

Zimbabwe  
President  
Mnangagwa  
resigns

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RE, Zimbabwe —  
Zimbabwe's President Robert  
Mugabe called for Robert  
Mugabe to quit Sun-  
day, saying he will preside over  
the party congress in  
Harare in an announcement  
that triggered impeachment  
proceedings this week and  
calls demanding his

resigned address, the 93-  
year-old Mr. Mugabe acknowl-  
edged that he said were “a  
series of concerns” of  
citizens about the chaotic  
state of government and the  
economy, but he stopped short  
of saying many people in the  
African nation were  
“tired” — a statement that  
resigning after nearly  
40 years in power.

Mr. Mugabe's  
vice-formidable Mr.  
Mugabe is now a virtually pow-  
erless figure, making  
his continued incumbency all  
the more unusual and extend-  
ing Zimbabwe's political limbo.  
Mr. Mugabe was confined to his pri-  
vate residence by the military. The  
army has fired him from  
his post, and huge  
crowds poured into the streets  
of the capital, on Satur-  
day, demanding that he leave of-

President Robert  
Mugabe sought to  
assert authority in his speech,  
delivered after shaking  
hands with security force

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Penn's land  
bank aims  
to start up  
next year

State Giammarise  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

More than three years after  
the state passed legislation to  
create a land bank to tackle  
blight and tax-delinquent  
property, board members say  
they want to see it up and run-  
ning next year.

Pittsburgh Land Bank  
will acquire any prop-  
erty it can be fully oper-  
ated. It must also final-  
ize a strategic plan as well  
as policies and pro-  
grams that must be approved  
by the council. It must also fi-  
nalize agreements with the city  
and the Redevelopment Au-

thority. Finally, it must secure  
funding. Land bank board's vice  
president, Jamil Bey, said he's  
confident that it will be

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For 5 decades, empathy and grit drove Jack Shea to fight for workers

A lion of local labor

By Daniel Moore  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Jack Shea often found himself in  
hostile territory, organizing  
unions and bargaining new con-  
tracts among the walnut groves of  
Georgia, at airports in Florida and  
in small towns in the Carolinas.

Mr. Shea, a stranger in those  
places, harbored some doubt.

“How do you really blend in?” he  
wondered. “I mean, how do you get  
out of your mind that you’re not  
just being a phony?”

In those times, he thought of his  
mother working multiple jobs to  
raise two boys on her own in Pitts-  
burgh’s East End. Suddenly, other  
workers’ wages became his. It was

his health care in jeopardy. He  
grabbed a bullhorn, a picket sign, a  
pile of union ballots and fought em-  
ployers who, he believed, were ex-  
ploiting their workers for profit.

For the past two decades, he has  
picked some of those same fights  
here in Allegheny County, where  
he took the job of president of the  
Allegheny County Labor Council in  
1998 and thrust himself into bat-  
tles over jobs, pay and trade.

It wouldn’t be surprising if Veri-  
zon, which he taunted with a toy  
rat during a rally in 2011, didn’t  
mind seeing him retire at the end  
of the year. Or if some former U.S.  
Airways executives had less than

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Verizon workers listen to remarks made by Jack Shea in 2015. He is retiring at the end of the year as president of the county Labor Council.



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The Rev. Paul Abernathy speaks Tuesday with a passerby in Braddock about what improvements are needed in the community.

Remedy for violence

New trauma response teams prepare for Thanksgiving Day rollout

By Shelly Bradbury  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Packed inside the back of  
an RV in the Hill District, a  
dozen volunteers pulled the  
tags off bright orange safety  
vests, slipped the vests over  
their coats and zipped them  
up, preparing to step into the  
cold, dark street.

This was just a drill.

The volunteers are in the final  
stages of training to be a part of  
FOCUS Pittsburgh’s new trauma  
response teams, which, starting

on Thanksgiving Day, will re-  
spond to homicides in Allegheny  
County and provide immediate,  
on-site psychological and mental  
health care to residents and oth-  
ers affected by the violence.

On Monday night, the volun-  
teers with the Hill District non-  
profit went through their first  
drill in the 2900 block of Webster  
Avenue — practicing approach-  
ing a mock crime scene, staying  
in radio contact with one an-  
other, and being aware of their  
surroundings.

