

TREND Talk

by: Robert A. Sillar

"You can't spoof them." Del W. Russell Jr.'s talking about his pet topic... kids.

"It's terribly important they're not anxious about other people," says Russell, whose attachment to making life richer for kids is undeniable.

"Interaction is a very healthy, a very practical, a very warm way for them to get exposure to others."

When Russell talks about enhancing the welfare of kids, he talks emotionally and authoritatively.

HE'S EXECUTIVE director of Detroit's Police Athletic League (PAL) and special assistant to Detroit Police Chief Philip G. Tannian.

Regionally, he's PAL's midwest chairman. Nationally, he belongs to PAL's board of directors.

Locally, PAL is approaching its fifth birthday. It's attachment to a year-round recreation program especially for metropolitan Detroit's disadvantaged youngsters.

Staffed by off-duty patrolmen and patrolwomen plus community volunteers, PAL's foundation in Detroit is a comprehensive activity network.

PRIMARY activities range from baseball, basketball and football to golf, tennis and track. Secondary activities include crafts sessions and field trips.

What's more, PAL revived during June a fitness decaathlon, geared for youngsters in grades six through nine attending Detroit public schools.

Totally self-sustaining, PAL derives most of its operating revenue from civic and corporate grants, along with private contributions.

Russell says he pegs PAL as a source of human inspiration for everyone involved with it.

"IT'S DEFINITELY worthwhile for kids to have the opportunity to establish down-to-earth heroes—whether those heroes are cops or volunteers," he said.

"If those heroes happen to be cops," added Russell, a 1941 Detroit Northwest High graduate, "that's doubly significant."

"It enables cops to see kids in non-confrontational situations while letting kids know cops aren't the boogey men. The idea of working together really comes through."

PAL's pulse depends heavily on the community's goodwill. Each

year PAL has a corporate Big Brother.

LAST YEAR'S Big Brother was Chrysler Corp. This year's Big Brother is Ford Motor Co. Both automotive firms perennially contribute extensively to PAL.

PAL's fund-raising target has risen dramatically since inauspicious beginnings. Presently, it's a lofty \$300,000. All donations to PAL are scrupulously allocated.

At least 98 percent of the donations flow into underwriting PAL's daily operations. Less than two percent of them is ticketed for administrative costs.

J.P. MCCARTHY
A pal to kids

Tuesday, July 16, will bring one of PAL's greatest windfalls ever.

THAT'S WHEN the second J.P. McCarthy-Wabek Invitational golf tournament will take place at Wabek Country Club in Bloomfield Hills.

All proceeds from the 18-hole, par-71 benefit tournament will flow into PAL. Last year's festivities at Wabek raised about \$12,000 in PAL's behalf.

This year's projected windfall for PAL from the tournament has been pegged at \$25,000, observes Invitational Chairman J.P. McCarthy, WJR-Radio's popular morning disc jockey.

Spectator tickets for the tournament can be purchased by writing PAL's central office, 729 Meldrum, Detroit 48207. They cost \$25 each.

MCCARTHY ascribes much of the tournament's meteoric success to Robert D. McCurrey and Matthew S. McLaughlin, 1973's and 1974's PAL chairmen, respectively.

McCurrey is vice-president of Chrysler Corp. McLaughlin is vice-president of Ford Motor Co.

Russell says the McCarthy-Wabek classic serves as PAL's first major fund-raising effort this year... and he's highly confident it'll reap big dividends for PAL.

"There's such a thing," he said, "as going to the well too much. Many corporations annually are hit by every conceivable type of fund raising drive."

"WITH SO many solicitors always knocking, these corporations have gotten jaded to giving."

"What we're trying to do at Wabek is provide them with an alternative. We're asking them to participate rather than just to give."

PAL's current membership roster shows more than 28,000... and counting. What keeps that roster expanding?

The steady stream of adults catching on how PAL is not a charity, but rather a service for kids, according to Russell.

As he perceptibly put it: "Good things don't just happen; you've got to make them happen."



Road Runner pitcher Susie Weiner nabs the Larks' Jenny Blank on a run down between first and second base

Trick golfer at PAL event

Paul Hahn, Jr., golf's premier trick shot professional who travels over 200,000 miles annually demonstrating his unique golf talents, will perform for patrons attending the second annual J.P. McCarthy-Wabek Invitational July 16 at Wabek Country Club in Bloomfield Hills.

The world-famed professional, whose 80-pound bag of tricks has traveled through 44 countries, will demonstrate his unique display of trick golf shots and offer practical tips during the program.

After pointing out the proper grip, stance and other fundamentals of the game, Hahn will present some 35 shots with his crazy club, numbering more than 15, and an almost equal number of crazy shots using regular clubs.

When not on tour, Hahn practices new routines at Boca West in Boca Raton, Fla., where he is a resident professional.

Prior to the Hahn demonstration, Lee Trevino, Doug Sanders, Lanny Wadkins, Jim Simon and defending champion George Bayer will head the contingent of touring and local pros, celebrities and Motor City area VIPs playing in the tournament.

PROCEEDS FROM the tournament and the patrons who will make up this year's limited gallery are earmarked for the Police Athletic League (PAL) in Detroit, an organization of off-duty officers and civilian volunteers devoted to providing organized sports and activities programs for kids throughout the greater metropolitan area and suburbs.

