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Dickey Harrison, Criminal Justice Instructor

Remington College Offers Back To School Safety Tips

As August approaches and everyone heads back to school, remaining vigilant about safety is important. Check out these tips from our criminal justice department to help keep everyone safe this school year!

Here are 15 things you can do to support child safety:

1. Teach children to recognize and obey traffic signs, signals, markings and rules, such as look both ways before crossing and never enter the street from between obstacles like a parked car or bush. Make sure teen drivers understand and obey all traffic laws, such as not using a cell phone in a school zone and no texting while driving.

2. If a child walks to school, adults should also teach them landmarks and safe places to go if they ever need help. Complete the walk to school with them a few times. Bright colored clothing will make your child more visible to drivers.

3. Always use designated pedestrian crossing places, and never enter streets from cars, bushes, or other obstacles—these can obstruct a car's view of you as you cross.

4. Make sure children know not to walk in front of their bus. The first 10 feet in front of a bus is the driver's blind spot, a dangerous location that should be avoided.

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Obama Era Policies Still Drive Economy



The Trump Administration continues to benefit from President Barack Obama's economic policies. Photo taken during the Loretta Lynch swearing-in ceremony at Warner Theatre in Washington, D.C. (Freddie Allen/AMG/NNPA)

BY LAUREN V. BURKE
NNPA Contributor

In May of 2017, the Black unemployment rate hit its lowest level in 17 years: 7.5 percent. Then, in June, the jobless rate for Blacks fell to 7.1 percent, before rising to 7.4 percent in July, according to the latest jobs report.

The jobs numbers over the last

six months have generally been impressive. It's fascinating to note that, suddenly, all the accusations that low jobs numbers were "fake" when President Barack Obama was in office have suddenly vanished.

The Black unemployment rate hit 16.7 percent in September 2011—the highest Black unemployment since Ronald Reagan was in office pushing "trickle

down" economics. Overall, the Black unemployment numbers were higher, on average, under President Obama than President George W. Bush or President Bill Clinton.

The 30 year-high for Black joblessness in late 2011 prompted members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) to embark on an August 2011 jobs tour. That same year, President Obama

barked at members of the CBC at their annual gala to "put on your marching shoes...and stop whining and complaining."

The Black unemployment rate, in general, was lower under President George W. Bush than it was under President Obama. Economists agree that the high jobless numbers, under President Obama, were largely driven by the economic downturn known

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MetroPCS Offers Free School Supplies

Starting this month, MetroPCS will offer free school supplies at 32 of their participating locations during scheduled events at MetroPCS stores throughout August. Each two-hour event will feature remote broadcasting from local radio stations.

MetroPCS invites DFW-area families to stop by the local events to pick up free cinch sacks filled with school supplies (limit 2 per adult) while supplies last. Each school supply kit will include a backpack, pencil bag, standard ruler, pen-

cils, pens, glue stick, eraser, folder, crayons, and a spiral notebook.

"In our continued effort to impact the DFW community, we are excited to support our youth with new school supplies for the upcoming school year," said Peter Slater, Director of field marketing, North Central Region, MetroPCS "Education is so important to our children and to our community, MetroPCS prides itself on giving back. We are grateful we have a chance to help families start the school year off pre-

pared with new school supplies for their children."

MetroPCS is committed to helping children in the DFW area before, during and after the school bell rings. In addition to the school supply giveaway, the company is donating \$1 to nonprofit group, After-School All-Stars of North Texas, for every activation in one of their stores during the month of August.

After-School All-Stars North Texas is committed to providing comprehensive after-school programs that keep chil-

dren safe and help them succeed in school and life. The program serves more than 450 students across five schools in Dallas County, and strives to make sure participants are safe and healthy, graduate from high school and continue to college so that they may find a career they love and give back to the community.

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EDITORIAL PAGE

A Little Bit of Faith: Will You Do God's Will?



Colleen White, Ed.D.
Editorial Columnist

What would you have done if this had happened to you? "The Angel of the Lord appeared to him, and said to him, 'The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!'" (Judges 6:12) Are you a mighty man or woman of valor? You might not be sure. Why? Because you might think that you're too afraid to step out on what God has asked you to do. Has God asked YOU to do something specific?

Judges, the Lord was calling Gideon to deliver Israel out of trouble with the Midians. However, Gideon told the Lord that his people were the weakest and that "...I am the least in my father's house" (Judges 6:15). Perhaps you too think that you're not the right person to get the job done. But like Gideon, God is telling that you are the right person.

And yet, you still might feel as though you're not hearing God correctly. Gideon did the same thing. He wanted a sign from God to help reassure him that he was doing the will of God. Are you waiting on a sign from God as well? Perhaps you are.

do. And yet, you still might feel as though you're not hearing God correctly. Gideon did the same thing. He wanted a sign from God to help reassure him that he was doing the will of God. Are you waiting on a sign from God as well? Perhaps you are.

Our Heavenly Father saw Gideon as "a mighty man of valor" because He knew what Gideon would become with His (God's) help. If God is able to do such a great thing with Gideon, what more can God do with you?

