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Anniversary of John Lennon’s death December 8, 1980

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December Programs at the Franklin Library

BY ERIN THOMASSON

Children & Families Programs

Homework Hub

Tues, Wed, Thurs & Sat, Dec. 1 thru Feb. 27, 3:30–7:30 p.m. Free K-12 students in-person tutoring.

Family Storytime

Wed., 10:30 a.m. Age 2 and up. Share books, stories, music, and movement with your children.

Family Movie Matinee

Dec. 15, 1:30–3:30 p.m. For families; movies & activities.

Teen Programs

O.P.E.N. Time

Tues. & Thurs, Dec. 4 thru Feb. 28, 4–5 and 7–8 p.m. Play and Enrichment. From computers, magazines, board games, video games, brain teasers, and conversation with friends.

Act Out for Teens: Make It Up

Wed. Dec. 5, 4:30–6 p.m. Grades 6–9. Learn the secrets of stage combat from an experienced Guthrie teaching artist. Slap, punch & kick without it’s just pretend. No experience necessary!

Young Achievers


Teen Anime Club

Thurs. Dec. 6 & 20, 7–8 p.m.

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Watch anime, discuss manga, share artwork, and work & play. Different every time, chosen by the club.

Movies for Teens

Fri. Dec. 7–Feb. 22, 4–6 p.m. Movie titles chosen by teens to ensure your viewing pleasure! Big-screen cinema projector equipment.

Adult Programs

Actions Speaking Group

Fri, Nov. 9, 10:30 am–12:30 pm Stimulating morning reading & discussing great plays of our heritage.

Nonfiction for Elders

Fri, Nov. 9, 1–3 p.m. Stimulating discussion; nonfiction books.

Srs Play-Reading Group

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Adult Computer Skills Workshop

Fri. Dec. 14, 10–11:30 a.m. Work on projects & practice skills; mouse & keyboarding to using email & Microsoft Office. Email: Immediate

Fri. Dec. 14, noon–1:30 p.m. Learn use of folders, view and attach files to an email & set up an email address book using a Yahoo account.

Microsoft Excel: Basics

Sat., Dec. 15, 10:30 a.m.–noon Basics of Excel spreadsheet: navigation, entering data and using formulas.

ACROSS:

1. Ancient Andean Empire

2. Owl City acronym

10. Fancy hot dog

14. Irish singer

15. Bernardo killed Riff, Tony killed Bernardo, ____________ killed Tony

16. Common grain

17. ____________ (I and Ill)

20. ____________ Europe: Path To Victory

21. ____________ (And)

25. God is love, in Lat.

26. Best for barbequing

27. Volleyball

28. Long time

29. South Korea car manufacturer

30. Mummy brew

32. Belgian ballerina Sonia

33. “____ humbug!”

34. Monegasque chef Ducasse

35. Speaker

36. Despicable

38. Blue, in Osage

39. Intravenous feeding, for short

40. High-ranking clergy

41. Planet of the Apes, NASA equivalent

42. Background

43. Blue, in Osage

44. Old age

45. Tuneable X-ray beams, for short

46. Background

47. Scooter

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2. Guaymavay mayor

3. Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana, Sigourney Weaver, etc.

5. Algerian news service

6. Cook Island rocky outcrop

7. Cannitler with two active layers

8. Lack of social norms

9. Baseball star

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12. Hardware chain

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Tracking Running Wolf

BY CONNIE NORMAN

The key to staying fit in the winter is creating your own personal exercise-friendly environment with what you have available.

Creating an exercise-friendly winter means planning ahead and dealing with the biggest winter exercise obstacles or, what we will call The Big Three:

- Cold snow days weather - How will you make it easier to exercise when it gets cold?
- Lack of motivation - It’s easy to lose sight of your long-term goals as you’re snuggling into your warm bed on a frigid, dark morning. How could you stay motivated through the winter?
- The crazy holidays - Look at your calendar and mark all the parties, holidays, travel days, etc. Now, think of how you can still stay fit through all the craziness. For example, could you put together a series of body weight workouts to do on the road? Could you research some healthy holiday recipes to avoid too many calories? You can also meet with Dana at the NACC Dietitian at Running Wolf on Mondays from 5 to 7pm or call Running Wolf to make an appointment with Dana to discuss holiday eating tips and meet with our personal trainer to develop an “on the road” exercise plan?

