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Job hunt held for Ohio Veterans
Adjusting to life after military service is no easy task, especially for Ohio veterans facing a struggling economy. The Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies is launching a new program to help aid low-income veterans through job education and training. Deborah Ferguson, director of outreach and social services for the Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area, says the veterans will work with case managers who have experience working with veterans.

Kid's Corner
Shardon Brazile, who is four-years-old, attends pre-school. She is the daughter of Marlon and Shari; and her grandparents are William and Shirley Burton. Shardon's favorite food is broccoli and her favorite toy is Dora. She enjoys listening to books as well as singing and dancing.



Brazile

Jackson to hold Back-to-School Fair
Mayor Frank G. Jackson and CEO Eric Gordon will welcome more than 2500 Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) students and their parents to Jackson's 6th Annual Youth Summit and CMSD Back to School Fair at Cleveland Public Auditorium. Parents and students will attend workshops from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on anti-bullying; family engagement; and health and wellness. There will be a Spanish workshop for parents. Tables with information on school, community and city services and resources from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. with lunch.

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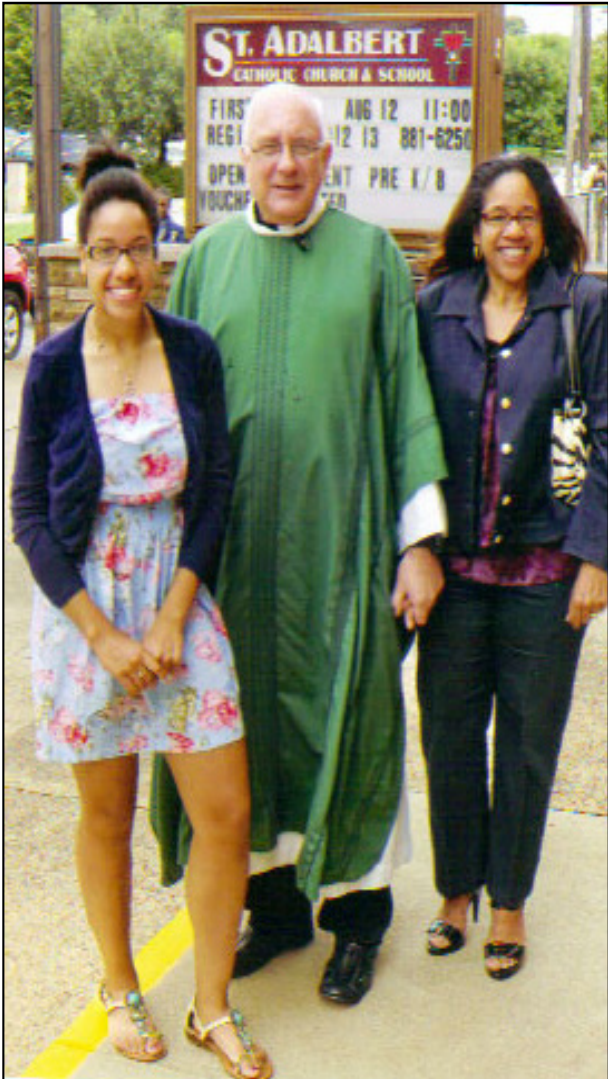
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"COVERING THE NEWS TODAY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW"



Father Gary Chmura, the priest at St. Adalbert Church, welcomes Margaret Bernstein and her daughter Alex Kellen to the reopening Mass for St. Adalbert Church, 2347 East 83rd Street. Bernstein, who is a columnist for the Plain Dealer and a Catholic, attended the reopening to support the congregation in their diligent effort of having the church reopen



Rudy Thompson, who is a lifelong member of St. Adalbert Church, attended the reopening Mass of the church with his family. Thompson attended the reopening Mass among a packed church and he considered the event as having a profound effect on his life and he said "Thank you God, my prayers have been answered."



Father Chmura prepares the altar girls and boys for the procession for the reopening Mass for St. Adalbert Church. The Mass which was celebrated with Father Chmura and Father Kenneth Pleiman along with other priests before a full audience. Father Chmura will share his duties with Our Lady of Peace Parish.



Father Kenneth Pleiman, the former pastor of St. Adalbert prior to its closing, greets parishioners at the reopening Mass for the church. Father Pleiman, who is a priest in Dayton, co-celebrated the Mass with Father Chmura with an exuberant audience as they sang many uplifting songs such as "We've Come This Far By Faith."

St. Adalbert re-opens

By PAT WHITE

The "Roaming Catholics" found their way home as they joined the standing room only crowd of worshippers last Sunday in singing "We've Come This Far by Faith" at the reopening Mass for St. Adalbert Church, 2347 East 83rd Street.

During the diocese downsizing, St. Adalbert had been closed leaving its parishioners to wander from church to church seeking a new place of worship. The group called themselves "Roaming Catholics."

According to a member of that group, Phillis Clips, it was a joyous day to be able to return home.

Clips has been a parishoner at St. Adalbert's since 1982.

"It was like a big family reunion with tears and hugs," said Sister Juanita Shealey, CSJ.

Virginia Gobidas, who wore her red hat, attended with her neighbor and lifelong St. Adalbert's parishoner, Lisa Johnson. Johnson's mother and grandmother had attended the church, and Johnson could not be more thrilled about its rebirth.

When Rudy Thompson walked through the doors, he said, "Thank you God, my prayers have been answered."

According to Thompson, it was the best day of his life.

Father Gary Chmura, who

will be the new pastor, invited Father Kenneth Pleiman, the former pastor, to join in the celebration. Chmura will be pastor at St. Adalbert and Our Lady of Peace Parishes.