Therefore, if God is speaking to your heart about sharing the word with a friend, a family member, or a co-worker, go ahead and do it. God will help you every step of the way. If God was willing to help Gideon, imagine how God will help you. Can you do what God is asking you to do? Will you do God's will? Amen? Amen.

Donald Trump Jokes About Police Brutality, But Cops Aren't Laughing

BY LAUREN V. BURKE
NNPA Contributor

During a speech at Suffolk County Community College on Long Island, N.Y., President Donald Trump seemed to openly endorse police brutality.

Mother Jones reported that it, "Turns out the audience was comprised of officers in a police department that has been scrutinized for racial profiling, and whose former chief was recently sentenced to prison for beating a man."

According to Mother Jones, the speech was supposed to address federal efforts to combat MS-13, "the violent street gang with ties to Central America."

Trump seemed to discourage police officers from safely handling suspects in their care.

"When you see these thugs being thrown into the back of a paddy wagon. You just see them thrown in, rough. I said, 'Please, don't be too nice,' Trump told the crowd to a smattering of applause. 'Like when you guys put somebody in the car and you're protecting their head...like don't hit their head and they've just killed somebody. I said, 'You can take the hand away, okay?'"

Trump was referring to the police practice of assisting handcuffed suspects into the back of police vehicle and protecting their heads from hitting the door frame on the way in.

Some of the officers in the audience chuckled at Trump's remarks, but negative backlash from the law enforcement com-



President Trump seemed to endorse police brutality in a speech on Long Island, N.Y. This photo was taken during WTO protests in Seattle, November 30, 1999. Pepper spray is applied to the crowd.

munity quickly spread across Twitter.

"As a department, we do not and will not tolerate roughing up of prisoners," tweeted the Suffolk County Police Department. "The SCPD has strict rules and procedures relating to the handling of prisoners. Violations of those rules are treated extremely seriously."

The two tweets that referred to the president's remarks in Long Island gained close to 100,000 likes.

In reaction to Trump's rhetoric, New York Police Commissioner James O'Neill said that to "suggest that police officers apply any standard in the use of force other than what is reasonable and necessary is irresponsible, unprofessional and sends the wrong mes-

sage to law enforcement as well as the public."

In a tweet that would receive over 48,000 retweets and 148,000 likes, the Gainesville, Fla., police department put out a message that read: "The @POTUS made remarks today that endorsed and condoned police brutality. GPD rejects these remarks and continues to serve with respect."

In an emailed letter to employees, acting Drug Enforcement Administrator Chuck Rosenberg wrote, "In writing to you, I seek to advance no political, partisan, or personal agenda. Nor do I believe that a Special Agent or Task Force Officer of the DEA would mistreat a defendant. I know that you would not."

Rosenberg's letter continued:

"I write to offer a strong reaffirmation of the operating principles to which we, as law enforcement professionals, adhere. I write because we have an obligation to speak out when something is wrong. That's what law enforcement officers do. That's what you do. We fix stuff. At least, we try."

Rosenberg said that law enforcement officers must earn and keep the public trust.

"Ours is an honorable profession and, so, we will always act honorably," Rosenberg wrote.

A few days after Trump's speech, White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Trump was "joking" when he seemed to encourage police brutality at Suffolk County Community College.

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Remington College Professor Offers Safety Tips

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5. Children should always board and exit the bus at designated locations that provide safe access to the bus or to the school building.
6. Use backpacks with wide straps and padding in the back. Backpacks should not weigh more than 10 - 15% of a child's weight, or the child is at risk for

- difficulty balancing and back injuries.
7. Put heavier items into a child's backpack first. Heavier items should be closer to the child's back to help limit strain.
8. Teach children not to talk to strangers, and to get distance between themselves and any unfamiliar person who tries

- to approach them. Even if they do know them, make sure children know not to get into a car with anyone without permission.
9. There is strength in numbers; walk with a friend(s). If a stranger approaches a child, ensure that the child knows to report the incident to a respon-

- sible adult as soon as possible.
10. Teach children their emergency contact information, meaning their phone number, their address, their parent's phone numbers and how to dial 911.
11. Always go straight home after school. Do not go anywhere else without permission.

12. Use all compartments in a child's backpack and evenly distribute weight to prevent injury.
13. Advise children about carrying or wearing items that visibly display their name. A personalized backpack might be cute, but it also gives strangers information about a

- child that they could use to try to sign the child out of school, or convince the child that they know them.
14. Bike riders should always wear a helmet.
15. Remind your child not to walk, run or ride a bicycle down railroad tracks. It's illegal and dangerous.

President Obama's Economic Policies Abound

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as the Great Recession. Now, Obama's economic policies are continuing to bear fruit during Trump's first six months as the Black jobless numbers improve. Black unemployment still remains double than it is for Whites. July's numbers showed Black unemployment at 7.4 percent, Hispanics at 5.1 percent and Whites at 3.8.

