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Facelifts for Dayton's Bluff Businesses

By Lisa Lyons

For decades, engenred East Side businesses, property owners and residents have participated in workshops and studies that have produced plans and strategies for improving the East Seventh Street commercial corridor. Among the recommendations was the improvement of the aesthetics of East 7th by restoring and improving the look of the storefronts. These improvements have come slowly, but not on a large scale. Now, thanks to the efforts of Councilwoman Kathy Lantu, the City’s Department of Planning and Economic Development, and the tireless commitment of community organizations, more needed upgrades will become a reality.

Historic Saint Paul, the Dayton's Bluff District 4 Community Council and the North East Neighborhood Development Corporation (NENDC) have teamed up to provide low interest loans and grants, primarily to local businesses and commercial building owners along East 7th Street with some limited funding available to those in Dayton’s Bluff off East 7th. Most of the funds are coming from the City of Saint Paul’s Neighborhood STAR program with additional dollars committed in the form of a Community Development Block Grant, which should be available later this summer.

The money will be for exterior facade improvements. These would range anywhere from extensive projects such as tearing off older covering to reveal original

Mayor Attends Dayton's Bluff Meeting

The Dayton’s Bluff Community Council invited newly elected Mayor Chris Coleman to our board meeting on February 27th. The purpose was to let him meet our board and let him know about the issues in Dayton’s Bluff.

The meeting started with welcomes and introductions. The meeting room was standing room only with over 60 people from Dayton’s Bluff and other parts of the city. Most of the people were there to listen to the Mayor and to express their views on the proposed floodwall at the Saint Paul Downtown Airport.

The Mayor stated that he must look very carefully at all sides of the issue. The different sides of the issue include neighborhoods impact, noise, environmental, the effect on the river, and the businesspeople who use the airport.

Many good points were made by the visitors and board members opposed to the floodwall. Many Dayton’s Bluff residents have complained for years about the increase in low flying and noisy air traffic. The Dayton’s Bluff Community Council is on record opposing the construction of the floodwall.

Because of the large turnout on the floodwall issue the mayor devoted his entire visit to the discussion of this topic, but promised to return to Dayton’s Bluff to talk with the board and neighbors on other Dayton’s Bluff issues. He will be back on June 19th.

Crying Elvis Discovered On Local Bluff Tree

Since the death of Elvis many years ago, there have been alleged sightings of him and discoveries of his face in odd things ranging from cookie sheets to burritos.

And now, a city employee assigned to the trimming service has found an unbelievably life-like face of Elvis in the trunk of a Dayton’s Bluff tree. The exact location is being kept secret for now, for fear that fans will flood the area. The concern is real, since a few pieces of bark have already been taken as souvenirs.

But the incredible news does not end here. Nearby residents insist that on windy days they hear what seem to be hits once sung by “The King.” The sound is described as a mixture of humming noise and an eerie tremolo.

“Most of them are from the Fat Elvis era,” said one man who preferred to remain anonymous.

Even more remarkable is the fact that some people see Elvis’ face capped with the wooden icon’s eyes.

“Should you see it when Heartbreak Hotel is mutated,” stated one woman.

“Its moving that I begin crying along.”

She has been wiping the top off with cloth handkerchiefs that will be sold on eBay.

The face is up in the air. The nearest resident says it belongs to him and has retained an attorney to defend all claims. St. Paul officials insist that since the bark Presley is in on a boulevard, it belongs to the city and may become part of a new park.

The debate continues to swirl around the leafy legend. Graceland wants to purchase the tree and move the Crying Crooner to their grounds. However, the Mayor’s office released a recent statement saying that the living landmark should remain, in the words of one Elvis hit, "In the Ghetto."
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**National Poetry Month**

**East of the River**

Please join us Friday, April 21 for a special after-hours poetry reading by Suzanne Nielsen. Nielsen is a native of St. Paul, and she teaches writing at Metropolitan State University, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, and The Loft Literary Center. She has published poems in various literary journals nationally and internationally. *East of the River*, Nielsen’s recently published collection of poetry, will be available for purchase.

