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**'Bully-Proof' your children this summer**

Ohioans who have seen the YouTube video of seventh-grade boys harassing an elderly school bus monitor may be wrong to assume that their children would never do such a thing- and parents are being urged to use the summer months to "bully-proof" their children. As an assistant professor in the counseling program at Ohio University, Christine Suniti Bhat say prevention is a critical piece to stop youngsters from engaging in bullying behavior. That means having more conversations with them about what is happening in their lives. "I think as parents open the door, children will talk."



Smith

**Kid's Corner**

Dewayne Smith is a very active five year old who has a hearty appetite and his favorite food is spaghetti. Dewayne's favorite toy is fire trucks and who knows he might grow up and become a fireman. He is the son of JRoc Smith and Howalyn Jackson. His grandmother Carolyn Price just adores Dewayne.

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## Memorial services planned for Bivins

By Jim Amato and George Goldman

In death as in life, Jimmy Bivins affairs were not concrete until a memorial service was planned for him for Saturday, July 21, at Liberty Hill Baptist Church, 8206 Euclid Avenue at 11 a.m.

Bivins, who died on July 4th at 92 years old, original funeral was scheduled for July 11th, and it was cancelled by Bivins estranged daughter Josetta Banks.

In 1998, when Bivins was 78 years old, police removed the shriveled man from Banks' home in Collinwood and charged her and her husband, Daryl, with assault. The husband eventually pleaded guilty to a lesser charge. Charges against Josseta Banks were dropped, and a custody dispute was resolved in court. Bivins lived awhile with his sister, Maria, prior to her death in 2009 in Shaker Heights, and finally at the Mcgregor Home.

The initial funeral arrangements were made by Bivins' nephew Frank Nelson and his wife, Jerry with Lucas Memorial Chapel. When Banks cancelled the funeral arrangements, Bivins' remains were at Lucas Memorial Chapel until Banks had the remains transferred to The House Of Wills Funeral Home. Banks can not be contacted and the funeral home is not giving out any information about Bivins' remains.

Although he was born in Dry Branch, Georgia it was from Cleveland that Jimmy Bivins made history. He was a major player in putting Cleveland on the boxing map during the 1940's and 50's. He may well have been the best heavyweight and light heavyweight to ever come out of this great boxing town.

Bivins was born on December 6, 1919 to Fleda and Allen Bivins. He had three sisters who all proceeded him in death Viola



Jimmy Bivins at a event where he was honored by the Lake Erie Association of USA Boxing with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to boxing. In photo with Bivins is his care giver, Luella Gibbs. (ESDN Photo by Terry Gallagher)

Hardaway, Maria Baskin, and Fannie Nelson.

Aside from his daughter,

Banks, Bivins had two sons who proceeded him in death, Raymond and James Bivins Jr.

His professional career began as a middleweight in Cleveland on January 15, 1940. In his sixth pro fight he beat a solid veteran in Nate Bolden. On September 3rd Bivins was good enough to outpoint the highly respected Charley Burley. This has to be considered an outstanding feat at this stage of Bivins budding career. Bivins closed 1940 by splitting a pair of tough bouts in Cleveland with Anton Christoforidis. The loss in the second bout to Anton was the first of his career.

The year 1941 saw Jimmy lose a few bouts but he was really in with top shelf opposition. He beat Teddy Yarosz and Curtis "Hatchetman" Shepperd. He lost decisions to Lem Franklin and Tony Musto. He defeated Nate Bolden again but lost to Melio Bettina. Jimmy was a full fledged light heavyweight by now. In some fights he was coming in as a heavyweight.

Bivins started 1942 with a bang as he outscored Billy Soose and Gus Lesnevich. Bivins then lost to the smooth boxing Bob Pastor. On June 6th at Cleveland Municipal Stadium to of the greatest boxers in Cleveland's history when Bivins squeaked a split decision over the crafty Joey Maxim.

Then Jimmy went on a rampage. In this order he defeated Joe Muscato, Tami Mauriello, Bob Pastor in a rematch. Then he beat Lee Savold to close 1942.