Join us at Running Wolf Fitness Center for ideas for individualized plans to help you stay motivated and healthy during the holidays and through the cold winter months!

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Welcome to PHILLIPS WEST

December 6th (Thursday) 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. – Phillips West Holiday Community Meeting Celebration!

Please join us to celebrate the Holiday’s and enjoy a free catered Holiday Dinner from Famous Dave’s BBQ while hearing about current Phillips West Events while getting an opportunity to Socialize and Network with other Neighborhood Stakesholders! All who live in Phillips West or support the Phillips West Neighborhood are welcome to attend! Celebration will take place at Lutheran Social Service Center for Changing Lives in the Centrum Room (2400 Park Avenue). Free parking available in rear off OakAvenue. If you would like more information or would like to get involved with the neighborhood please contact Crystal at 612-879-5383 or email her at pwno2005@yahoo.com.

January 3rd (Thursday) 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. – Phillips West Community Meeting!

Join your neighbors and other Community Partners for updates from the Police Department and City Council Vice President Robert Lilligren. This event will take place at the Center for Changing Lives in the Centrum Room (2400 Park Avenue). Free parking is available in the rear off Oakland Avenue. Free Pizza & Beverages will be provided! If you would like more information or would like to get involved with the neighborhood please contact Crystal at 612-879-5383 or email her at pwno2005@yahoo.com.
Learn Computer Skills at New, Enhanced Waite House Location: 2323 11th & 13th Avenues

January’s Breakfast with Gary will feature the 10th Annual State of the Ward Address and Ninth Ward Awards. Awards will be given for Leader of the Year, Block Club of the Year, Neighborhood Project of the Year, and Youth Leader of the Year. The Ninth Ward is a community of activists who impressively fight for the betterment of their community. This event is a time to celebrate our successes,” Council Member Gary Schiff said. To make a nomination, write a brief description of the accomplishments that you think deserve recognition. Please submit your Ninth Ward Award nominations via e-mail, fax (612) 673-3940 or by email to Council Member Gary Schiff, 350 South 5th Street, Room 307, Minneapolis, MN 55415 by Friday, January 11th. Breakfast with Gary will take place Friday, January 25, 2013 from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. at Mercado Central, 1515 East Lake Street. Breakfast is $7 (and optional). There is no cost to attend the event. RSVP to reserve your seat to suzanne.murphy@minneapolismn.gov or call (612) 673-2509.

By Wes Durham, Waite House Americorps Staff

Waite House gained a brand new computer center this past April, and now they’re really putting it to work! The Urban Opportunities program at Waite House offers 3 different levels of computer classes oriented towards workplace skills. Computer Basics is for people brand new to computers, and in it they learn to use the mouse, type, use email, and navigate the internet. In Computers for the Workplace they learn about Microsoft Word and Excel, two programs essential for many jobs these days. And in a special new class students can earn the Northstar Basic Computer Skills Certificate and prove to employers they’re ready to use their computer skills to get the job done. In addition to classes, Waite House also offers one on one computer training and employment assistance. If you are interested in computer education or in employment assistance call 612-721-1681 and ask for Wes or John, email durhamw@puc-mn.org, or enquire in person. All classes are free of charge. “

Ninth Ward Award nominations open

Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association
Meeting on December 11, 2012 at 6 pm
Stewart Park Community Center • 2700 12th Ave. S.

MPNA’s vote for one of two proposals–Banyan Community OR In the Heart of the Beast Theatre–to purchase the site at 2529 13th Av. from the Mpls. Park Board will be the second of three components determining the new owner/developer.

Voters must live or work (one vote per business, ID required) in Midtown Phillips: Between 24th St. & Lake St. ~ Chicago Ave. & Bloomington Ave.