Details:
Friday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m.
Dayton’s Bluff Branch Library
465 E. Seventh Street
St. Paul, MN 55106

This event is co-sponsored by the Dayton’s Bluff Branch of the Saint Paul Public Library and The Center for Community-Based Learning.

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**Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Home Tour**

The 2006 Dayton’s Bluff Home Tour will be held on Saturday, May 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 7th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is part of the Minneapolis–St. Paul Home Tour sponsored by the Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul. The Home Tour is free of charge and open to the public.

Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Home Tour features beautiful homes and buildings being redeveloped into condominiums.

We can always use volunteers to help with the Home Tour. Volunteering consists of greeting people at the door to give out brochures and information about Dayton’s Bluff, and helping the homeowners for a few hours each day. If you’re interested, please call Karen at 651-772-2075.

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**Garden Artisans Needed**

The Greening Dayton’s Bluff committee is looking for crafters and artists to display their wares at the Greening Dayton’s Bluff Plant Sale and Exchange on Saturday, May 13. Space will be available to vendors of decorative and functional garden accessories such as birdfeeders, planters, trellises, birdhouses, or outdoor furniture.

The event will be held at the Maris Bates Rain Garden Park on the corner of East 7th Street and Bates from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To reserve space call Karen at 651-772-2075.

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**Plant Sale and Exchange**

The Third Annual Greening Dayton’s Bluff Plant Sale and Exchange will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the corner of East 7th Street and Bates in the gardens outside the Swede Hollow Café. Plants for sale will include perennials and annuals.

If you have plants in your garden that you have too many of or do not like any more, dig them up and bring them to the plant exchange and take something you would rather have in your garden. For more information call Karen at 651-772-2075.

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**Trinity Catholic Spring Play**

The Trinity Theatre spring production is “The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.”
Performance dates are March 30th at 6:30 p.m. and March 31st, April 1st and April 2nd at 12:30 p.m.
Admission: adults-$2; students K-12 under 5 - free.
All performances will be in the gym at Trinity Catholic School - 835 E 5th Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106.
For information please call 651-776-2763 ext 237.

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**Dayton’s Bluff Preservation Evening**

Do you want to learn more about repairing and preserving your home? Curious about your house’s history? We are planning our second annual Dayton’s Bluff Preservation Evening on May 3rd from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The event will take place in the Ecobuild Community Room, third floor of Metropolitan State University/Dayton’s Bluff Library, just west of the intersection of 7th and Marfa.

We need your help with this event. We are asking residents to bring their stories, pictures, picture boards, scrapbooks, etc. to share. You will tell us your story. You will share ideas on how to keep up your homes. Some people may not have the abilities, skills, or money to keep up their homes. Bob said he would be back in April with an advertising in our paper. We will also have Jamie Siopes, our Dayton’s Bluff Beat Officer, at the meeting.

At our March meeting Bob Kessler and Code Enforcement Inspector Craig Masubaga reported on the status of the ten properties with code issues that we gave them to work on. All of the properties have been cleaned up or they have been given orders. One couple in attendance had received orders and were learning more about the meetings. There was a lot of discussion about people not being able to keep up their homes. Some people may not have the abilities, skills, or money to keep up their homes. Bob said he would be back in April with an advertising in our paper.

Bob Parker suggested that Dayton’s Bluff residents start a Home Repair Club, where members work on one another’s homes each meeting, then rotate so all members have a working session at their home.

Also at the March meeting, our new Dayton’s Bluff Beat Police Officer Jamie Siopes introduced herself and discussed a number of police issues. Jamie let everyone know he can work with block clubs and residents on neighborhood issues in Dayton’s Bluff.

The Dayton’s Bluff Community Council holds the Dayton’s Bluff Community Meeting monthly, which is designed to work with block clubs and neighborhood residents on problems including criminal, nuisance behavior and illegal activities, enforcement issues as well as other neighborhood issues, concerns, and improvements.

