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"COVERING THE NEWS TODAY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW"

City hosts Senior Citizen's Day

By CLAUDE STARKS

Cleveland recently hosted their 11th Annual Senior Citizen's Day at the Music Hall, 500 Lakeside Ave., before an estimated crowd of 1,500.

In 1990 City Council voted on an ordinance to have one day in May to pay tribute to senior citizens.

The one day event started in the Rotunda of City Hall and has blossomed into a gala celebration attended by many Clevelanders.

The function was sponsored by Ameritech, Cleveland Public Power, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, Indian Hills Health and Rehabilitation Center, the Cuyahoga County Senior and Adult Services and Summa Health Care.

James Stevenon, deputy project director, Department of Aging, said that the function featured 53 exhibits which related to health care, transportation, housing, Social Security, Medicare/ Medicaid information, access to information concerning vital records, as well as entertainment.

Ellen Louny, Geriatric Case Worker, with the Department of Aging, said that "the

program was to assist seniors in acquiring information, in order to become knowledgeable about the various services available to them."

Mary Jo Berry, director of education for the Diabetes Association, said "her exhibit would advise, consult and test for the history of diabetes within each patient's family."

Tom Haight, public health nurse and pneumonia specialist, said that an "estimated 300 individuals will be inoculated against the virus during the celebration."

Jeannie Johnson, director of nursing for the Health Department, said that her staff will visit recreation centers, senior citizen houses and centers to advise senior citizens of the importance of the flu shot and that the inoculation process will be ongoing at four health care centers.

Nadine Marine, registered nurse with the health department, said that a "five year waiting period," should be instituted by a senior citizen prior to another inoculation.

Tom Riccardi, program manager for the Cuyahoga Community Adult Service, said that his agency exposes "financial exploitation

and also abuse," among senior citizens through the Western Reserve Office on Aging, skilled nursing and also respite care.

Felicia Wooten, volunteer clerk with the East End Neighborhood House's Foster Grandparents program, said that the services offered to senior citizens are "computer training, meals on wheels, foster grandparenting and also tutoring of colors and math through the elementary school students within the Cleveland Public Schools.

Joyce Cummings, director, Foster Grandparent Program, said that there are "approximately 77 participants," involved with the program at "32 different sites."

Kim Nims, office information specialist, United Way Services, said that the agency features various programs directed toward senior citizens which include drug and alcohol prevention techniques, living sites for homeless individuals as well as assistance with chemical addiction and battered woman.

Master of Ceremonies Del Donahue, who is employed with WKYC television station, said that during the opening ceremony he greeted the senior citizens at the func-

tion on behalf of the city's estimated 10,000 employees.

Rev. Marie Pamales, pastor, Ialeslacrismo Misionera, said she blessed the "city's employees and the senior citizens," in order to deliver them "hope, encouragement and also inspiration."

Glenn Burkes, who has been employed as a paramedic for twelve years with the Emergency Medical Service, sang a solo acappella version of the National Anthem.

Mayor Michael R. White said that he was "pleased with the record number of senior citizens at the event," and informed the individuals of the many services that were offered during the day's activities."

The Community Re-entry Team, which was initiated in 1989 and consists of former incarcerated individuals who alert senior citizens of the dangers lurking within the neighborhoods, also assisted to deliver the box lunches to the individuals.

Robert Hardaway, 74, who is a 29 year resident of Ward 19, was awarded the Edwardina Riggins Senior Service Award, which was established in 1996 by Mayor White

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Mayor Michael R. White congratulates a young lady for completing the Healthy Family, Healthy Start program.

Healthy Family, Healthy Start anniversary

By CLAUDE STARKS

Mayor Michael R. White and the Department of Public Health were recently joined by approximately 200 pregnant women, mothers and their children at the Zelma George Recreation Center, 3156 Martin Luther King Dr., in order to celebrate the ninth anniversary of the Healthy Family, Healthy Start program.

White said that nothing is more important than to save a child's life and to guarantee that pregnant mothers receive the care that they need for a healthy pregnancy.

The program's mission, since its inception in 1990, is to ensure that pregnant women receive care for themselves and their families during their baby's first year.

Outreach workers are an integral part of the program which accumulates needed services such as parenting and family support to the neighborhoods.

Volunteers from medical and social service agencies offer support and guidance to reduce infant mortality.

The program is one of 15 funded since 1990 by the

United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Because of the city's successful program, the federal government funds approximately 94 Healthy Family, Healthy Start Projects across the country.

The program specifies neighborhoods which have high infant mortality rates which include the Buckeye Road-Shaker Boulevard, Woodland Hills and Lee-Miles areas.

Between 1990 and 1997 the Healthy Family, Healthy Start program has helped infant mortality rates to decrease by 38 percent, which translates into 100 babies being saved.

The program has enrolled more than 17,000 participants and has assisted them with health care, educational materials, medical materials and referrals to needed services.

More than 5,500 babies have completed the program by living through their first birthday health free.

Tammy Johnson, outreach worker at the Garden Valley Neighborhood House since 1995, said that she "con-

sults with between 37 and 45 cases annually."

Dr. James Quilty, co-chairman clinical social services, Metro Medical Health Center, said that he "assisted to write the proposal which authorized \$7 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in order to fund the program."

Beverly Terrell, social outreach worker, said she "ensures that pregnant women receive prenatal care, nutrition, HIV screening, testing for sexually transmitted diseases, as well as information to deter infant mortality."

Lisa Matthews, project director, Healthy Family, Healthy Start, said that "the federal government will fund approximately \$2.5 million into the project during the year 2001."

Matthews also said that the Mobile Outreach Unit Medical Unit was purchased in 1997.