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Jim Stewart, Wendell Phillips biographer, was an unannounced speaker who surprised Dave Moore and Linnea Hadaway by honoring their 25 years, 75-plus cartoon creation called “Spirit of Phillips. Stewart’s spoke about the significance of political cartoons and exclaimed that the genius of Dave and Linnea’s creation is a wonderful treasure to the community. A large poster board was given to them with greetings from many of the over 100 in attendance. Earlier in the evening Dave Moore showed his creative dexterity of venues with an impassioned, rhythmic reading of his poem “A Son of Boston~Agitator.” While Dave’s style is not akin to the classical oratory of Phillips it has similar results of dynamic interchange with the audience.
LIFE OF JOHN

Today NPR plays John’s songs — the ones guaranteed to get you, “In My Life,” “Beautiful Boy,” “Starting Over” — and I say to Krista, “This grief will be with us as long as we live.”

John was finally such a sane person not because he was free of neuroses and contradictions — he wasn’t — but because he so clearly wanted to be sane, adult, decent.

He could have coasted the rest of his days on the Beatles godhead, but chose not to, put himself in J. Edgar’s sights for the sake of peace. He leveled with us how it felt to be a working class hero. He got right with the goddess on the subject of women, and with tender attention and humility gave years to fathering little son Sean.

“We have grown,” he sang to Yoko. The last morning of his life he told an interviewer he hoped to be around for a long time. Then from the crowd the cold gun nosed forward.

John, we were watching and listening and planning to grow old with you. (I know, “Life is what happens ....”) Ah, but you were a red comet burning in the night of possibility!

It was all taken away so quickly. Passing through our young sky, you left it changed. Still I mourn all you’d have sung and said these years had the dark forces let you stay.

December 8, 2010

— Thomas R. Smith

Sámi Day at Ingebretsen’s

One of the original indigenous cultures of the Arctic are the Sámi people (formerly referred to as Laplanders.) Their original “Sapmi” homeland extended westward from the Kola peninsula of Russia, across Finland, to the Atlantic coast of Norway, and from edge of the polar seas southward through central Norway and Sweden. Over the centuries, as Scandinavian settlers and hunters moved further and further north, the Sámi people lost much of their southern lands. Today Sapmi extends across northern Norway, Finland, northernmost Sweden and the Russian Kola peninsula. Every year Ingebretsen’s “Sámi Day” celebration is co-hosted by Twin Cities members of the “Sámi Siida of North America,” an association of descendants of Sámi immigrants from throughout the U.S. and Canada. We welcome everyone to join us, for an opportunity to learn about and share in our Sámi culture, traditions and arts — and perhaps to dispel some of the myths and misconceptions many have about the Sámi people. Kurt Seaberg, a nationally recognized Sámi-American artist (and expert on Sami culture and history) will start the day, followed by Tim Frandy from the U of W-Madison’s Scandinavian Studies department, who will share his translations of “noaidi” (shaman) folk tales. They will be followed by a demonstration on how to make traditional Sámi “tin wire” bracelets. Siida members with expertise in researching Sámi genealogy will also be on hand to answer questions throughout the day. We hope you will join us to celebrate our ancient Sámi culture in our lavvu (tent) on December 1st at Ingebretsen’s!

Thomas R. Smith’s poem in this issue is from a new chapbook of poems inspired by John Lennon and the Beatles, The Night We Saved the Beatles, Lost Music Press. Copies are available from the author at thosmith@spacestar.net. He will give a public reading of these poems at the River Falls (WI) Public Library on Saturday, December 8 at 7 p.m. His most recent books of poetry include Waking Before Dawn and The Foot of the Rainbow.

The Alley Newspaper

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Once anything is printed in The Alley Newspaper it becomes an available part of recorded history. All of The Alley Newspaper’s issues since it began in 1976 through 2007 have been reprinted on long-lasting book paper and bound into thirteen volumes. There is a set available at the Hennepin County at Franklin Community Library on Franklin Avenue & 13th St. and the Central Library on Nicollet Mall. The Hennepin Library will be reprinting and binding all of the issues from 2008 through the December 2012 issue early next year. The Minnesota Historical Society also has all issues of The Alley on microfilm. Put it in The Alley and it will endure.