Good Dayton’s Bluff residents are welcome. If you need more information call Karen at 651-772-2075.

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**Natl’ Night Out Kickoff**

There will be a citywide picnic on May 18, 2006 at Como Park in the picnic pavilion from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The event is the kickoff event for block clubs and neighbors planning their National Night Out (NNO) events. Come and meet people from all over the city who are planning NNO events. At the picnic you will be able to sign up and get the permit for closing off a street for your event. This year’s National Night Out is Tuesday, August 1st. For more information call Karin at 651-772-2075.

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**Advertise in the Dayton’s Bluff District Forum:**
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- Keep your dog on a leash and clean up after your dog, and train your dog so he/she does not bark excessively.
- No exterior storage.
- Keep noise levels down, especially between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

For complaints regarding a single family home or duplex, call the Citizen Service Office at 651-266-8989.

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Community Stabilization
651-225-8778
United Way
211
Urban League
651-224-5771
Project for Pride & Living
612-455-5100

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT
1600 White Bear Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55106
Office: 651-266-1900. Fax: 651-266-1926

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Parks Clean Up

On April 13, 2006 starting at 9:00 a.m. at all Saint Paul parks and Recreation Centers, residents are encouraged to come and help clean up their favorite park or recreation center. Each year tons of trash are removed from Saint Paul parks and Recreation Centers. The parks in Dayton’s Bluff include the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary, Mounds Park, Swede Hollow Park, Hamnn Park, Dayton’s Bluff Recreation Center, and Margaret Recreation Center. The Parks Clean Up is sponsored by Saint Paul Parks and Recreation.

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Cost for our week program is $370 per child. Limited scholarships are available. See yourself the power of Children supply daily bag lunch.

YAI I for the Arts

By Gabriel Garbow

Jefferson Fietek and Benjamin Leca, the creative team behind many of the Mounds Theatre’s first shows are excited to announce the launch of an expanded program for young artists in the Twin Cities area: the Young Artists Initiative [YAI]! Through individual and corporate donations of time and money, YAI provides “quality programs and affordable prices.” The organization’s Spring Arts Jam will be a fun (and affordable) crash course in the performing arts. Young artists will learn about acting, dance, stage makeup, singing and improvisation. The workshop series will last from 9:30AM until 4:30PM and be taught by professionals from around the Twin Cities. A picnic lunch is included.

Dates: Saturday April 29 or Saturday May 20.

Fee: $25 (Partial scholarships are available.)

For more information on this or other programs, call the Young Artists Initiative via the First Lutheran Church at: 651-776-7210 or visit online www.youngartistsmn.org.

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Chapter #14: The WWII Era

The War Years would have a big effect on Dayton's Bluff. It was not so much a major shift, as an acceleration of the trends that had already been unfolding. There was a stalling of the building cycle, a slow down of local business and an aging of homes and neighborhoods. For families who had members in the military, of course, the times could be filled with worry and sometimes mourning.

The time that war was imminent began before the attack on Pearl Harbor. People were concerned with the German and Japanese incursions they followed in the newspaper and other media. There was plenty of debate whether the United States should become involved and, by 1940, a military draft had already been instituted.

In the Spring of 1941 the Dayton's Bluff Booster, the local newspaper, made their attitude clear in an editorial statement: "We believe that Hitler can ever achieve his aims because they are based on racial and religious persecution." He stated. He will not succeed because "men will fight unto death to protect that most precious to them."

The Booster occasionally printed letters that were sent by area people who were in the service before war was declared. An example was Fran Polski, who sent a card from an Army camp in St. Louis: "Dear Gang: Sleeping in tents and drilling like H---- and I can't go to town for 28 days until my drilling period is over. So all I can do is go to my tent and read. More later, as ever.".

The war came home to America and the neighborhood on December 7, 1941 with the Japanese attack and entry into the Asian and European struggles. Interestingly, there was not much mention of the turn of events for the next two issues of the local newspaper.

