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Mayor's Night Out 2025

March 12th	2nd District	Hammond Academy of Science & Technology 33 Muenich Ct.
May 14th	3rd District	Hammond Central HS Cafeteria 5926 Calumet Ave
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 Waterliving621@gmail.com

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 Wednesday Prayer 6:00 p.m.

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Basabe Returns for Second Season



With 85 days until Opening Day in the American Association, the RailCats have signed their 22nd player for their 2025 team. Resigning for his second season with the organization is third baseman Olivier Basabe.

Oliver Basabe was born in Venezuela and grew up in a family of ballplayers. His cousins Osleivis and Luis Basabe have played major league baseball for the Rays and Giants. His brother, Osman Basabe, played in the 2023 Little League World Series and named Olivier as his role model. Oliver came to the States to play college baseball at Indian Hills Community College and would transfer to Faulkner University.

Basabe had a .342 average with 20 doubles in his lone year at Faulkner and drove in 39 in 65 games. This performance caught the eye of the San Diego Padres, who used their 8th-round pick in the 2017 draft to select Basabe. The 27-year-old was a utility player in the San Diego system, serving time in the outfield and all infield positions.

Basabe played his first season in the American Association in 2023 with the Kansas City Monarchs; midway through the year, he was traded to the Kane County Cougars, where he finished playing the last 50 games of the year. That season, he had a .293 average, added seven home runs, and collected 16 doubles. He was traded to the RailCats last offseason to complete a trade for Michael Woodworth.

Source: Gary SouthShore RailCats

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Wednesday, March 12th
6:30pm - 8:30pm
2nd District - Hammond Academy of Science & Technology
33 Muenich Ct. - Hammond

For more information contact:
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MAYOR'S NIGHT OUT

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www.GoHammond.com

Hammond Announces Fire Promotions

Mayor Thomas M. McDermott Jr., the City of Hammond, and the Hammond Fire Department, announced promotions to its leadership team at the Hammond Fire Department. Thirty-two year veteran Chris Trtan has been promoted to Assistant Chief. As Assistant Chief, Trtan will run daily operations and be the top firefighter on call for Shift 2. Ryan Anguiano, a twenty year member of the Department has been promoted from Battalion Chief to Assistant Chief of the Fire Training Division. As Assistant Chief of Fire Training, he will manage and provide for all fire training for the Hammond Fire Department. Senior Captain Bryan Robson, a 27 year member of the Department has been promoted



Left to Right Hammond's Mayor Thomas M. McDermott Jr., Chris Trtan Assistant Chief, Bryan Robson, Battalion Chief, Ryan Anguiano, Assistant Chief of the Fire Training Division, Bernard Grisolia new Chief, and Dave Weisz, Deputy Chief

to Battalion Chief. Robson will be assigned to run North Battalion on Shift 3. "The City of Hammond has a great Fire Department. These three

Chiefs are all highly respected and veteran members of the Department and I am excited to see them promoted and given the opportunity in their new

roles. They will continue to serve our residents and city and I look forward to working with them," said Mayor McDermott. Source: City of Hammond

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Black History Month Celebration



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Thousands of Chicano students stage school walkouts in East L.A.

When some 22,000 students across seven schools in East L.A. walked out of their classrooms over the first week of March, 1968, they sought to spotlight discrimination and substandard conditions at their schools. Situated in a majority Mexican American area of the city, they suffered from underfunding, understaffing and sometimes open discrimination. The dropout rate in some East L.A. high schools neared 60 percent; school buildings were crumbling; class sizes were large; and Spanish language resources were scarce. Students felt their teachers and administrators did not care about helping them succeed, often discouraging them from seeking higher education.

The walkouts, which unfolded between March 1 and March 6, originated as a grassroots event, organized by students and former students of area high schools, with the help of Lincoln High teacher Sal Castro. Around noon on Tuesday, March 5, one Garfield High student recalled, his classmates started yelling “walkout!” up and down the halls. Administrators tried to barricade school doors to prevent students from leaving. Police officers outside met them in riot gear, ordering them back to class. Protesters threw Coca-Cola bottles, and at least two suffered police beatings. Students carried signs with slogans such as “School not prison,” “We demand schools that teach” and “Viva la raza.”

