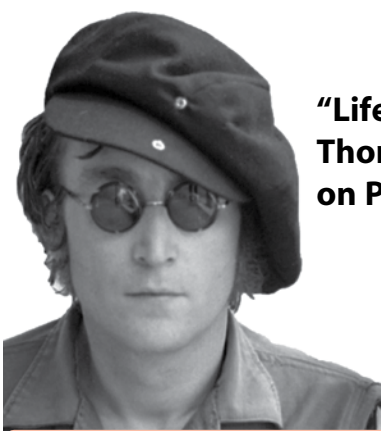


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# December Programs at the Franklin Library

BY ERIN THOMASSON

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

**Family Storytime**  
Weds, 10:30 a.m. Age 2 and up.  
Share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement with your children.

**Family Movie Matinee**  
Sat., Dec. 15, 1:30–3:30 p.m.  
For families; movies & activities.



**Franklin Community Library**  
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**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.

**4-H Mentoring Club**  
Tues., Dec. 4 thru Feb. 26, 5 –7 p.m. Learn about urban ecology, health and nutrition, sustainable agriculture and related careers in food science, maintain a community garden,& visit local food enterprises.

**Act Out for Teens: Duke It Out**  
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 hurting anyone – just like actors do it on stage! It looks real, but it’s just pretend. No experience necessary!

**Young Achievers**  
Thurs. Dec. 6–Feb. 28, 4:30–6 p.m.  
Want involvement in your community? Concerned about your health and lifestyle? Bring your friends. Come for poetry, arts, & games.

**Teen Anime Club**  
Thurs., Dec. 6 & 20,

**6–7:15 p.m.**  
Watch anime, discuss manga, share artwork, and work & co-play. Different every time, chosen by the club.

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

**Adult Programs**  
**Srs Play-Reading 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. Info: 612-543-5475.

**Memoir Writing**  
Th Nov. 15, 1-3 pm. Want to record personal history? Bring writings & what you are willing to read for helpful comments.l comments and suggestions.

**Phillips Technology Center**  
**www.hclib.org or 612.543.6925**  
**Computer Skills Workshop**  
Fri. Dec. 14, 10–11:30 a.m.  
Work on projects & practice skills; mouse & keyboarding to using email & Microsoft Office.  
**Email: Intermediate**  
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, 10:30a.m.–noon  
Basics of Excel spreadsheet: navigation, entering data and using formulas.

