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Thursday, August 14, 10:30 a.m. -noon:
Acrylic Painting: use acrylic paints to ex-

plore color mixing and expressive brushwork techniques, then create your own painting. Projects will require drying time and can be picked up later. Instructors: Kathleen Rashid & Vito Valdez.

Thursday, August 21, 1-2:30 p.m.:
Printmaking-Relief Prints: Using a simple relief-printing method, plan and create an image, then print it on paper to make multiple copies. Instructors: Soh Suzuki & Byron Nemela.

Registration is on-site the day of the class on a first-come, first-served basis. Classes begin promptly at the scheduled times.

Hours and Admission:
Museum hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Fridays, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. General admission (excludes ticketed exhibitions) is free for Wayne, Oakland and Macomb county residents and DIA members. For all others, \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors ages 62+, \$4 for ages 6-17. For membership information, call 313-833-7971.

Editor's Note: The Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), one of the premier art museums in the



United States, is home to more than 60,000 works that comprise a multicultural survey of human creativity from ancient times through the 21st century. From the first Van Gogh painting to enter a U.S. museum (Self-Portrait, 1887), to Diego Rivera's world-renowned Detroit Industry murals (1932-33), the DIA's collection is known for its quality, range and depth. The DIA's mission is to create opportunities for all visitors to find personal meaning in art.

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DIA hosts outdoor Yoga and Zumba® Classes August 2

July 15, 2014: It's BYOYM, or bring your own yoga mat, Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA)! In celebration of the eighth annual Neighborhoods Day, founded by ARISE Detroit!, the DIA is hosting a yoga class at 9 a.m. and Zumba® at 11 a.m. on the museum's South Lawn.

Instructors from Yoga Shelter Midtown Detroit will lead an hour of slow flow yoga with music. Zumba instructor Chandra Floyd will present a one-hour, full-body workout to Latin and international music. All experience levels are welcome at both events. Participants must be ages 18 and older. In the event of



inclement weather, classes will be held in Rivera Court.

Neighborhoods Day celebrates the work churches, schools, community groups, book clubs, and local businesses do throughout the year to create a better Detroit. This is the third year the DIA is participating.

For more information visit www.dia.org or call 313-833-4005.

Marygrove College could help child immigrants, or refugees

DETROIT, July 17, 2014 (AP)—The president of Marygrove College in Detroit says he's willing to use school resources to help child immigrants from Central America.

David Fike says he would offer scholarships to older children and provide food and shelter for other youths at the Catholic school if the federal government agrees to treat as refugees the thousands of children traveling alone from Central America and crossing the border into the U.S.

Fike tells The Detroit News (<http://bit.ly/1pcVBnZ>) that President Barack Obama should take a leadership role in



Marygrove College

solving the problem. Fike says other college leaders should help as well.

His comments come amid protests over plans by Grosse Pointe Park-based Wolverine Human Services to enter into a contract allowing its facility in Vassar to house children who fled violence in Central America.

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Detroit Public Schools announces multi-year plan to reduce lost school days due to power outages

In a move to reduce the number of lost school days due to power outages, Detroit Public Schools (DPS) today announced a plan to transition all schools' electric power from the City of Detroit Public Lighting Department (PLD) to DTE Energy.

DTE already has begun the process of strengthening the existing system. As a result, some areas should start seeing a reduction in outages this fall.

DPS schools' electric systems will still be at risk for harsh weather conditions bringing down power lines during storms. However, DPS is hopeful that the overall response to these issues will be much faster than it has been in recent years.

"Our teachers, principals and administration shared the extreme frustration of our parents this past year as the failure of the City of Detroit's power grid repeatedly hindered the educational process for our children who needed to be in class and learning every single day to ensure academic achievement continues to progress," said Emergency Manager Jack Martin.

"This transition to another power provider was long overdue. Although we know that the DPS electric service may still be at risk as a result of 'mother nature' bringing down power lines during storms, we are hopeful that restoration will be much faster than it has been in recent years. The district is encouraged by the progress already underway by DTE to help ensure lost school days will be minimized."

DTE Energy has already begun to build redundancy into circuits servicing several schools including the circuits connecting Emerson and Ludington schools.

Martin emphasized that while none of the changes are quick fixes – noting that the former PLD system has been in disrepair for years – the collaboration between the city and DTE throughout this process has been excellent. He added that he is pleased both the school district and DTE are working together to find solutions that minimize outages.

"While the complete transition to DTE power lines will take about 5 years, DTE already has taken responsibility for all of PLD's former customers," said DPS Chief Operating Officer Mark Schrupp. "Therefore, when we have an outage, we call the DTE service hotline and DTE is responsible for restoring power."

DTE and DPS officials have met to work out protocols for giving easements to bury new lines and place transformers on district sites, which will also help create more reliable power distribution to DPS schools.

The top five schools that were most affected by PLD power outages during the 2013-14 school year were: Emerson – 12; Mason – 12; Edison – 10; Greenfield Union – 10; and Bates, Dixon, Mann, Palmer Park Preparatory Academy – 8 each.



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Ohio and Michigan are in a pickle by being out of pickles

By Federico Martínez, Free Lance Contribution to La Prensa

First it was tomatoes; this summer Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan fresh-market pickle producers will lose millions of dollars because farmers can't attract enough migrant workers to pick their crops.

"If we can't get workers to come here they're going to have a bad year this year," said Baldemar Velásquez, president of Toledo-based Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC). "They're not coming here this year."

FLOC staffs have been trying to help local pickle farmers recruit workers, but there's been very little interest on the part of migrant workers, Velásquez and one local farmer said.

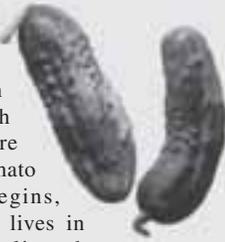
Charles Jones, 71, owner of Charles Jones Produce LLC, Northwest Ohio's largest fresh-market tomato producer, opted to shut down Oak Harbor operations in 2013 because he couldn't attract enough migrant workers to pick his crops. The decision cost him millions of dollars, but was still less than if he would have planted the crops and had to let them rot, officials

at his company said last year.

With only a month to go before the peak tomato season begins, Jones, who lives in South Carolina, has given no indication that he plans to resume operations in Northwest Ohio this summer, said Velásquez. FLOC previously represented 500 farm workers who were employed by the tomato grower.

Pickle farmers would need about 400 more workers in order to salvage their crops this summer, Velásquez said.

"It's hard for migrant workers to come a long distance for one crop," he said. "And, border patrol increases the risk for working the area. I'm not sure what's going to happen, but if a solution isn't found soon it could effectively kill the industry."



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