The East L.A. “Blowout,” as organizers called it, represented the first major involvement of urban students in the growing Chicano civil rights movement. Dolores Huerta, Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers had been organizing for the rights of Latino

farm workers since the early 1960s. Across the country, students were protesting for African American civil rights and against the Vietnam war. These struggles were linked. “I almost dropped out [when] the vice principal called me to the office to sign up for the Selective Service System, when I was 18,” Carlos Montes, a former student at Garfield High and an organizer of the 1968 walkouts, told HISTORY.com. “I started becoming angry. I saw that the teachers didn’t really care about the regular student, they only cared about the elite intellectuals. The rest of [us] just shuffled through.”

The organizers of the “Blowout” drew up a list of 39 demands. They called for curriculum changes to include Mexican American history and culture. They also demanded desegregation of Los Angeles’ schools, firing of racist teachers and greater diversity among school staff. The Los Angeles Board of Education agreed with their demands in a public meeting, but failed to implement any changes, citing a lack of funds. Thirteen walkout organizers later faced felony charges for “disturbing the peace.” Those charges were dropped in 1970.

Although the walkouts didn’t succeed in reforming Los Angeles schools, they demonstrated the growing importance and confidence of the Chicano movement and the youth movement. In the words of one East L.A. teacher, “In 1968, the kids kicked the doors open.” Student activist Carlos Montes agreed: “It energized the community, radicalized a new generation of Chicano activists.”

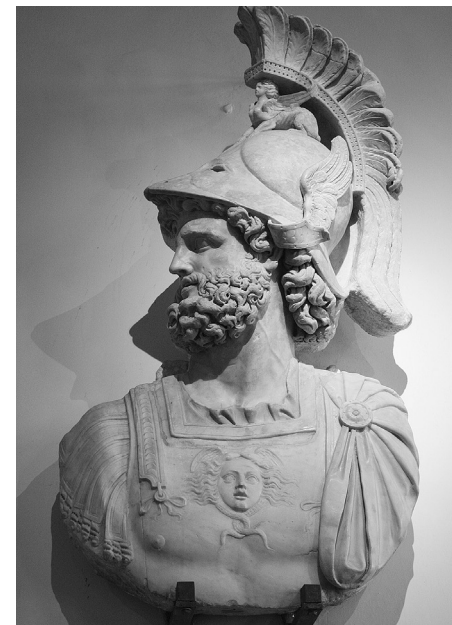
Source: History.com Staff

What does the term 'March' mean

The term March is derived from the Latin word 'Martius' which in turn is derived from Mars or the Roman god of war. In the early Roman calendar, which began in March, this month was significant as it marked the start of the military campaign season in ancient Rome (Earlier calendars had only 10 months.)

Interesting Facts about March

- The Anglo-Saxons referred to March as "Hlyd monath" (meaning "Stormy Month") and "Hraed monath" (meaning "Rugged Month"). These names reflect the often unpredictable and turbulent weather of March in England, with strong winds and storms common during this transitional period between winter and spring.
- March was the first month in the ancient Roman calendar which only had 10 months.
- Did you know that studies show that March is the most unproductive month of the year? Don't let this give you any ideas.
- "If March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb." This common proverb about March suggests that if it begins with



rough, stormy, or cold weather (symbolized by the ferocity of a lion), it is likely to end with calm, mild, and pleasant weather (symbolized by the gentleness of a lamb).

March Birth Flowers

There are two March birth flowers- Daffodils and Jonquils.

Both Daffodils and jonquils are bright cheery flowers symbolizing positive things. Daffodils symbolize rebirth, forgiveness, creativity, and inspiration. Jonquils represent happiness, resilience, and fresh starts. Together, daffodils and jonquils beautifully embody the spirit of March- bright, hopeful, and full of new possibilities.

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Purdue University Northwest's Social Work program earns reaccreditation

Purdue University Northwest's (PNW) Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (BASW) program has earned reaccreditation by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), reaffirming PNW's high-quality undergraduate social work curriculum and commitment to preparing students for licensure in the professional field.

"The social work program at PNW ensures students gain the knowledge and skills required to engage, enrich and advocate for the communities they serve" says Shreya Bhandari, professor of Social Work at PNW. "Our program has an outstanding reputation in the community and reaccreditation underscores our commitment to maintaining the highest standards in social work education." PNW's BASW program is an applied, license-eligible, professional degree program with a 25:1 student-to-faculty ratio. The curriculum aligns with the nine core competencies outlined by the CSWE

and provides students with skills that are transferable to different settings, population groups and problem areas. PNW Social Work faculty members bring a wide range of cultural, research and professional perspectives to the classroom, enriching the learning experience. Students also engage with the local community through practicums, field trips, service learning and student organizations.