Instead, a late December issue of the Booster was filled with local events and a sizeable array of holiday parties and church activities. Some people were even going to parties on penny bingo at the Bluff playground and what was playing at the area movie theaters. St. John's was holding its annual Christmas party in the gymnasium of the school at Fifth and Forest. The C.Y.C. singers would provide Christmas carols.

One of the biggest stories that month was the news that The Harding High School PTA was sponsoring a fundraiser starting the Santa Valley Bank Dance. According to the organizers, "it will be complete with all of the much loved HILL-BILLY bands, guitar players and all the entertainment that is so popular with America today."

The following week, December 24, 1941, there was a special issue of the Booster. On the front page was an editorial by publisher Bernie Lelou. He started out mentioning the war, the need to save steel and exressed hope that Christmas was a time "when peace should reign on earth..."

Under the following hope: "Though turmoil and cast are upon an innocent world by power thirsty rulers, our faith in the neighborhoood and the guidance, under his guidance, must remain unshaken," the editor said. "And with that Faith we are sure that all of you will enjoy the Merry Christmas that we, of the Dayton's Bluff Booster and the Dayton's Bluff Printing Company, wish you."

Two issues later, the paper published a letter that Warren Harringhem had been home for Christmas from his parents from Hawaii two days after the attack on Pearl Harbor. "I'm perfectly well and am fairly safe...I don't know what to say as all our letters will be censored from on...I can't say an awful lot about what is happening out here," he said.

"People you people can't begin to realize just what it actually is like to be in an air raid under fire. I think I aged ten years in the last three days. Our morale is strong, and we all feel that we will win."

"I promise to take care of myself and when this is all over I'll come home safe and sound...Don't worry about my Christ-" 1027 McLean, was home visiting his par- 1940s had taken part in several, including the famous Battle of Midway. Since his ship was be- ing repaired, he would have a lengthy stay. One of his brothers was on the Army and another was preparing to join the military.

"If I have to be gone for a while I hope you will all remain there until they get back."

Robert Pfeiffer of 1044 Reaney and his pal James Kordosky of 1191 Beech had left January 13, 1942 for the navy. Bob wrote the Booster and said that in his group there were nine boys from Harding and four boys from the Mining—the nickname for today's 3M—and that were all "having a good time."

Another local young man's letter reflected some of the frustration that came from wartime regulations. Paul Buber wrote: "Sorry I can't tell you any news, but you realize how things are now, so 'mums the word,'" he said. "Oh yes, as you may see by this letter, I am now a Ser- vant. P. S. Get lots of good old Hamms here, so we do have some good things in Missouri."

The paper reported the emergence of a new tradition at Joe Ondrey's Bar. Some of the boys leaving for the service are tak- ing a dime, wrapping it in cellophane tape, putting their name on it, and sticking it up on the mirror in the back bar. The dimes will remain there until they get back.

Robert Pfeiffer had frequent news items about people in the service who were on furlough and home visiting. One of them was included in a January, 1942 issue which said that George Carbone was "another of our Bluff soldiers to spend a few days at home recently."

Another letter was Nineteen-year-old Navy man John Wilson, signed up but his entry was deferred until his graduation from Macalester. There was also the Horribler family family. Old city directories say they were residing at 781 East Fourth. On February 27, 1942 the Booster reported that four of them were in the service. They were Bert, Delmar, Melvin and Art. It is unclear what happened to them, perhaps one of our readers has some information.

The Booster was mailed to any local servicemen who made the request. The ef- fort seems to have been appreciated. Art E. Garner wrote from army camp "I like the Army fine," he stated. "We have drills and K. P., but we have to take the bad with the good wherever we go. Hoping to read one of your papers again soon."

The February 27, 1942 issue of the Booster had a large editorial that took community and country to task for con- tinuing politics as usual, squabbling over minor issues and people not being willing to make sacrifices. The last few lines con- tained the following advice: "The thing for all of us to remember and recognize right now above all else is that our part to help the man in the trenches or at the front." It would be a comfort for them to know that people back home were "banding together to provide the people who are left behind."