To help raise the funds necessary to conduct the ever-expanding PAL program, it was decided to allow a limited gallery of patrons to attend this year's J.P. McCarthy-Wabek Invitational.

Palace posts easy victory

The New Palace Restaurant team further strengthened its firm hold on first place last week by beating the West Bloomfield Broads 10-4 in West Bloomfield Women's Softball League competition, while the Strearkers struck the Carrot Patch Bunnies 11-7.

For the Palace team, which gained the lead with four runs in the first inning, Marlene Eory and Mary Shaull both went three-for-three. The Broads rallied in the sixth by scoring three runs, and earned a total of six hits versus their opponents' 22. Patsy Myers had three hits for three times at the plate for the losing cause.

Both the Strearkers and the Bunnies had a total of 18 hits for their game.

For the Strearkers, Jan Hankins and Nancy Mouradian both went four-for-four. For the Bunnies, Bev Johnson went three-for-three with two doubles and Debbie Ferguson did the same including a homerun. The winning team clinched its victory with a seven-run surge in the sixth inning.

Standings

	W	L	T
New Palace Restaurant	4	0	0
West Bloomfield Broads	2	2	0
Carrot Patch Bunnies	0	0	0
Strearkers	1	3	0

Road Runners capture crown

By ANITA CRONE
Birmingham Girls Softball's (BGS's) minor division Cinderella team made it home before the clock struck midnight Friday, and took with it the first minor division girls championship in the city.

The Road Runners, after a dismal 1-4 record for the first half of the season, came back in the second half to tie for the Harlan Minor Division second half championship.

They beat the Eagles, 20-6, in a playoff game and then beat the first half champion Penguins to gain first place in their league.

THE COVINGTON Minor division champion Larks, who had lost only one game in regular season play, almost ended the story for the Road Runners, but Mary Lou Daniels' solo homerun in the top of the seventh inning and a run-scoring single by Judy Hess sent the Larks flying down to defeat.

Both teams seemed nervous during the first inning as errors allowed unearned runs to cross the plate.

But the nervousness gave way to solid softball playing as each team fought for their runs.

The Larks took an early lead on Liss' Otter's three-run round tripper in the first inning, and an unearned run in the second.

THE ROAD RUNNERS came to life in the fourth inning, scoring

five runs on seven hits, including a solo homerun by Mary Lou Daniels.

But the Larks tied the score in the fourth at 9-9, and picked up two runs in the sixth to catch the Road Runners who also scored twice.

Susan Warner assumed the pitching duties for the winners, while Beth Griffin performed on the mound for the Larks.

Griffin has pitched all the Lark games, and suffered only her second defeat this season.

Offensively, Paula Leland had three hits for the Road Runners while Jamie Kafarski checked in with three hits including a two-run double.

THE LARKS' offense was led by Beth Griffin, Karen Potter and Gail Otter, each checking in with two hits.

Other Lark sandlotters included Julie Stapleton, Bridgette Vermuelen, Nancy Meach, Jill Burbary, Amy Wikol, Kristin Stapleton, Terry Blistrib, Lisa Stefanowski, Suzanne Konas, Julie Blank, Jennifer Blank, Kim Van Dan and Wynter Bates.

The champion Road Runners fielded Judy Hess, Ellen Katzman, Kathy Krum, Amy Bonanata, Elanore Roth, Jo Anne Shepard, Jennifer Quinn, Betsy McCallum, Sharon Stone, Jana Fusco, Lisa Danto, Lauren Walts, Barbara Nyland and Nancy Bromberg.

Twin 200s at MIS

Michigan International Speedway (MIS) will host the fifth Twin 200 Sunday, July 21. Action will get underway at 1 p.m. on MIS's two-mile oval track.

The festivities, sanctioned by the United States Auto Club, will feature a pair of 200-mile races, one for Indy-car drivers and the other for stock-car drivers.

Camera Day will take place Saturday, July 20, between 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

during practice and qualifying rounds.

Defending Indy race champion is Roger McCluskey; defending stock race champion, is A.J. Foyt.

For further information about the Twin 200s, call MIS's Detroit office at 961-1922.

MIS, owned by Bloomfield Hills auto giant Roger S. Penske, is located at U.S. 12 and M-50 near Brooklyn, Mich., 70 miles southwest of Detroit.

Leslie Rose paces jump

Bloomfield Hills' junior high girls track program dates back only two years. But, already it's starting to generate high-caliber talent.

That was underscored Sunday. Four products of the program posted stellar showings during the Junior Olympic Track and Field State Championships for 1974 at Livonia Clearcreek.

Individually, Leslie Rose led the long jump with a leap of 15-9 and Anne Siatczynski finished fourth in the 100-yard dash. Both are East Hills students.

THEY ALSO teamed with Gail Gibson and Sheri Smith to rank runner-up in the 880-yard medley and third in the 440-yard relay.

Gail attends East Hills; Sheri attends West Hills. All four girls received medals for their efforts in the festivities sponsored by Chevrolet Division.

The runners now are deciding whether to compete in the Junior Olympic Track Regionals or the Amateur Athletic Union state track finals later this summer.

Their coach is Don Rolston, long one of Bloomfield Hills Schools' Athletic Director Norm Quinn's top track coordinators.

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