The vehicle has the capacity to examine and diagnose females with sexually transmitted diseases and HIV and works in partnership with volunteer students from the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing. Matthews said that the vehicle is used to treat pregnant women and babies.

Latina Durant, 21, and her son Tommy Griffin, three months old, attended the ceremony and received certificates from Mayor White as did the remainder of the mothers and pregnant women at the ceremony.

Durant said that the program is "great and utilizes Healthy Family, Healthy Start personnel and also their facilities.

Ebony Morgan, 20, a Max Hayes High School graduate who is six months pregnant, said that Stacy Ferguson, who is her outreach worker, assists her to promptly attend her medical appointments and complete forms in order for her to become eligible for WIC and also transports Morgan to her scheduled obstetrician and gynecologist meetings.

Pregnant women and mothers can call 664-4194 for more information.



Ulysses Glen, publisher and editor of EAST SIDE DAILY NEWS, shows off journalism awards the newspaper recently won at the Annual Conference of the Neighborhood Community Press Association. The event was held at Cleveland State University. Dr. Leo Jeffries, right, coordinated the event.

ELECTION 2000

Bizarre twist in New York

By HOWARD TAUB

The New York Senate race between Mayor Rudy Giuliani and first lady Hillary Clinton has taken a strange turn in recent weeks.

About a month ago the New York Mayor was diagnosed with prostate cancer.

In recent weeks the mayor declared in front of a live television audience that he was seeking a separation from his wife of 16 years, television personality and actress Donna Hanover.

She was home in the mayor's mansion when she first heard of the good news.

The mayor didn't even have the decency to inform his wife of his plans.

This is the new family values of the Republican party.

Hillary Clinton has succeeded in her first senate race by doing nothing

other than watching her opponent destroy himself.

The mayor has been accused of having an affair with one of his aides, and now he is often out in public with his close friend, a woman named Judy Nathan.

Let's take a closer look at this story.

A public figure, married with two children, has an affair with an aide is seeing another woman openly in public, and yet he goes home to his wife every night. This guy makes our president look like the Pope.

At least Bill Clinton wasn't taking care of two women at the same time.

Giuliani has withdrawn from the senate race and the New York State Republican Party has selected Congressman Rick A. Lazio to run against Hillary Clinton in the Senate race.

Lazio is a four term congressman.

EAST SIDE DAILY NEWS recently won five journalism awards at the Annual Conference of the Neighborhood Community Press Association of Greater Cleveland held at Cleveland State University.

The newspaper won first place certificate in Best Feature Photo category on a series of photo by Ulysses Glen on a reception at the Governor's Mansion in Columbus hosted by Governor Bob Taft and Hope Taft.

Another first place certificate was awarded to the newspaper in Best Single Photo category by Ray Robinson a photo pertaining to Marcia Fudge showing her jubilation as she won the mayor's race in Warrensville

Heights.

In the category of Best Advertisement, the newspaper won a first place certificate for an ad pertaining to Sea World.

The judges felt that the ad was quite eye catching showing Shamu and a dinosaur.

In the Best Advertisement category, the newspaper received an honorable mention on a full page ad from University Hospitals.

EAST SIDE DAILY NEWS won an honorable mention in the Best News category for a story entitled "2 children killed in house fire" by Claude Starks. The judges felt that the story was reported well with a lot sources, quotes and details.

'Women's Day' celebration at church

The Liberty Hill Baptist Church "the friendly church," 8206 Euclid Avenue, will celebrate its 56th Annual Women's Day Event on Sunday May 28th during Church School at 9:20 a.m. and morning worship services at 10:30 a.m.

The theme, "Women of God Marching Forward and Growing in Christ from the Cradle to Womanhood," truly embodies the spirit and tone for the program of the day," said Rev. Doctor Blanton Harper, Jr.

The keynote speaker for the program is the Rev. Thelma C. Mitchell, pastor of the Wilksburg Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Prior to joining the Wilksburg Baptist Church, she was the associate pastor of First Baptist Church in Pittsburgh and Minister of Youth at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church.

Rev. Mitchell served

11 years with National Ministries of the American Baptist Churches, USA as associate director for Biblical Justice and Issue Development.

She was commissioned missionary, assigned to the United States.

In this position, she traveled across the United States, experiencing some international assignments as well.

Prior to entering professional ministry, she was employed as a clinical associate at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic.

Currently, Rev. Mitchell is a mentor and instructor at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary for the Urban Institute.

Rev. Mitchell holds two masters degrees, including a theology degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 1981.

The program is free and open to the public. Call (216) 791-5841 for information.

Malcolm X's birthday celebration

A celebration of Malcolm X's birthday and a memorial service for our African freedom fighters, which is sponsored by Egbe Gye Nyame, Inc., an African history and study group, is sponsoring an event which will be conducted on May 29, from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Luke Easter Park's shelters three, four, and five which are located at the intersection of Kinsman Road and East Boulevard.

Vendors are also welcome to attend the ceremony. The celebration will consist of



Malcolm X drumming, dancing, praising and feasting.

For information call 216-752-4486.

County offers summer jobs

If you are 14, 15, or 16 years old (or up to 21 with special needs) and live in Cuyahoga County but outside Cleveland, you may be eligible for a summer job in the Summer Youth Opportunities Program.

Summer Youth Opportunities is funded through

Cuyahoga Work & Training under the auspices of Cuyahoga County.

Youth should apply this year regardless of whether they were ineligible in the past.

A youth is eligible if the family's household income is as much as 200% of poverty level.

Summer Youth Opportunities will run for eight weeks from June 19 to August 11.

Job opportunities will pay wages of \$5.15 per hour, and most jobs will be for 20 hours per week.

For application or information call (216) 774-7967.