Many people took new jobs in war plants throughout the country. An am- munition plant in New Brighton and the plane modification area at Holman Field were big employers, and several were en- tered to the West Coast to help in the Seattle shipyards.

The largest two neighborhood em- ployers shifted their work force into war activities. Seeger started military produc- tion in 1942. Instead of refrigerators, their assembly line began to manufacture stain- less steel "ammunition chutes," which fed projectiles into guns. They also made parachute flares to illuminate targets for bomb- ing crews.

Workers put together lockers to keep ammunition safe and dry, and fuel tanks for the wing tips of airplanes as well as bomb racks for B29s. They were going to produce shells, but the war was over before they got under way. The plant re- ceived Army-Navy "E" awards in October, 1944 and April, 1945 honoring efficiency in production.

The second world war brought a crisis to Minnesota manufacturing (3M). A very large percent of their sales had been in the automotive area, and production of automobiles had. They had to quickly make a shift into other manufacturing. Building on their tradition- al adhesives and abrasives, the company even came up with a hundred kinds of tape designed specifically for use during the war.

Masking Tape was essential in painting ships, planes and tanks. Many adhesives

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A Short History of Dayton's Bluff

by Steve Trimmel

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Strange things have been happening in Dayton’s Bluff. A woman driving on Mounds Boulevard on a dark night with her lights assumed was a raccoon. It smashed into her car and required a thousand dollars in repair costs. The mechanics were astounded to find that the radiator had been damaged by a large flipper.

Several community residents have reported seeing the police officer assigned to Dayton’s Bluff and reported that bowls of tuna left out for cats had been stolen. In every case, the area was being patrolled with black and white feathered friends.

Finally, an elderly man shopping at the Rainbow on Arcade was startled by a strange sight last Sunday. According to his group of midget people turned up to be gathered around a cooler, making strange sounds. When he approached they turned away and flew out the door. It was then he saw that they took all of the fresh fish and shrimp with them.

These seemingly unconnected events were recently explained by a worker at the Metro Area Department of Natural Resources. It turns out that, during the road kill, the food thefts and the grocery store bandits were penguins. Over the last year, they have seen a lot of material that almost all of their available supplies had been diverted to the war effort.

Hundred of regular workers left to join the services enlisted. Their places were often filled by women for the heavier production hours. With restrictions on oil, gas, and tires, people tried to live near work. Many people had to find ways to save on their gasoline, and one way was to walk or bicycle to their place of work. The need for gas and tires, people tried to live near work. They often filled by women for the new heavier production hours.

The experiment apparently did not work out well and, coupled with other problems, the Daily’s Bluff Booster itself was adversely affected by the war. The paper was an obvious problem. However, he pointed out that the Swiss Men’s Benevolent Society was having a dance at the Commercial Club. The June 7th and Minnehaha, would now be owned and operated by Frank Leone, a man with 18 years experience in the field, and a background in auto repair. The Dayton’s Bluff Booster itself was adversely affected. The Dayton’s Bluff Booster itself was adversely affected by the war. The program will consist of the movies Army Recruiting and Battle of the Sexes.

And the paper continued promoting local business and events. One 1940’s issue pointed out that the Swiss Men’s Benevolent Society was having a dance and the Commercial Club. The Six Corners Garage, East 7th and Minnehaha, would now be owned and operated by Frank Leone, a man with 18 years experience in the field, and a background in auto repair. The Dayton’s Bluff Booster itself was adversely affected.

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Plan indicates that jets will go from 27% of traffic operations in 1998 to 33% of operations in 2020. Multi-engine aircraft are projected to go from 17% of traffic operations in 1998 to 24% in 2020. Jets and multi-engine aircraft are considered to generate more noise than other aircraft.

- Numerous studies have been conducted on the impact of airport noise on residential property values. While each uses slightly different methodology for examining the issue, virtually all come to the conclusion that homes under the flight corridors of airports experience some diminution of property market values. (The Impact of Airport Noise on Residential Real Estate, Randall Bell, MA; The Appraisal Journal, July 2001)

- MAC has not proposed any plans to mitigate increased airport noise in the neighborhoods that will be affected.