Accreditation qualifies graduates to sit for the social work licensure exam, opening doors to professional practice. Graduates of PNW's accredited BASW program may also be eligible to skip certain foundational courses typically required in PNW's Master of Social Work graduate program, providing the opportunity to earn an MSW in one academic year through the Advanced Standing Program starting Summer 2026.

"Our BASW program equips students with the foundational knowledge needed for entry-



Top picture: Goldblatts After Christmas Sale December 27, 1960.
Above the peoples heads is the famous four-sided clock.
Left picture: Today the Goldblatt clock hangs gracefully inside The Hammond Public Library

level positions in mental health, education and other social service sectors," says Bhandari. "By addressing regional needs and preparing students for graduate level education, we help retain talented individuals who are ready to contribute and make a difference in our communities." The reaccreditation process involved a rigorous, comprehensive review of PNW's BASW program, including an extensive self-

study, site visit and evaluation by the CSWE Board of Accreditation. During the three-year process, the program was evaluated on curriculum, faculty qualifications and student-to-faculty ratio. PNW's reaccreditation is valid through June 2031.

For more information on social work programs at PNW, visit pnw.edu/behavioral-sciences.

Source: Purdue University Northwest

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THE WOODEN GUN ESCAPE

Dillinger debuted on the criminal scene with life-changing consequences. At 21 years old, he robbed a grocery store owner. It was his first major crime. His well-meaning father encouraged him to plead guilty for lenience, but the judge doled out the maximum sentence. After nearly a decade behind bars, Dillinger came out a bitter and hardened man with underworld connections and training from veteran bandits.

Dillinger began robbing banks only a month after his parole in May 1933. He also paid a visit to Indiana State Prison and threw guns over the wall to help his buddies – and future Dillinger gang members – escape. Dillinger had been arrested by the time they pulled off their escape, so the fugitives returned the favor. Eight of the escaped inmates broke Dillinger out of jail in Lima, Ohio, and killed Sheriff Jesse Sarber in the process.

With his new gang in tow, Dillinger spent the rest of 1933 robbing banks and police armories. When the new year rolled around, most of the Dillinger gang had gone to Tucson, Arizona, to find a new hideout. Meanwhile, Dillinger led a smaller crew to rob a bank in East Chicago, Indiana,

on January 15, 1934. During their getaway with \$20,000, Dillinger exchanged fire with Officer William O'Malley and killed him. The gang had a short-lived reunion in Tucson before they were arrested on January 25.

The Crown Point jail was considered to be one of the finest in Indiana and thought to be escape-proof. However, on March 3, 1934, John Dillinger proved it to be otherwise when he made his daring escape.

Dillinger was extradited to Indiana to face charges for the murder of Officer O'Malley. Authorities flew him to Indiana and held him at the Lake County Jail in Crown Point. Despite calls to move the prisoner to the higher-security state penitentiary in Michigan City, Sheriff Lillian Holley was confident the local jail was more than enough to contain him.

"We do not expect to have any trouble with our newest prisoner," Holley told reporters. "Of course, I warned him the first thing that we would stand for no monkey business. If he starts anything there will be a half-dozen deputies about the place with machine guns to take care of him."

The jail did not hold him. Dillinger escaped on March 3, 1934.

The details of the escape were revealed by Dillinger's attorney, Louis Piquett, in interviews with G. Russell Girardin, whose unpublished 1935 manuscript was released by William Helmer in 1994 as *Dillinger: The Untold Story*. Dillinger's first idea was to have his gang bust him out



This article about Dillinger's wooden gun escape was published four months after his death. John Dillinger's father is credited as the author. The article features detailed photos of the wooden gun and of Dillinger posing with it. The Mob Museum Collection

with dynamite, but that didn't pan out. He then asked Piquett to get him a gun, but Ernest Blunk, the sheriff's deputy who was on the take, refused. Dillinger settled for the next best thing: a wooden gun.

While Dillinger later claimed he whittled the wooden gun himself, it was the attorney's investigator, Arthur O'Leary, who procured the gun from a woodworker. On the morning of the escape, the gun was delivered to Dillinger.

While out of his cell for exercise, Dillinger pressed the fake gun into a prison trustee's back and, with the help of Deputy Blunk's convincing performance – he was later acquitted for lack of evidence – began forcing the prison guards into jail cells. Herbert Youngblood, a Black inmate and murder suspect bound for death row, joined Dillinger in his escape.

At first glance, the wooden gun is not terribly convincing. The 5.75-inch piece of wood has a quarter inch-diameter safety razor handle as the "barrel" and two nails on either end to simulate the sights. Shoe

polish gives the gun its dark finish. It also lacks a grip.