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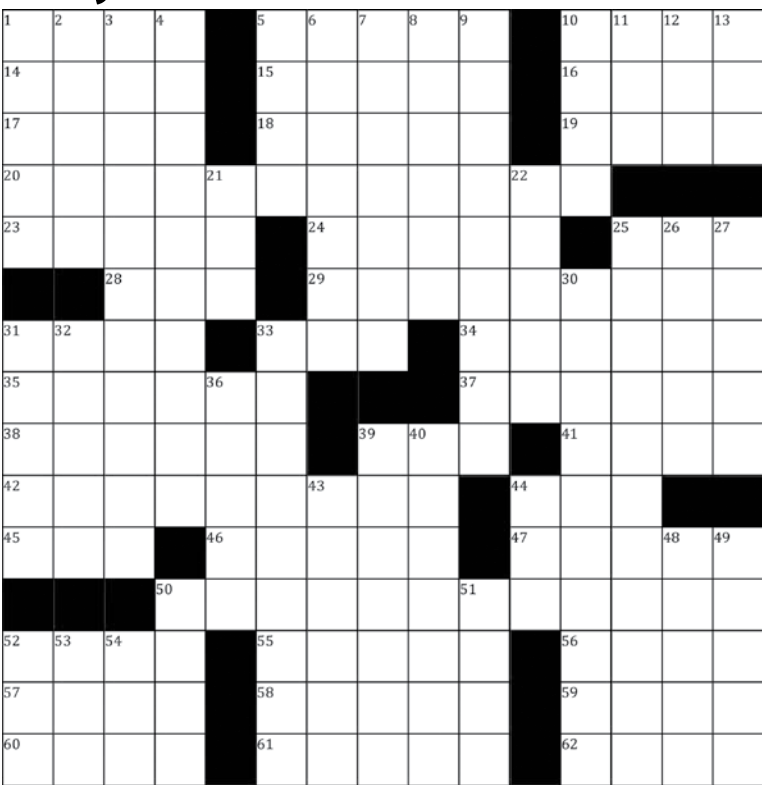
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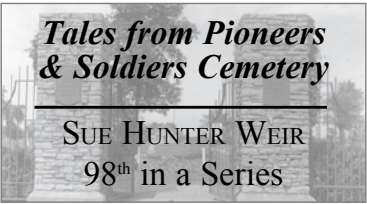
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- 1. Ancient Andean Empire
  - 5. Owl City acronym
  - 10. Fancy hot dog
  - 14. Irish singer
  - 15. Bernardo killed Riff, Tony killed Bernardo, \_\_\_\_\_ killed Tony
  - 16. Common grain
  - 17. \_\_\_\_\_ Kadabra!
  - 18. Koseki spouse
  - 19. Aid
  - \*20. \_\_\_\_\_ (I and III)
  - 23. An eye sty
  - 24. Tempest sprite
  - 25. God is love, in Lat.
  - 28. Long time
  - \*29. \_\_\_\_\_ Europe: Path To Victory
  - 31. Pubs
  - 33. “\_\_\_\_\_ humbug!”
  - 34. Philippine municipality
  - 35. Speaker
  - 37. Yearly records
  - 38. Blue, in Osage
  - 39. Intravenous feeding, for short
  - 41. Planet of the Apes, NASA equivalent
  - 42. Binger
  - 44. Old age
  - 45. Tunable X-ray beams, for short
  - 46. Background
  - 47. Scooter
  - \*50. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 52. “Take a \_\_\_\_\_!”
  - 55. A bad clue
  - 56. Despicable
  - 57. One voice with orchestral accompaniment
  - 58. Mangy
  - 59. Oozes
- Down:**
- 1. Islamic leaders
  - 2. Guayaquil mayor
  - \*3. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4. Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana, Sigourney Weaver, etc.
  - 5. El \_\_\_\_\_, Algerian news source
  - 6. Cook Island rocky outcrop
  - 7. Cantilever with two active layers
  - 8. Lack of social norms
  - \*9. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 10. What you call your sister when she hogs the SNES
  - 11. Curved bone
  - 12. Hardware chain
  - 13. Vietnamese new year
  - 21. \_\_\_\_\_ Ivanovic, tennis player
  - 22. Monegasque chef Ducasse
  - \*25. \_\_\_\_\_ Volleyball
  - 26. Best for barbequing
  - 27. American rugby player Tai \_\_\_\_\_
  - 30. Mummy brew
  - 31. Relaxation injection
  - 32. Belgian ballerina Sonia
  - \*33. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 36. Excessive body fat
  - 39. Renters
  - 40. High-ranking clergy
  - 43. Capital of Iran
  - 44. All About \_\_\_\_\_
  - 48. Tent necessities
  - 49. Not aflight, perhaps
  - 50. Slant
  - 51. Dragons of Pern
  - 52. Comedian
  - 53. Anger
  - 54. South Korea car manufacturer

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Hannah Burbank Stanchfield Blaisdell

A \$65.00 “Touchstone” to The Revolution



In 1925 Alice Stanchfield Bowman worried about what was going to happen to her mother’s gravesite and headstone in Layman’s Cemetery. Alice was 79 years old and almost blind but she could read well enough to follow the newspaper stories about the bodies that were being removed from the cemetery, sometimes at the rate of several hundred a day. She wrote to Marion Satterlee, first president of the Minneapolis Cemetery Protective Association, to let him know that her brother, his wife, and several of their children were buried in the Stanchfield family plot. In addition she had many friends buried there, but it was her mother, Hannah Burbank Stanchfield Blaisdell, that she was most concerned about.

Hannah Burbank was born in Maine on March 3, 1806. She married Ezra Stanchfield, Alice’s father, in 1827. They had at least

ten children. Alice, born in 1846, was one of the youngest. Her father died in 1851 when Alice was five. Hannah Stanchfield married again; her second husband was Timothy Blaisdell. Sometime after he died, Hannah moved to Minneapolis. When the 1880 census was taken, Hannah, aged 75, was living in Minneapolis and working in a boarding house run by Alice and one of Alice’s brothers.