- Holman Field has been closed only 5 times in the past 50 years due to flooding (for a total of 210 days). There have only been 7 major floods of the Mississippi in St. Paul in the past 80 years. The proposed floodwall would only have protected the airport during 3 of those 7 flood events.

- The Mississippi River were to flood another 7 times in the next 80 years, we could spend $6,689,285 per flood event for cleanup and lost costs at the airport and still not spend as much as it will cost to construct the floodwall.

Organizations that have expressed opposition to and concern about the floodwall: Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Canadian Pacific Railroad Climb the Wind Institute Dayton's Bluff District 4 Community Council District 1 Community Council Friends of the Mississippi River Friends of the Parks and Trails of Saint Paul & Ramsey County Minnesota Department of Natural Resources National Park Service, Mississippi National River and Recreation Area Northwest Airlines Ramsey County Soil and Water Conservation District Saint Paul Audubon Society East Metro Region St. Paul Yacht Club Sierra Club North Star Chapter Sustainable Saint Paul West Side Citizens Organization

State of the State? Resilient Probably the Best Word

By State Rep, Sheldon Johnson

This week Governor Tim Pawlenty characterized the "State of the State" as strong. Considering all that's happened over the past four years with budget cuts, hikes in fees and property tax increases, resilient is probably a better word.

The Governor based his claim almost entirely on the latest budget forecast, which projected a modest surplus in the state budget. He compared that to the $4.5 billion budget deficit we were facing in his first year in office and said that Minnesota has turned the corner financially. However, the State of the State can't be judged entirely on budget finances. The state budget is in the black mainly because property owners are shouldering a bigger share of paying for schools, public safety and health care and all of us are paying over $1 billion more in fees and other charges for state services.

And while the Governor's approach to the budget has brought us back into the black, it has also damaged many of the things that have made us prosperous.

Cracks are beginning to show in our education system – class sizes in grades K-12 are swelling, opportunities for quality early childhood education have vanished and tuition at our colleges and universities has nearly doubled during the Governor's term in office.

We continue to put off necessary investments in our transportation system.

We have done nothing to address the growing health care crisis in the state; in fact, a lot of the Governor's policies – mainly kicking folks off state health care programs – have made it worse.

Finally, for all the talk about how lower taxes would make the state more competitive, Minnesota finds itself lagging behind the rest of the country in job creation, this despite billions of dollars of tax cuts – mainly targeted at corporations and the wealthy – during the late 1990s.

During his State of the State address, the Governor characterized these policies as the inevitable result of that whopping $4.5 billion deficit. However, these were in fact conscious choices – choices that departed from the bipartisan, long-term planning in our foundation. We need to get back to that approach.

There's still a great deal of uncertainty with the state's economy, but our workforce continues to be one of the strongest and best educated in the country. We also have the opportunity to leverage our leadership position in health care, renewable energy and agriculture to create even more high-quality, high-wage jobs.

That is going to require real leadership. In his address, the Governor unveiled several policies and programs to address the growing challenges in the state. But if you look closely at his solutions, they merely entail shuffling money from one program to another or calling for accountability, rather than addressing the underlying causes or being accountable to the institutions we serve by providing them with the resources they need to get the job done.

That isn't going to cut it any more. The state may be resilient, but the cracks are showing and unless we address them quickly or those cracks will become serious problems down the road.
Volunteers Essential to Early Childhood Education Program

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April 1, 2006 – The diminutive creature sometimes known as Moundsfoot has been sighted several times recently in and around the Mounds Park area. Moundsfoot experts say the mild winter and lack of snow cover may have coaxed it, or more than likely them, away from their normal winter habitats, more victims of global warming. But perhaps some background is necessary for those readers new to the area.

Stories of a hairy, humanlike creature approximately 3 feet tall have circulated in the Mississippi Valley area for millennia. They have been spotted as far north as Minnesota and as far south as Missouri, probably migrating with the seasons. They have been dubbed Littlefoot for obvious reasons although locals call them Moundsfoot due to their frequent sightings in and around Indian Mounds Park.

