival took the head coaching position after last season ended. Last minute concerns about the hectic nature of his schedule prompted the school to ask boys' coach Mike Gibbons to assist with the coaching duties.

According to Percival, the goal of the hiring was to "teach the girls the system that Mr. Gibbons has taught the boys." Coach Percival admits the move forced the girls to blindly trust their new coaches, and the success of the season would depend on their willingness to buy into what the coaches were trying to do. Some voiced doubts of the girls' ability to pick up a system based on boys' hockey, but the girls jumped into the challenge and have learned with enthusiasm. The girls' play is now characterized by outstanding speed and physicality, two elements not generally associated with girls' hockey.

Practices have been the girls' base to build on. The team has always believed in playing their own style of game regardless of the talent or style of the opponent. To firmly establish that style, Coach Percival and his staff have focused the girls on playing with a purpose. Older philosophy that taught a player to stand in an area to fit the system was abandoned and players were trusted to learn their positions. Coach Gibbons played a vital role in the improvement of the team, designing practices and emphasizing elements of the game that have been successful with the boys' team, including team defense and aggression at both ends of the ice.

The girls' new system of play arrived at a good moment in terms of team composition. With only four seniors, Coach Percival hopes to see the new system instilled in the many younger team members to create "a little identity" for the program. In terms of individual contributions, players of all ages have made their mark on the season. Senior captain Madison Darud leads the team in points, followed by freshman Meaghan Brigl and junior Brittney Dunn. Goalie Cassie Ruedy has played nearly every minute this season and was a major factor in the team's

success. The willingness of all the girls to change and improve their game has surprised opponents, and



Photo: Tim DeBord

the results have become evident in the Lake Conference standings.

To avoid beating around the bush, it will suffice to say the girls program has struggled in the past. Last year, the girls finished deep in the conference standings, with success coming primarily against inferior teams. While beating Rosemount is never a bad thing, no team enjoys looking up at opponents. The coaches took that to heart and focused on teaching the girls to enjoy the game and that improvement was possible. This year, the girls finished third in the conference and beat Section 5AA #1 Burnsville in the conference finale.

Regardless of the results of the postseason tournaments, this season has been a resounding success for the girls' hockey team. The girls dealt with changes within the structure of their team and reversed their position in the standings. From beginning to end, their season reads like the ideal sports storybook: find a winning system, develop trust and play hard. The character, fortitude, and talent of this team will make it a role model for years to come.

No-snow=
No-go for
Nordic Ski

by Tim DeBord
Staff Columnist

This year's green winter has been a disappointment for all of Eastview's students. No snow days and not even a late start to show for almost two months of the snowy season is a sad record, to be sure, but while most students can only groan about losing

a few days off, the Nordic ski team can groan about a good deal of their season. Despite being forced to cancel and reschedule several meets, the cross-country skiers have made the most of our measly 10.9 inches and have used the shortened year to get better as a team.

Eastview's cross-country skiers are part of a four-school co-operative program consisting of skiers from Eastview, Eagan, Rosemount, and Apple Valley, cumulatively named District 196. Girls and boys, while on the same team, race separately. The girls' team has competed with their rivals in the meets that have been played, decisively beating Jefferson, Chaska, and Kennedy. Girls' captain Natalie Yarbrough hopes to see the team compete with conference leaders Lakeville and Eden Prairie in the

near future. The boys' team started the season with a win over Burnsville and Kennedy but, much like the girls' team, has been unable to crack into the upper echelon of the conference.

Nordic skiing is a sport that scores the individual as well as the team, and two Eastview athletes have stood out as potential individual State tournament competitors. Senior Krista Stewart finished under a minute out of the top 20 in the January 18th regular season race and 16th in the December 13th race. Senior Yarbrough, already coming off a successful cross-country running season, won in December and finished 3rd in January, making herself a favorite to return to the state tournament in which she finished within the top 20 in all three race formats last year. Yarbrough also won All-Conference honors at the Lake Conference races on January 25 and 27.

The section meet took place after this issue went to press and the state tournament will take place February 18th.



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