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Rampant errors on Background Checks

More than 44,000 Ohioans are out of work, and false information about their backgrounds could be hindering their job searches, a new report says. More than 90 percent of employers use criminal background checks for some job applicants according to research from the National Consumer Law Center, but often those checks are riddled with errors, Staff attorney Persis Yu, Co-author of the report, says background-screening companies routinely cut corners to save money and produce misleading and inaccurate reports. "It really is the Wild West with background screening companies," Yu said.



Smith

Kid's Corner

Dewayne Smith is an active five year old who has a hearty appetite. 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. He attends Pre-K at Willard Headstart.

Healthier diet linked to nickel food allergies

Following a recent increase in the number of people developing nickel-based food allergies, Ohio researchers say they have pinpointed the cause: whole grains, oatmeal, legumes, nuts and soy. Although these foods are all recommended as part of a healthy diet, they also contain trace amounts of nickel that can add up. Dermatologist Dr. Matthew Zirawas at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center says as people try to eat healthier, they're actually eating more nickel.

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"COVERING THE NEWS TODAY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW"

Zimmerman charged in Trayvon's murder

By PAT WHITE

George Zimmerman was charged by special prosecutor Angela B. Corey on Wednesday with second-degree murder and taken into custody six weeks after he shot and killed Trayvon Martin, an unarmed 17-year-old with no criminal record.

The charges, which Trayvon's family praised but called overdue, opened a new chapter in a case that set off a national discussion on racial profiling, Florida's expansive self-defense law and the fairness of the criminal justice system.

Trayvon was shot on the evening of February 26, as he returned from buying Skittles and iced tea at a 7-Eleven, bound for the home in a gated community in Sanford, a small city just north of Orlando, where he and his father were guests.

Corey pledged to pursue justice for Trayvon's family while praising the local law enforcement officials who had been criticized

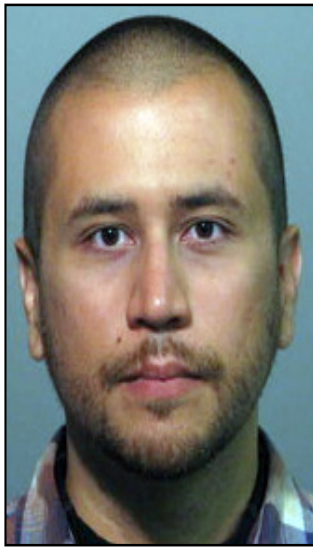


Martin

for releasing Zimmerman before thoroughly reviewing the case.

Trayvon, who was black, was shot and killed by Zimmerman, a Hispanic man who was not immediately arrested by the local police. Corey said that law enforcement officials were committed to justice for all, regardless of race, gender or background.

Judy Martin of Black



Zimmerman

on Black, Inc. said that she is glad that Zimmerman will be tried like everyone else who commits murder.

President Obama commented on the case saying, "If I had a son, he'd look like Trayvon."

After television commentators suggested that Trayvon might have looked suspicious because he was wearing a hooded sweatshirt, people around the country began

wearing them to show solidarity.

LeBron James and other members of the Miami Heat basketball team posed in hoodies for a photograph they posted on Twitter.

Representative Bobby L. Rush, Democrat of Illinois, wore one on the floor of the House, saying "Just because someone wears a hoodie does not make them a hoodlum."

Cleveland Councilman Zach Reed

The case is drawing attention to Florida's Stand Your Ground Law, which was enacted seven years ago after lobbying by the National Rifle Association, over the objections of many law enforcement officials.

The law gives the benefit of the doubt to people who claim self-defense.

Questions arose as to why Zimmerman was carrying a gun to go shopping at Target.

In this case, Zimmerman, who had founded a neigh-

borhood watch over the summer after a string of burglaries in the area, saw Trayvon, began following him, and called 911, telling the dispatcher that he appeared "suspicious."

The dispatcher asked if Zimmerman was following him. "Yeah," Zimmerman said.

"O.K., we don't need you to do that," the dispatcher said. Zimmerman said: "O.K."

The case will hinge on what happened in the few minutes before Trayvon was fatally shot.

After a police video was televised showing Zimmerman walking through a police station with apparently no injuries an hour after the shooting, the public began to question his story.