Hannah died on July 19, 1892, from old age at the age of 86 years. She was buried in the family plot at Layman’s Cemetery in a plot that Alice said her mother had purchased from Charles Layman “when she was very old.”

In 1884, about eight years before her mother died, Alice married Sidney Bowman. They had two children. In 1941 their son Jay Bowman applied for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. His application included the names, and birth and death dates of his mother’s relatives going back to 1684 when the family arrived in what was to become the United States. Hannah’s paternal grandfather,



photo by Tim McCall

Alice Stanchfield Bowman worried about what was going to happen to her mother’s gravesite and headstone in Layman’s Cemetery.

John Burbank, was one of those who played a part in forming that new country. Six days after Paul Revere made his famous ride, John Burbank enlisted in Colonel Moses Little’s Regiment. Hannah Blaisdell was Alice’s link to that chapter of the family story.

In her letter to Marion Satterlee, Alice wrote: “I...am too old to go out to meetings but I hope to do my part in keeping up the place

where my mother and others are buried.” She added a postscript to another of her letters: “I paid 65 dollars for a tombstone which can be seen at any time.” After 120 years the marker that Alice bought for her mother in 1892 is still standing although it is a little the worse for wear. Lichen, air pollution and Minnesota weather have taken their toll and the inscription is hard to make out. Next spring

we’ll clean it and see how much of the inscription that Alice chose for her mother remains.

Alice Stanchfield Bowman died on April 14, 1926, a little less than a year after she first wrote to Marion Satterlee. She suffered a stroke and died at the age of 80; she is buried in Lakewood Cemetery.

Tracking Running Wolf

Brrr! Winter is coming-Stay fit at Running Wolf

BY CONNIE NORMAN

As the manager of Running Wolf Fitness Center I have already heard (and participated in) moaning and groaning about the coming winter and there’s one question that comes up again and again: How am I going to stay fit when the weather gets cold?

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? Some ideas: Putting your workout clothes in the dryer before workouts, a winter wardrobe to keep you warm and dry so you can get outside sometimes or setting up a home gym for days when it’s just too cold to go out. Finally-Come to Running Wolf Fitness Center for ideas to keep you fit or join one of our many classes!
- **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? Some ideas: Sign up for a class at Running Wolf and enlist a workout buddy to meet you for regular workouts or set up a plan for monitoring yourself throughout the season to keep yourself on track.
- **The crazy holidays** - Look at your calendar and mark all the parties, holidays, travel days,



etc. Now, think of how you can 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 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/s 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!

For more information on Running Wolf Fitness Center please call (612)872-2388 and Stay Warm! - Connie Norman-Manager

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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 Stakeholders! 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

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Phillips West Neighborhood Upcoming Events

Check out the Phillips West Website @ [www.phillipswest.info](http://www.phillipswest.info)

the Centrum Room (2400 Park Avenue). Free parking available in rear off Oakland Avenue! 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](mailto: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](mailto:pwno2005@yahoo.com)

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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 students 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](mailto:durhamw@puc-mn.org), or enquire in person. All classes are free of charge. "

## Ninth Ward Award nominations open

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](mailto:suzanne.murphy@minneapolismn.gov) or call (612) 673-2209.



**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.

**Details at [www.midtownphillips.org](http://www.midtownphillips.org)  
PLEASE ATTEND!**



Photos by Janet Dahlem and Brad Pass



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.



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Upstairs Dining Room - 6 PM**

- 6:00 Social Hour with snacks and beverages
- 7:00 Call to order
- 7:05 Approval of Dec. Agenda; approval of Nov. Minutes
- 7:10 Crime & Safety Update-CCP/SAFE's Don Greeley
- 7:30 Board Elections for Seven Board Member positions
- 8:00 Final reports on Committee Activities for 2012
- 8:20 Report from Councilman Robert Lilligren
- 8:40 Discussion of Projections for 2013: Robert Albee
- 8:50 Old Business



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# 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

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*.