The earliest evidence of their existence was left by the Hopewell people, the mound builders who inhabited this area nearly two thousand years ago. They made simple drawings on cave walls and pottery that depicted creatures half the size of a typical human being, seemingly living alongside humans on a daily basis.

Captain Jonathan Carver, namesake of Carver's Cave, mentioned these creatures in his journal when he explored the area in November 1766. He wrote, "The local inhabitants have told me of the oddest creature that supposedly lives in the area. Its name translates as Small Walking Man. It is said to be hirsute and manlike in appearance but barely a yard tall at maturity. I am not sure what to make of this story, particularly in light of the snipe hunting expedition we were sent on last evening. However, I am assured this creature truly exists and that last night's adventure was just a good jest." Unfortunately a sudden blizzard prevented Carver from actually searching for the creature although he did make sketches in his journal of some small footprints found in the snow the next morning.

Sightings grew less frequent as civilization encroached on the natural habitat of Moundsfoot but never completely disappeared. As various immigrant groups settled in the area they each had their own interpretation of what they saw. Italians called the creature "minuto capelluto ladro" (small, hairy thief) and complained of them raiding their gardens. They often put statues of gnomes in their yards to scare them away.

The floods of 1951, 1952, 1965, 1969, 1997 and 2001 each produced new waves of sightings as many people converged on the area to observe the floodwaters that disrupted Moundsfoot's habitat. Teenage couples in the 1950s and 1960s would often park their cars in the Mounds Park overlook areas intent on spotting submarines in the river, UFOs over the airport, and Moundsfoot in the woods. Surprisingly, they rarely reported seeing anything.

The recent "Lord of the Rings" movies have ignited renewed interest in these hobbit-like beings. Hikers in the newly created Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary have also reported seeing odd creatures in the last few years, although some of them are convinced they are actually penguins.

For years the debate has continued over whether Moundsfoot truly exists. And if it does exist, whether or not it is intelligent. These questions are not likely to be answered anytime soon as very little hard evidence exists. While sightings are numerous, no Moundsfoot has ever been captured and very few photos have been taken, despite the widespread use of digital cameras, cell phone cameras and video camcorders.

Keep looking for Moundsfoot whenever you are in the Mounds Park area and immediately report any sightings. There are a number of cash prizes available for proof of Moundsfoot's existence so keep your eyes open. Be particularly vigilant on April 1st. Legend has it that Moundsfoot often makes an appearance that day and if he sees your shadow we can expect a blizzard on Easter Sunday.

Greetings from SPPD Eastern District

By Officer Jamie Sipes

With warm weather fast approaching, I wanted to share with you some simple but effective crime prevention tips.

Many of our property crimes can be characterized by being crimes of opportunity. Meaning, a situation of low risk with high rewards is presented to a person who has no moral or ethical issues with committing a crime.

For example, throughout the year we have vehicles that are stolen. Many of these vehicles are left unattended by the owner or driver with the keys in the ignition, doors unlocked and the engine running. If by chance a person walks by who would not have issues with stealing a car and sees this situation, he or she could easily take this car. It sounds simple and really is. Don't leave your car unlocked and unattended with the engine running. Not only is it illegal, it will also save you time an aggravation. Ask anyone who has had their car stolen.

My next tip is just as simple. Light bulbs! Exterior lighting on your home or apartment is the cheapest way to help keep yourself and your possessions safe.

We have all seen cartoons of a burglar lurking in the dark. Well, there is some truth to this. These types of criminals look for areas that are not lit so they can hide their actions from detection by citizens and officers. The more obstacles a potential thief or burglar has to overcome, the less likely they will commit the act.

By changing burnt out light bulbs promptly you can keep your property lit at night and present one more safety barrier from crime.

If you have a crime prevention tip you would like to share or any other question or issue, please e-mail me at Jamie.Sipes@ci.stpaul.mn.us. For now, take care and always treat each other with respect.