Zimmerman's father, Robert Zimmerman, who is a retired Supreme Court Judge from Virginia gave a different account saying that his son had lost sight of Trayvon, who then appeared from behind and challenged him.

Zimmerman's brother appeared on Pierce Morgan and

said that his brother was beaten to within an inch of his life.

He could not explain the police video but said that the family had medical records to show that Zimmerman sustained a broken nose.

He would not tell the commentator the name of the hospital where his brother received treatment.

Trayvon's parents, Sybrina Fulton and Tracy Martin, praised the decision to arrest and charge Zimmerman at an emotional news conference in Washington, D.C. where they had been meeting with their lawyers and supporters.

"We simply wanted an arrest," Fulton said.

If convicted of second-degree murder, Zimmerman, 28, could face life in prison. It is the toughest charge he could have faced.

A new legal team led by Mark M. O'Mara will represent Zimmerman.

Rock Hall induction ceremony to be held

The 27th annual Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held at Public Hall on Saturday, April 14.

The Class of 2012 includes: The Crickets; The Miracles; The Mid-

nighters; The Blue Caps; The Famous Flames; The Comets; Guns N' Roses; The Beastie Boys; Donovan; Laura Nyro; Red Hot Chili Peppers; The Faces/Small Faces; and Freddie King.

President Barack Obama to appear in Elyria

It was two years ago that Barack Obama brought his "White House to Main Street Tour" to Lorain County Community College, and President Obama will return on Wednesday to again discuss the economy.

The White House has confirmed that Obama will appear at the Elyria campus, 1005 Abbe road N.E., at about 2:30 p.m.

Additional details, such as ticket information, are not yet available and info, call 440-365-5222.

During a January 2010 stop at LCCC, Obama vowed to keep fighting for job growth and health insurance reforms.

At the time, Ohio's unemployment rate stood at 10.9 per-



Obama

cent. The state's latest unemployment rate is 7.6 percent.

Several awards will be presented for nonperformers. The awards are the Ahmet Ertegun Award for Lifetime Achievement to Don Kirshner; Award for Music Excellence to Tom Dowd, Glyn Johns, and Cosimo Matassa.

The playlist from this outstanding Class of 2012 includes such hits as: "(You Gotta) Fight for Your Right (to Party!)", (The Beastie Boys): "Be-Bop-A-Lula" (The Blue Caps); "(We're Gonna) Rock Around the Clock (The Comets); "That'll Be the Day" (The Crickets); "Catch the Wind" (Donovan); "Please, Please, Please" (The Famous

Flames); "Welcome to the Jungle" (Guns N' Roses); "The Twist" (The Midnighters); "Shop Around" (The Miracles); "Wedding Bell Blues" (Laura Nyro); "Subway to Venus" (Red Hot Chili Peppers); "Itchycoo Park" (The Faces/Small Faces); and "Have You Ever Loved a Woman" (Freddie King.)

Several events will be held prior to the official induction ceremony.

On Friday, April 6, at 8:30 p.m., Boots Collins will perform at the Beachland Ballroom, 15711 Wa-

terloo Road. Tickets are \$35; call 216-383-1124. For \$125 VIP tickets that include a meet-and-greet with Collins before the show, call 216-515-1233.

On Saturday, April 7, Girl Talk and Smoke Screen will perform at 8 p.m. This event is sold out.

On April 10, at 11:00 p.m. there will be a Girl Talk After-party with Smoke Screen, DJ Dongo, and Urbindex at the Grog Shop, 2785 Euclid Heights Blvd., Cleveland Heights. Free, 21 and over; \$5 under 21. Call 216-321-5588.

On April 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Rock My Soul: A Gospel Music Celebration Honoring Kirk Franklin: Fred Hammond and Donnie McClurkin will perform at PlayhouseSquare's State Theatre for a salute to Franklin. No tickets are available for this event.

On Thursday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. George Clinton and Parliament-Funkadelic and Cleveland's own Kid Cudi will perform a free concert at the Q.

Seats are no longer available to this event. For information, call (216) 781-7625 or visit rockhall.com.

St. Adalbert Church to reopen

By PAT WHITE

Bishop Richard Lennon recently announced that he will reopen 12 churches whose closings were reversed by the Vatican last month.

