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Today we salute our veterans

Veterans Day is the day that was set aside after the end of World War I to thank those who served honorably in the military. Here are some ways to observe it. **Related story, 3A**

OBSERVANCES

Honoring Civil War-era black infantry members

Eighteen members of the 102nd U.S. Colored Infantry who fought in the Civil War are buried in Detroit's historic Elmwood Cemetery. They will be honored at 10 a.m. today in the cemetery's S section with a gun salute and parade. Elmwood and East Lafayette. Free.

Hang on tight for a flyover, cannon salute

Experience the thrill of a flyover and a cannon salute at the second Veterans Day program at the Great Lakes National Cemetery. Veterans are asked to wear medals they earned during military service. 11 a.m., 4200 Belford Road in Holly.

No mail delivery today

Post offices will be closed.

Sniper's bullet kills Marine from Canton

Sgt. Bryan Burgess, 35, of Canton, serving in Iraq with the 1st Battalion of the 24th Marines headquartered in Michigan, died instantly after being shot in the cheek, his family members said. "He loved his country," his mother said. **STORY, 3A**



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A CHAT WITH FORD'S NEW GEO

Upbeat but realistic

Mulally says automaker can succeed, but it must face the facts

WHAT HE SAID ABOUT:

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'We are not competitive and it has been getting worse.'

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'There is no reason why we can't turn around Ford.'

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'We are a little bit ahead' of schedule.

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'No, he hasn't called. I'll check my ... machine.'

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■ **Why Ford's position is so tough.** And why it has good reasons for optimism with its vehicle line.

■ **Mulally's background and personal information.**

■ **At freep.com:** Hear Mulally and read excerpts of the interview.



ROMAIN BLANQUART/Detroit Free Press

Ford Chief Executive Officer Alan Mulally talks to the Free Press on Friday. His task is critical to Michigan: turning Ford back into a healthy company.

By SARAH A. WEBSTER
FREE PRESS BUSINESS WRITER

Ford boss is a convincing car guy

Alan Mulally, the new chief executive at Ford Motor Co., had a message Friday filled with hope — but also harsh reality — as he described how the 103-year-old automaker must become more competitive in the global environment.

In an interview with the Free Press, Mulally offered a tough-love assessment of the automaker and the U.S. car industry, noting that the competitive gap for Detroit has been widening and Ford must close it soon to survive.

"I think the most important thing that we ... can do is recognize our reality and deal with it," he said.

"The data says that we are not competitive,

See **MULALLY, 8A**

He's two months into the job as chief executive officer at Ford Motor Co. and one wonders whether Alan Mulally can ultimately make believers out of Wall Street professionals.

Can the old plane guy become the new car guy who ends up turning Ford around?

After spending one hour of watching and listening to Mulally in his meeting with Free Press editors and writers, I've got to say that he's got



SUSAN TOMPOR

the talk that Wall Street loves to hear. Point blank, Mulally — formerly a top executive at Boeing Co. — admits Ford cannot simply restructure its way out of trouble.

Cutting jobs isn't the one-way ticket. Ford must offer inspiring cars and trucks, too.

He brags about the smarts of his team. He gives a shout-out to UAW President Ron Gettelfinger, who

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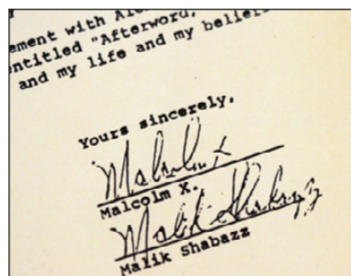
Museum is accused of letting pages of history fade

By DAVID ASHENFELTER
FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER

They are priceless pages of American history, 15 sheets of unpublished portions of Alex Haley's original manuscript for "The Autobiography of Malcolm X."

And they are at the center of a messy legal dispute that spilled into public view when the owner of the papers sued Detroit's Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History last week for damaging the pages during the years they were displayed there.

"There is no rational expla-



PATRICIA BECK/Detroit Free Press

This 1964 letter was on display at Detroit's Charles Wright museum.

nation for what happened here," Belleville attorney Francois Nabwangu said Friday on behalf of his client, the Keeper of the Word Foundation, a Michigan nonprofit owner of the pages that sued in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Nabwangu said museum officials have refused to file an insurance claim to reim-

See **HALEY, 7A**

Can Bambi be saved? World waits

By MARISOL BELLO
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Five days after a deer in western Michigan got its noggin stuck in a plastic jack-o'-lantern, well wishes continued to pour in from animal lovers around the globe as a squad of zoological commandos from Cincinnati joined the effort to track and extract the poor beast.

The team from the Humane Society in Cincinnati will join colleagues from the state and Kent County societies to scour the woods of Cascade Township again today.

They go armed with suggestions from all over. One person suggested using an infrared camera at night to catch the nearly year-old button buck. Another said to dart the deer



DEB LARSON/Associated Press

with a drug that allows it to recover immediately so it wouldn't have to deal with the stress of captivity.

The 75-pound buck has a bright-orange candy bucket hooked over its horn buds and covering its snout. The deer faces starvation and dehydration if the bucket isn't removed.

"The outcome, unfortunat-

Animal lovers around the globe hope a young deer in Cascade Township that has had a plastic jack-o'-lantern stuck on its head for at least five days can be rescued.

ly, for this deer is likely not a good one," said Bert Vescolani, director of the John Ball Zoo in Grand Rapids, which has been working to save the deer.

Residents in the gated community in suburban Grand Rapids spotted the distressed deer Sunday.

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