"I have felt an overwhelming amount of support and love from the St. Adalbert's family who are extremely excited that their prayers were answered," Chmura said.

Lifelong parishoner, Joyce Sanders said that it was a wonderful day to see her church reopen. She joined the congregation in singing, "Oh Happy Day."

St. Adalbert's has been a parish in Cleveland since 1883. With a dwindling Bohemian membership, it was merged in 1961 with Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament which was closing due to costly repairs.

Father Eugen Wison who became the first black Catholic pastor in Cleveland became the eighth pastor of St. Adalbert/OLBS. from 1979-1977.

Chmura is the 12th pastor, and he will be installed by Bishop Lennon in a formal ceremony at the 11 a.m. Mass on September 23, and a family picnic will follow.

Chmura serves on the Pastor's Advisory Council for Catholic Education, the Advisory Board for the Diocese of Cleveland Catholic Foundation, and he is on the Board of Cleveland Central Catholic High School.

Services held for Mearns

Services for the former Shaker Heights Mayor Patricia S. Mearns was held on Thursday, August 16, at Our Lady of Peace Church, 12503 Buckingham, with Father Gary Chmura officiating. Mearns recently died after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

"We loved Mayor Mearns. She knew everyone, and really cared about our community," said Janice Sims, a longtime Shaker resident.

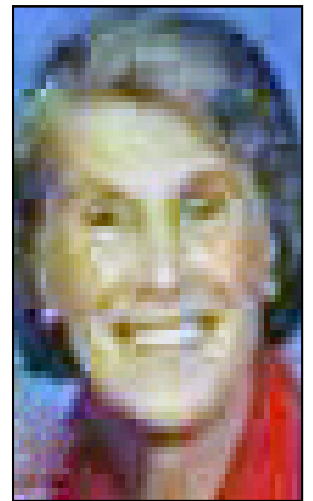
A trait of Mearns was to remember the names of everyone that she met.

She was born in Brooklyn, New York to the late Louise and Eugene Simonson in 1931.

Mearns met and married Edward Mearns while she was a junior in college, and the couple moved to Shaker Heights in 1974 when her husband became a law professor at Case Western Reserve University College of Law.

Mearns raised nine children while serving the Shaker community as PTA president for Malvern School, city councilwoman for a decade, and mayor of the city from 1992-1999.

Following her term as mayor, she was remained involved in a number of civic and charitable organizations including the Shaker Family Center, Fund for the Fu-



Mearns

ture, Shaker Heights Meals on Wheels and Shaker Youth Center boards of trustees.

She was honored with the first Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Relations Award, and was on the faculty at Cleveland State University.

Mearns is survived by her husband, Edward, sons, Edward and Geoffrey, and daughters, Alison Benders, Kathleen Mearns, Leslie Quinones, Patricia Shea, Susan Duquette, Tracey Frierson and Evan Carbonell, and 31 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Arrangements were handled by Brown-Forward Funeral.

Blaine Griffin heads school levy campaign

Blaine Griffin, the Cleveland Community Relations Board director, will manage the campaign for a 15-mill school levy on November 6, ballot for Mayor Frank Jackson. The campaign is called "Citizens for our Children's Future."

Griffin, a father of three, will highlight the need to improve the schools in a grassroots effort to pass the levy.

Griffin will take a leave of absence from his \$87,550-a-year city job until after the election, but will remain as the vice-chairman of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party.

Jackson and Eric Gordon, the district's chief executive officer, named the entire campaign committee recently at a press event outside John Adams High School.

At the conference, Jack-



Griffin

son called educating children "one of the most important, if not the most important, things that we as a community have to make a decision on."

"Our success here will mean the success of Cleveland as a whole, and for the families and the individuals that attend our school system," Jackson said.

Fifteen "co-chairs," have been named to help Griffin with

the campaign including former Ohio Gov. and Cleveland Mayor George Voinovich, U.S. Rep. Marcia Fudge, former U.S. Rep. Louis Stokes, Cleveland city council members, state Sen. Nina Turner and state Rep. Sandra Williams, both of whom co-sponsored recent state legislation that Jackson and Gordon sought to help the district.

The Cleveland district's last tax, passed in 1996.

Shaker resident contractes West Nile Virus

The Shaker Heights Health Department reports recently confirmed a case of West Nile Virus (WNV) in a 54 year old resident. The Shaker case brings Ohio's reported WNV clinical cases to nine.

The resident, who reported having been bitten by a mosquito, is recovering and has

no neurological symptoms. The patient's symptoms upon contracting the virus included fever, fatigue, nausea, a rash and muscle aches, all of which abated within a week.

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) reports 695 WNV positive mosquito pools (consisting of about 50 mosquitoes) as of August 13. This is an increase over last

year. The summer's prolonged heat has contributed to an increase in mosquitoes and virus acceleration. This year's early increase is similar to that experienced in 2002, when there were 299 WNV positive pools by the end of July. SHHD Health Director Dr. Scott Frank says, "We want our residents to be diligent in protecting against mosquito bites."

Gasoline prices in area drop

The current average price for a gallon of regular, unleaded gasoline in Northeast Ohio is \$3.79, down 7.7 cents per gallon from a week ago.

AAA Fuel Gauge Gasoline Price Survey
Northeast Ohio Average for Self-Service Gasoline

	Regular
This Week (8-14-12)	\$3.79
Last Week (8-7-12)	\$3.87
Last Year (8-15-11)	\$3.57
National (8-14-12)	\$3.70