The 12 churches are St. Adalbert, St. Barbara, St. Casimir, St. Emeric, St. Peter, St. Patrick (West Park) and St. Wendelin, all in Cleveland; St. James in Lakewood; St. Mary in Bedford; St. Mary in Lorain; and St. John the Baptist and St. Mary, all in Akron.

Phillis Fuller who attended prayer vigils in the hopes that St. Adalbert would reopen is thrilled.

"We sent a letter on March 27, to the Bishop requesting information. We are waiting for the keys and a phone call to see what is next," Fuller said.

According to Fuller, St. Adalbert's pastor, Rev. Kenneth Pleiman, who is presently at a parish in Dayton has kept in touch with his parishioners.

St. Adalbert's Elementary School remained open and 200 students are enrolled.

Originally, Our Lady of

the Blessed Sacrament was established in 1922 as Cleveland's first and only black Catholic church. But by 1961, Blessed Sacrament was in need of major repairs, so the diocese closed it and the congregation migrated a few blocks away to a dying Bohemian church, St. Adalbert's on East 83rd Street.

According to Fuller, St. Adalbert was one of the most vibrant congregations in the diocese, and now it has a sign that reads "Miracle on 83rd Street."

Cleveland Councilman Michael Polensek, who had sponsored a resolution urging Lennon to follow the Vatican ruling and immediately reopen the 12 area churches wrongly closed, was delighted with the news.

"I hope that the opening of these churches will bring closure to this sad chapter in the diocese history," Polensek said.

The churches had filed appeals with the Vatican after Lennon, between 2009 and 2010, closed 50 church-

es in the eight-county diocese, citing changes in demographics and shortages of priests and cash.

Originally, reports indicated that there were 13 churches that had won appeals, but Lennon said that only 12 had appealed.

According to Lennon, he decided not to appeal the Vatican rulings, adding that "it is time for peace and unity in the Diocese of Cleveland."

The 12 churches had appealed to the Vatican's Congregation for the Clergy, arguing they were vibrant, self-sustaining parishes that should not be closed. The panel ruled that Lennon had not followed

church laws and procedures when he closed the churches.

The churches have been standing empty since their closings. The diocese, which has sold a number of closed churches, could not, under church law, sell a church or its contents while it was under appeal.

Lennon received official word of the Vatican decrees on March 14 and had 60 days to decide whether to appeal to the Apostolic Signatura, the Vatican's supreme court.

He said he decided not to appeal after consulting with clergy, laity and experts in church law.

Walk to be held

The 3rd annual Walk and Run for Peace, Justice, and Empowerment will be held on Saturday, May 5, beginning at E. 151 Street and Kinsman Ave. and ending at Luke Easter Park.

According to Khalid Samad, chief executive officer of The Coalition for a Better Life (known as 'Peace in the Hood'), University Hospitals of Cleveland will co-sponsor the event.

"We are excited that University Hospitals shares our commitment to not only speaking out against the violence that is plaguing our communities, but empowering our residents to take back the streets. We are excited that they chose to reach out to the community by coming into the community," Samad said.

Samad said that the walk

is for "any and everyone," victims and survivors who have ever lost a loved one to violence or crime.

We are "taking a stand" for all those who have suffered from injustice and powerlessness in the community.

At Luke Easter Park, there will be a program on violence and remembrance of those who lost their lives to violence. Families who attend will have an opportunity to gather information from participating organizations that will have resource tables.

For information, to register or to vendor please contact Khalid A. Samad, Chief Executive Officer of Peace in the Hood (216) 538-4043, Shirley and Lawrence Ellington, Founders of Discovery Center (216) 283-5960 or Ruth Standiford (216) 673-9551.

Gasoline prices drop in area

The current average price for a gallon of regular, unleaded gasoline in Northeast Ohio is \$3.78, up 5.5 cents per gallon from a week ago.

AAA Fuel Gauge Gasoline Price Survey		
Northeast Ohio Average for Self-Service Gasoline		
		Regular
This Week	(4-13-12)	\$3.78
Last Week	(4-6-12)	\$3.86
Last Year	(4-5-11)	\$3.83
National	(4-13-12)	\$3.92