He opened 1943 beating Ezzard Charles and winning a rubber match with Christoforidis. He defeated Mauriello again and then beat Watson Jones, Pat Valentino, Lloyd Marshall, Herbert Marshall and Bettina in a return engagement. The year ended with a win over Lee Q. Murray.

Bivins picked up right where he left off in 1945 by beating Murray again. Three fights later he drew with the always tough Bettina. On August 22nd Bivins scored one of the most important wins of his career. When he had Archie Moore on the canvas several times enroute to a sixth round stoppage.

He opened 1946 with four straight victories but on February 25th he was outscored in ten rounds by Jersey Joe Walcott at the Cleveland Arena. Two fights later in Pittsburgh he lost to the great Ezzard Charles. Bivins got a few more victories but on March 10, 1947 he was halted by Ezzard Charles in four rounds. On September 8th he was kayoed in nine rounds by a determined Moore in Baltimore.

Bivins put together a six

fight win streak into 1948 including another win over Valentino. In June he lost a decision to Moore and in September in Washington D.C. he lost a verdict to Charles. He closed 1948 with a points loss to Maxim.

He was again stopped by Archie Moore. He would lose to Leonard Morrow but beat him in a return bout. He stopped the talented Clarence Henry and was then outlicked by the clever future light heavyweight champion Harold Johnson. In 1950 he lost Sid Peaks. In 1951 he beat Tiger Ted Lowry but was again kayod by Moore. In June he lost in a return with Henry.

On August 15th at Memorial Stadium in Baltimore Bivins entered the ring to face the great comebacking former champion Joe Louis.

At one point when Louis was champion but inactive due to his being in the Armed Forces, he named Bivins the "Interim Heavyweight Champion". Now they were in the ring together. Louis won over ten rounds.

Next Bivins would lose to undefeated Bob Baker but closed the year beating Doc Williams.

In 1952 Bivins beat Coley Wallace and Wes Bascom. He then lost to Harrison. He was then defeated by Charles once again. He opened 1953 by losing to Tommy Harrison for a second time. He was able to close the year with wins over Claude Wolfe and Chubby Wright.

Bivins was inactive for two years but returned in 1955 and he closed his career with a six round points call over Mike DeJohn.

Jimmy's record was an impressive 86-25-1 with 31 KO's. What makes his career special and more then justifies his place in the International Boxing Hall Of Fame are the names of the great boxers he defeated during his heyday.

If you can say that you defeated Charley Burley, Anton Christoforidis, Teddy Yarosz, Billy Soose, Gus Lesnevich, Joey Maxim, Tami Mauriello, Bob Pastor, Lee Savold, Ezzard Charles, Pat Valentino, Lloyd Marshall, Melio Bettina and Archie Moore- You deserve to be in the Hall Of Fame. Bivins was a great boxer.

## St. Adalbert set to re-open

By PAT WHITE

St. Adalbert Church, 2347 E. 83rd Street, will be re-opened with a Mass on Sunday, August 12, at 11:00 a.m. Father Gary Chmura of Our Lady of Peace Church will share his priestly duties between the two parishes.

"I have already been approached by several of the St. Adalbert's family, and welcomed by the community," Father Chmura said, "I have two piles on my desk: one for St. Adalbert's and one for Our Lady of Peace."

Originally, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, established in 1922 was Cleveland's first and

only black Catholic church, but it was closed in 1961 because it was too costly to repair it.

The congregation migrated a few blocks to East 83rd Street and was welcomed at St. Adalbert's Church which had been established in 1883 as a Bohemian church.

Moving into their new home, the congregation painted the faces black on the statues left behind by the former Bohemian congregation. The life-size statues of Jesus, Mary and Joseph are now Africans.

"It helps us to relate our spirituality with our natural being," said Jan Sims who attended elementary school at St. Adalbert's. "If God made us in his image and

likeness, he's got to look something like us."

With the massive downsizing of the Cleveland diocese, Bishop Richard Lennon closed St. Adalbert Church.

