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Air Pollution

by Aquillah Shahalemi, Kyle Felix

Air pollutants are degrading the quality of the environment and human health. Suspended particulates are pieces of ash or smoke, soot, dust, and liquid droplets released to the air by the burning of fuel, and industrial processes.

There are many types of pollution. Air pollution is a process in the atmosphere and is a normal part of the air's composition. Many pollutant particles come from natural sources and have always been present in the atmosphere. Most of the world's major cities are afflicted with high levels of air pollution such as urban smog produced by car incinerators and power generation such as our energy stations.

Today a variety of international, national and local programs have been initiated to combat air pollution. Health services began researching the cause and effects of air pollution and provided grants to state and local agencies to air quality regulation. Numerous government agencies are now charged with establishing and enforcing regional air quality standards. As a result many industries are being forced to develop or use cleaner and more efficient furnaces and engines. New technology is being used to implement ways for certain emission requirements.

If we cooperate and participate, particulate matter can be removed from factories, homes and emission by a variety of filters, washing

and scrubbing devices. We think air pollution is bad for all of us and are thankful companies exist to enable us to breathe better air.

What is there to do after high school?
by Hanna Tessema, Tesfay Mekonnen

- work
- live with parents
- open a business
- go to college

For many graduating seniors, college is another popular option. Why college? The benefits are: better job, more education, more money. Basically college provides more opportunities. One way to find out all you need to know about college is to visit the College Access Program.

Services provided by the College Access Center:

-college preparation- books such as Guide to Academic Enrichment Programs and the College Planner assists students in obtaining more information about colleges and universities throughout the world.

-scholarship information is available. For example the college center gives out "Last Dollar Scholarship," which range from \$200 to \$3000 to help in the expense of college.

-SAT preparation. The Center helps students prepare for the necessary SAT test.

-Advice, Advice, Advice!

The College Access Center is located in West Philadelphia, 4601 Market Street, Philadelphia. Phone 215 476 2227.

Business Spotlight
by Delmika Proctor, Yodit Tsegai

Mike Scavitto, an owner of an auto repair shop on 61st and Baltimore Aves. has worked and owned the shop for 22 years. Mike and his partner fix broken cars. Mike and his partner work together with no other employees. Mike said a lot of good things about the community. Of the good things was that there are a lot of good people in the community who care.

Mike has seen the community through good and bad times, but he stated that he never had much trouble. The one thing that bothers Mike about the community is the drug action. Mike has steady customers and likes it that way. He is staying in our community. He feels that with the new businesses opening along Baltimore Ave., the bad element in the community might disappear.

Teacher Training at the future Cobbs Creek Community
Environmental Education Center
by Mawa Sheriff, Nessi Sheriff

On Wednesday, July 15, the Schuylkill Center brought their "Eco Van" out to the future site of the Cobbs Creek Environmental Education Center for one purpose, to educate Philadelphia teachers in Environmental Education. The teachers are learning about water pollution. These teachers get credit for taking additional education for your children. This visit provides teachers with new ideas on how to teach environmental science in the schools. In two parts, each teacher had a hands on lesson, one in the van and one in collecting water samples from Cobbs Creek for analysis.

"Not Soon Forgotten:
Homage to Paul Robeson."

Who is Paul Robeson one might ask. With a visit to the Levy Gallery at Moore College of Art and Design before July 31, you will remember.

Some grandparents may remember Paul Robeson as an actor who was blacklisted in the late forties and fifties. Robeson like many fellow actors was denied a passport for eight years because he would not swear that he was not a communist, which by the way he

was not. Mr. Robeson simply believed in unity and equality for all people as the work communism was first used.

Before Mr. Robeson's blacklisting, he was a scholar (receiving a scholarship to Rutgers University), athlete (receiving twelve varsity letters at Rutgers), valedictorian of his class, orator, singer, actor, linguist, activist, philosopher and a man of high spirit.

Paul Robeson attended Columbia University and earned a law degree. He practiced law for a short time until he found his calling, the stage. Among his accomplishments are: Simon the Cyrenian, All God's Chillun Got Wings, The Emperor Jones and Othello.

Paul Robeson enjoyed a successful acting career until he was questioned by the House UnAmerican Activities Committee. From then he was blacklisted and he remained in Europe until in 1958 his passport was reinstated. In 1963 Robeson returned to the U.S. and lived with his sister at the corner of 50th and Walnut Streets until his death.

Only a few days are left for this show at the Levy Gallery.