Neighbors peeked out from

their homes as the volunteers,  
wearing reflective vests embla-  
zoned with “Trauma Response  
Team,” trooped up and down the  
street. A couple of residents came  
out of their homes and explored  
the recreational vehicle, excited  
to see it up and running.

The volunteers will complete  
about 40 hours of training before  
they hit the streets, said the Rev.  
Paul Abernathy, who runs  
FOCUS Pittsburgh. They have  
learned the basics of

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County seeks  
solutions  
for parents  
struggling  
on opioids

By Rich Lortie  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Every Friday afternoon,  
Allegheny County Municipal Court  
deals with family crimes, its plea  
bargaining largely with parents  
accused of endangering their chil-  
dren by injecting themselves  
with heroin or fentanyl.

Often the district judge  
parent to leave the kids in the  
hands of a relative, get them  
ment and come back to court in a  
few months. Occasionally, the  
judge adds some grim parting ad-  
vice:

“If you decide to relapse,” Dis-  
trict Judge Anthony C. O’Neil  
told one young woman last week,  
“stay away from the kids.”

When opioids hijack the brain,  
there’s no proven plan for  
getting the family back on track.  
course. Caseworkers must de-  
cide whether to take the parent  
away, and policymakers are  
trying to provide other options,  
including novel ones like family  
rehab.

“Some addicts can’t leave  
their kids,” said Marjorie  
M. M. director of Allegheny  
County Department of Human  
Services. “But odds are that  
neglecting your child is worse  
than you’re not giving them  
what they need, because you’re  
using the drug.”

Removing children from  
homes may not be enough,  
there may not be enough  
homes to handle the needs  
of the parents now addicted to  
drugs. So Mr. Chernick is  
planning to launch two new  
early next year — one for  
the family would get their  
own home, and another for  
which parents and children  
would be housed together in  
a new rehab facility.

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# Trauma response team set

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psychological first aid, mental health first aid and CPR, he said.

Beginning Thursday, Rev. Abernathy plans to be alerted to homicides when they happen and will page the volunteers to see who is available to respond. They'll rendezvous somewhere near the scene, then ride together on the RV to the homicide.

Teams want to arrive as soon as possible within the first 24 hours after a crime and will try to stay as long as they can during the first 48 hours, Rev. Abernathy said.

"The goal is stabilization, and helping to identify those people who are most adversely affected by this type of trauma," he said, "And helping transition them to long-term care plans."

So far, about 15 people have participated in the trauma team's training, he said, and he's looking for more volunteers. If there aren't at least five people available to respond to a scene, the RV can't go.

The plan is funded in part by a two-year, \$150,000 grant from the Allegheny County Health Department, one of two grants the department is distributing to local organizations to combat gun vio-



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Volunteers on the trauma response team don their vests in the FOCUS RV before doing a trial run Nov. 13 in the Hill District.

lence by treating it like a public health crisis.

The second, \$160,000 grant was awarded to the University of Pittsburgh's Department of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences. Richard Garland, an assistant professor, is leading that effort and has hired two street outreach workers who are focusing on violence prevention through mediation and by building personal relationships with people in Wilkinsburg, Braddock, Rankin, Duquesne, McKeesport and Penn Hills.

On Tuesday, Mr. Garland and Rev. Abernathy took the

RV for a drive through Rankin and Braddock, hoping to familiarize residents to the vehicle and begin to let neighbors know what to expect when the RV, formerly used as a mobile health clinic, shows up.

They stopped to shoot hoops at a basketball court in Hawkins Village, a public housing complex in Rankin, and spoke with people at a street corner in Braddock. As the teams wrap up their final training drills, Rev. Abernathy hopes the volunteers will be ready to help community members.

"When we talk about trauma, it's not just gun vio-

lence. It's homelessness, poverty, addiction, abuse, racism — these are all forms of trauma," he said. "And there are communities where they have been inundated with these traumas for generation. So when we look at what these trauma teams are working to do, it's not only to be there in the moment — that's our primary goal, stabilization — but there is also a huge potential to begin the healing process."

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