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The Sessions

Cast: John Hawke (Mark O’ Brien), Helen Hunt (Cheryl Cohen Greene), William H. Macy (Father Brendan), Moon Bloodgood (Vera), Annika Marks (Amanda), Blake Lindsley (Laura White), Adam Arkin (Josh), Robin Weigert (Susan). (R) Running time: 98 minutes. Director: Ben Levin.

Three years ago I worked for a lady in an iron lung in St. Paul for three years. In part, that’s why I wanted to see “The Sessions”, the other major reason John Hawke (from Alexander, Minnesota) who is from my home state. I had taken notice of him in his thirties, is in an iron lung, fires a middle-age attendant he doesn’t much care for. He fires her for a pretty attendant. Mark has no movement from the neck down because he had polio in boyhood. That disease doesn’t prevent him from attaining a degree in journalism from the University of California-Berkeley. Mark O’ Brien played splendidly by John Hawke. The real mark O’ Brien appears in the 1996 Oscar winning documentary short, “Breathing Lessons: The Life and Work of Mark O’ Brien by Jessica Yu.

Back to the movie, Mark has one strange request: having sex since he claims to be a virgin. The film does something most of today’s directors leave absent, that is, bring into the picture a character’s faith. Mark is Catholic and consults Father Brendan (William H. Macy), a liberal priest, who looks like a throwback to the 1960s, reluctantly gives him “permission” for Mark to agree to hire a sex therapist Cheryl Cohen Greene (Helen Hunt). Cheryl and Mark agree to have six sessions as both go through nearly every session in great awkwardness. After each session Mark talks to his liberal post-Vatican II priest how each session is “progressing”. The movie has a bittersweet taste and tone to it. Nonetheless how John Hawke pulls off a man in an iron lung is quite impressive.

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Readers of this column might know that the realm of philosophy is divided into two camps, i.e. idealism and materialism. Idealists believe the universe was preconceived and then created, whereas materialists believe the universe has always existed and that consciousness is the product of material evolution.

So now...

The exhibit of Ludmila Pawłowska’s “Icons in Transformation” has completed its show at the Basilica of Saint Mary. Set in the awesome nave with its stunning statuary niches, the production was probably the most exquisite artistic exposition of philosophical tension ever.

Enter the nave...

There were numerous larger-than-life panels suspended in space with eyes peering from beneath dirt and debris. Likewise, the majority of wall hangings cast eyes, often highly abstracted. The tension between ‘intelligent design’ and ‘natural selection’ was evident to this observer.

In her third mode, there were pedestalled plaques set at forty-five degrees. The unfolding motif reflected artifacts from the site of crucifixion. One example: blood red was splattered upon flesh tone to which was affixed what appeared to be a broken T-Rex tooth...yes, a magnified splinter from the crown of thorns!

But what?

Just days ago, Savita Halappanavor was made to suffer a horrible death because doctors in Ireland refused to perform a life-saving abortion.

There was also an anomaly in Ludmila’s work. One of her plaques displayed a scattering of spent shell casings...artifacts of modern war.

This Spirit of Phillips cartoon is the first done by Dave Moore and Linnea Hadaway which was published in the September issue 1987 of The Alley Newspaper.
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920 East Lake Street

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The evening’s success met all goals of and expectations of great food by Safari Express (check out the coupon from Safari Express on page 5) and tremendous entertainment. The fundraising goals for the evening fell only $400 short of the modest goal. If you haven’t joined in this year’s Alley Ally appeal, there is still the time and opportunity. Send your contribution to: Alley Communications P.O. Box 7006 Mpls., MN 55407 or donate on GiveMN.org. We thank all of you who have already contributed and those of you who are about to!

Wonderful Alley Media Social In Our Backyard!
The Alley Media Social on Nov 16th was obviously a play on the words “social media”. It was also obvious that night that it was about a playful mixing of delightful musical entertainment, provocative presentations, African food and thoughtful conversation. The mix was also the combined efforts of the Backyard Initiative Citizen Health Action Teams (CHATs), The Alley Newspaper, and other non-profits who chose to inform and engage about their activities, too. The entertainment venue included Margaux Davis, Dallas Johnson, Siami Matuzungidi, Dave Moore, Christopher Tolier, Barbara LeShoure, Dee Henry Williams, Lois Althea Johnson, and James Stewart.

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