Dillinger didn't need the wooden gun to stand up to close scrutiny for his escape to work. It only had to work long enough for Dillinger to obtain real guns. Once Dillinger and Youngblood found two Thompson submachine guns, the wooden gun's job was over, which Dillinger smugly pointed out to the now-confined warden and guards

Legend has it that Dillinger carved a gun from a piece of wooden washboard others say he acquired a real gun (the story varies) and forced a trustee and others to lock up 14 jailers including the Warden and a fingerprint expert. With a fellow prisoner and two hostages, he made his escape over the state line into Illinois in the sheriff's car that was being serviced in a garage north of the jail. The hostages were released unharmed. On July 22nd of that same year, Dillinger was shot and killed by FBI agents outside the Biograph Theatre in Chicago.

Research by: George Triantafyllou



John Dillinger used this wooden gun to escape from the Lake County Jail. The inscriptions "COLT 38" and "PAT MAR 3, 1934" were added later. The latter refers to the date of the jailbreak. The Mob Museum Collection

Indiana, Sheriff's Department

Warrant Division

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Alias:

Sex Male

Height 6'2"

Weight 240 Pounds

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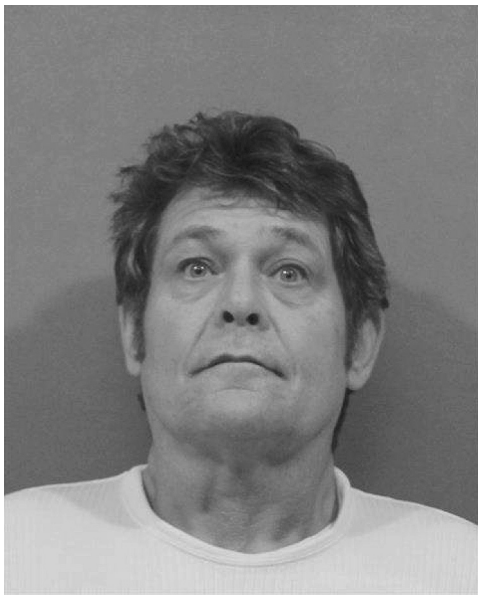
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Weight 106 Pounds

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..... WITH DEADLY WEAPON

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Date of Birth 12/1/1999



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Alias:

Sex Male

Height 5'9"

Weight 127 Pounds

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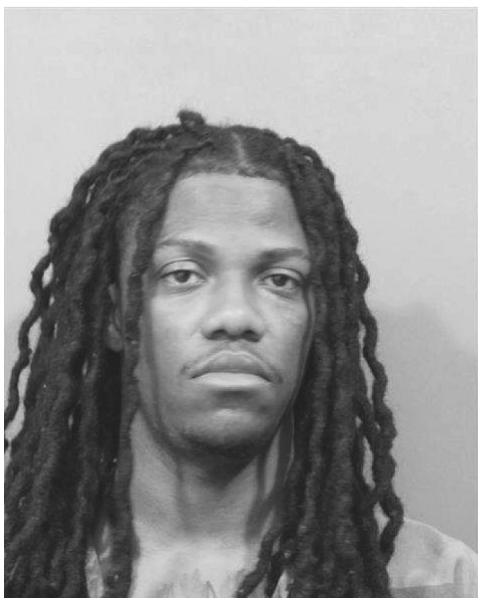
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WANTED

Name: SHAW, DENZEL JAROD

Alias:

Sex Male

Height 6'0"

Weight 275 Pounds

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Hair Black

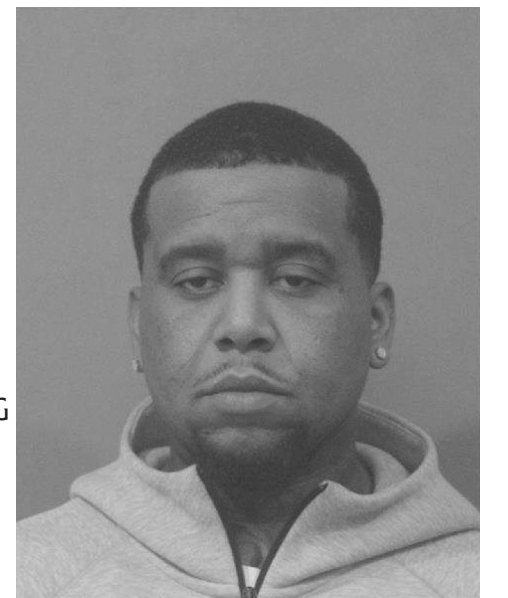
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