# Sámi Day at Ingebretsen’s



BY ROSALIE SUNDIN

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.



Minnesota Branch of the Sami Siida of North America, “Davvi-Amerihká Sámi Siidda Minnesota suorgi” taken by several people attending the Siiddastallan in July, but the one of the group inside the lavvu was definitely taken by Matthew Xavier

We hope you will join us to in our lavvu (tent) on December celebrate our ancient Sámi culture 1st at Ingebretsen’s!

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## The Sessions



**The Sessions (2012)**

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**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.**

Twenty-years ago I worked for a lady in an iron lung in St. Paul for three years. In part, that's one reason 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



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"Winter's Bone"(2009) playing the weary uncle of Jennifer Lawrence. Mark (John Hawke), a man 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 boy-hood. 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 tells 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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## La Natividad

*The Nativity Story According to St. Matthew and St. Luke*  
*La Historia de Navidad de Acuerdo a San Mateo y San Lucas*



En el nombre del cielo pedimos posada..."

"In the name of heaven we ask for a place to stay..."

This alternative holiday show combines street theatre, HOBT's expressive puppetry, and an outdoor candle-lit procession. Much more than a straightforward enactment of the Christmas story, La Natividad unites evocative theater with an open-armed community celebration of inclusion and generosity. It has become a tradition for many in the Twin Cities who wish to push beyond the commercialism that abounds during this season and experience the essence of this secular and scared narrative.

La Natividad brings the Christmas story into this time and the complexity of our immediate neighborhood. Initially conceived to bring all residents of the area together, the performance is bilingual (in Spanish and English) and incorporates the Mexican holiday tradition of Las Posadas. Throughout the performance, the audience moves from place to place and becomes part of the story. Beginning at HOBT's Theater and Mercado Central, the audience accompanies Maria and José through the streets as they look for refuge. The procession ends with a magical, puppet-filled Nativity, plus a fiesta—complete with music and food.

Presented in partnership with St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church and Mercado Central.

### AUDIENCE COMMENTS

"Se ve muy lindo y me dio mucho gusto verlo. Especialmente me intereso la conexion con la injusticia en aquella epoca y nuestro tiempo. Muchisimas gracias."

"Beautifully done. Loved the intergenerational and multicultural cast. I appreciate the culturally relevant depiction of the Nativity scene/story. Great job!"

"Unique and well-performed. Really engaging for all ages in my group 7-50."

"Heartwarming on a cold December night."

"Delightful, prayerful, educational, welcoming. Thank you!"

"What an extraordinary experience! ... It was the best, most moving, most spiritual telling of the Christmas story that I have ever seen. Like the three wise men who thought they were following a star and wound up face-to-face with God, I thought I was just going to a play. I cannot thank you enough." -Patrick D & Family

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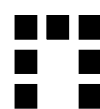
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## Basilica and Savita



PETER MOLENAAR

### Raise Your Voice

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 Pawlowska'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.