Bishop Lennon had refused to publicly discuss individual decisions, saying that they were the result of shortages of priests, cash and people in the pews, but St. Adalbert met none of his criteria.

St. Adalbert was financially stable and its buildings are in good condition and it had a full-time priest.

St. Adalbert's elementary school remained open.

The congregation voted to appeal to the Vatican, and according to Sims, their prayers were answered.

The Vatican over-ruled Bishop Lennon.

While St. Adalbert's was closed, many of the parishoners began attending Our Lady of Peace Church.

Knowing Father Chmura will be leading St. Adalbert's "is both a comfort and a blessing," Sims said.

Other churches scheduled to re-open are: St. Casimir, St. Emeric, St. Peter, St. Barbara, St. Wendelin, and St. Patrick (West Park) all in Cleveland; St. John the Baptist and St. Mary, both in Akron; St. Mary of bedord; and St. James in Lakewood.

## Judge asked to be removed on George Zimmerman's case

Mark O'Mara, the attorney for George Zimmerman, 28, who is charged with second-degree murder in the February 26, shooting death of Trayvon Martin, has filed a motion asking that Judge Kenneth Lester be disqualified from the case.

In the motion, O'Mara claims that Judge Lester showed bias against Zimmerman in his recent ruling after a bond hearing.

According to O'Mara, "the Court makes gratuitous, disparaging remarks about Mr. Zimmerman's character."

On July 6, Zimmerman bonded out of jail for a second time after posting a \$1 million bond.

An initial bond of \$150,000 was revoked last month after Judge Lester learned that Zimmerman and his wife, Shellie, had failed to disclose more than \$150,000 in donations from the public.

Judge Lester restricted Zimmerman's travel to within Seminole County, subjected him to a curfew, barred him from the local airport and required him to wear an electronic monitoring device. He is



Martin Zimmerman also not allowed to apply for a passport or to drink alcohol.

O'Mara had asked that the first judge that Zimmerman found himself before in the case be replaced.

Seminole Circuit Judge Jessica Recksiedler disqualified herself in April from the case and Lester took her place.

The State Attorney's Office released a statement Friday afternoon objecting to Zimmerman's motion to remove Judge Lester.

## Suspected robber fatally shot by store owner

While attempting to rob a store with a hand gun, Jonathan

Ward, 23, was fatally shot by Jamal Sulaiman, 35, the owner of Abe & Son's Corner Store at East 70th Street and Cedar Avenue around 1:50 p.m. on Tuesday.

According to police, Ward was shot and killed during a suspected armed robbery.

Ward had recently been released from prison for an armed robbery committed outside the same store more than three years ago, and was supposed to be at the Oriana House on East 55th Street to serve the final months of the sentence.

According to parole officers, Ward left the facility on June 22, and he had been declared a "violinator at large."

During a struggle, Sulaiman was shot in the arm. Ward was shot three times in the head and torso and died in the store.

Sulaiman was treated at Metro Health Medical Center for a gunshot wound to his right arm and was released.

He took over the store after his brother, Kamal, then

34, was shot in the head and killed there during an armed robbery in December of 2008.

The Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office said Wednesday night that homicide detectives were still investigating Ward's

death.

Services for Ward will be held at Pernel Jones And Sons Funeral Home, 7120 Cedar Avenue, on Saturday, July 21 at 12 noon.

Ward is survived by his mother.

## N.A.A.C.P to hold dinner

The Cleveland branch of the N.A.A.C.P will hold its 53rd Annual Freedom Fund Dinner on Saturday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Cleveland

Hotel, Tower City Center.

This year's event will commemorate 100 years of excellence. For information, call 216-231-6260

### Gasoline prices sky rocket in area

The current average price for a gallon of regular, unleaded gasoline in Northeast Ohio is \$3.51, up 22.5 cents per gallon from a week ago.

AAA Fuel Gauge Gasoline Price Survey		
Northeast Ohio Average for Self-Service Gasoline		
		Regular
This Week	(7-13-12)	\$3.51
Last Week	(7-6-12)	\$3.28
Last Year	(7-9-11)	\$3.59
National	(7-13-12)	\$3.38