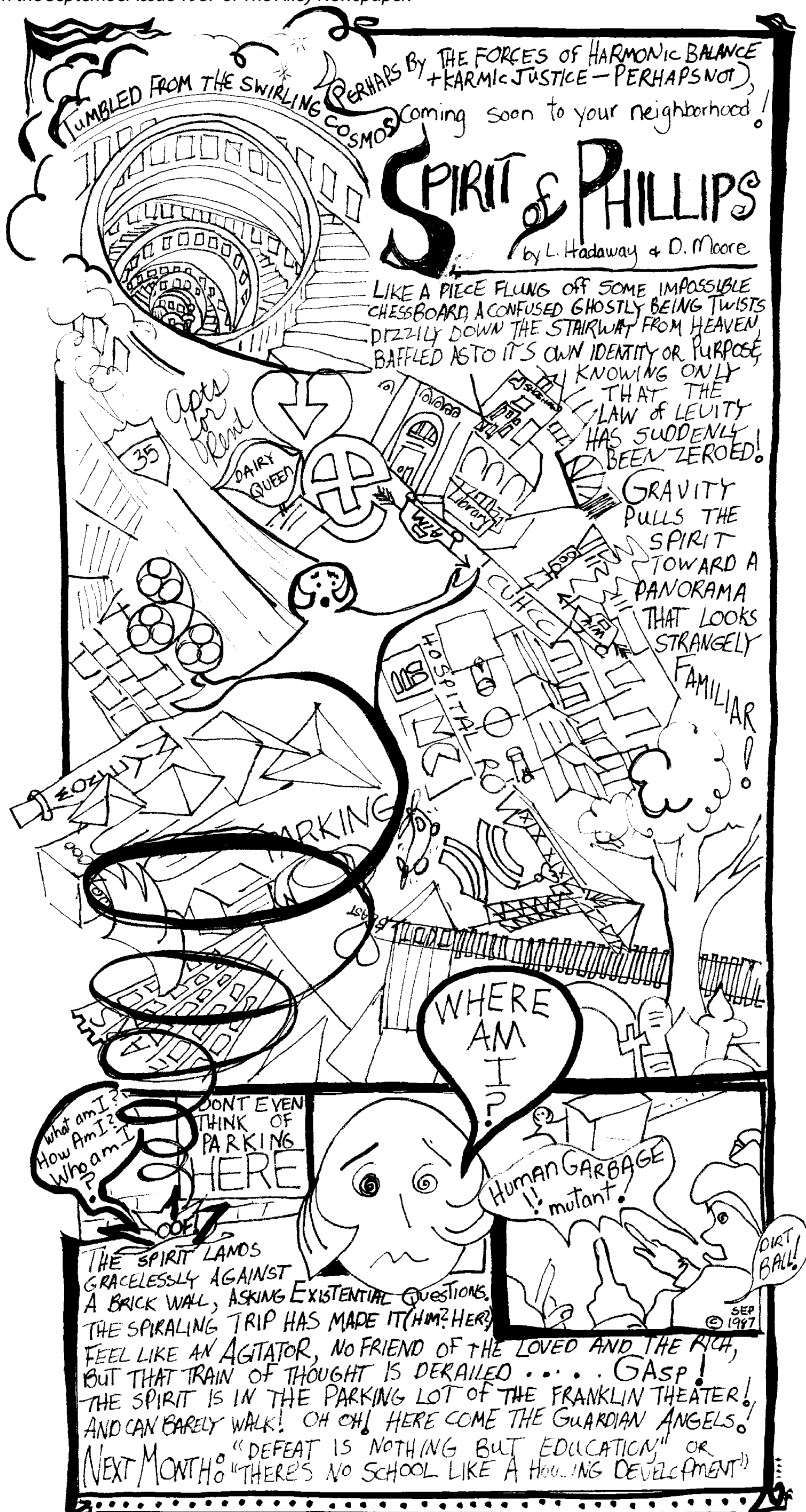
In her third mode, there were pedestalled plaques set at forty-five degrees. The unfolding motif reflected artifacts from the site of crucifixion. One example: blood red was splattered upon flesh tone to which was affixed what appeared to be a broken T-Rex tooth... yes, a magnified splinter from the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

But what?

Just days ago, Savita Halaspanavor 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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## 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 Margeaux Davis, Dallas Johnson, Siami Matuzungidi, Dave Moore, Christopher Tolier, Barbara LeShoure, Dee Henry Williams, Leola Althea Johnson, and James Stewart.

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!

## Communities Of Light Opening Store At Midtown Global Market

### 920 East Lake Street

The Communities of Light Solar Store will open at the Midtown Global Market the week of December 3, 2012 featuring Solar Lanterns & Generators made by community members at weekly workshops; where self-sufficiency exists and sustainability is alive and well. Besides solar products, it will feature information on other Back Yard Initiative Citizen Health Action Teams-CHAT.

The store will be near the 10th Ave. entrance. A co-op member said, “We thank the Market for the opportunity to locate our store at the Market. Our products will be exciting additions to the mix.” Co-op members will design the sales & office space and supply the store with the community designed and assembled solar products. The store space will also serve as an office for co-op members to bring their customers and provide solar generator demonstrations.

Communities of Light workshops: Fri. 5:00-8:00 p.m. at 3 selected Mpls. Parks. Info: 612-239-4336.

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