In 2013, AFL-CIO Chief economist Bill Spriggs wrote: "A big puzzle in looking at the changes in the Black unemployment rate is the fact the Black labor force is older now than during past major downturns in the mid-1970s and early 1980s. In 1975, the Black unemployment rate spiked to 15.4 percent. In 1982 and 1983, the Black unemployment rate

skyrocketed to above 20 percent for a nine-month period starting in October 1982." Several political observers pointed out that many jobs being added to the U.S. economy are in the service sector, such as restaurants and healthcare. "Ensuring workers have better jobs and better wages also means they should be trained

with the tools they need to succeed in our economy," said Rep. Bobby Scott (D-Va.) the top Democrat on the Education & Workforce Committee in the House, in a statement on August 4. The economy added 209,000 jobs in July. Though the reasons for rising and falling Black unemployment

over the last six months are not clear, it is clear that the current numbers reflect Obama's economic policies; President Donald Trump has yet to implement any economic strategy and his proposed budget won't take effect until next year, at the earliest. Additionally, Congress has passed nothing related to the economy regarding taxes or jobs.

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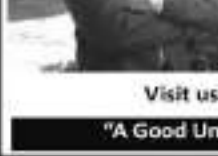
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Brooks Won A Pulitzer Prize While Living In A Housing Project

BY ERICK JOHNSON
Chicago Crusader
NNPA Member

Gwendolyn Brooks' apartment was dark on May 1, 1950. The brilliant, award-winning Black poet, who wrote about life on Chicago's South Side, had not paid her electric bill.

With no electrical power, little money and a nine-year old son to feed Brooks made headlines around the world while living in a housing project.

A reporter called Brooks and told her that she had won a Pulitzer award, one of the most prestigious prizes in literature. At 32 years-old, Brooks crashed the White-dominated literary world as the first Black woman to win the award.

When Brooks won the Pulitzer Prize with her publisher Harper Row in 1950, she received \$500, which is equivalent to about \$5,000 today, when adjusted for inflation. Today, the Pulitzer comes with a \$15,000 cash award.

The achievement was important for Brooks' career, but how she lived was not completely different than other working-class Black women in the 1950s.

Up until the day she won the Pulitzer, Brooks and her husband, Henry Blakely, experienced rampant racism in Chicago's schools, but especially in the city's housing industry. Blacks lived piled up in slums, because of segregation and restrictive covenants that kept Blacks out of White neighborhoods.

As was true for many Blacks, financial woes, racism and a critical housing shortage for people of color led one of America's greatest literary figures to live in



Gwendolyn Brooks

a housing project, one that was once opposed by thousands of White residents at the height of Jim Crow period.

As the 100th anniversary celebrations of Brooks' birthday continue, Brooks' literary achievements have made her an enduring figure in American culture—Black and White. While much has been said about her work, her hard life growing up in segregated Chicago has made her success all the more extraordinary.

Some 36 years after capturing the Pulitzer, Brooks gave a sit-down interview in 1986 with the Library of Congress. The interview came as Brooks served as the 29th Consultant in Poetry for the world's largest library. Alan Jabbour, the director of the Library of Congress' American Folklore division, and E. Ethelbert Miller, poet and director of the African American Resource Center at Howard University, interviewed her. The interview is posted on YouTube.

During the interview, Brooks was asked how she learned that she had won the Pulitzer Prize. She said: "I was in a house at 9134 S. Wentworth and the lights were out. We hadn't paid the electric bill so there was no

electricity and it was dusk. It was dark in the house. My son [Henry Blakely Jr.] was nine at the time. Jack Starr, a reporter from the Chicago Sun-Times called. He said 'do you know that you have won the Pulitzer Prize?' I said 'no' and screamed over the telephone. I couldn't believe it. So, he said well, it was true and it would be announced the next day. The next day, reporters came, photographers came with cameras and I was absolutely petrified. I wasn't going to say anything about the electricity. Well, when they tried to plug their cameras in—nothing was going to happen."

Brooks continued: "Well, miraculously, somebody had turned the electricity back on that fast. I never knew exactly what happened. So my son and I danced around in the dusk and decided we would go out to the movies to celebrate. I don't know what movie it was, before you ask."

Before moving to Princeton Park Homes, hard times and financial challenges forced Brooks and her husband to move about six times on the South Side. Brooks used the profits of a sale of a house in Kalamazoo, Michigan to buy the house at 7428 S. Evans in the Chicago's Greater Grand Crossing neighborhood. According to author George Kent's 1990 book, "A Life of Gwendolyn Brooks," she lived in that house from 1953 to 1994. Today, the home is a Chicago landmark.

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Cowboys Don't Feel Rushed To Make Decision On Jaylon Smith

(DALLASCOWBOYS.COM)— Arguably the biggest storyline of training camp — when Jaylon Smith will make in his NFL debut in game action — doesn't have a hard timeline. The Cowboys continue to take a deliberate, day-to-day approach with their promising first-year linebacker as he works back into padded practices for

the first time in 18 months, prior to the devastating knee injury that wiped out his entire 2016 rookie season. "I think we're just seeing how he progresses," executive vice president Stephen Jones said. "There's no need to jump ahead and make a decision — whether it's this week or next week — whatever it may be. We'll just

kind of see how he progresses this week, how he responds." Smith has practiced in pads for the majority of camp, including three straight practices last week before he was rested in the Hall of Fame Game. Jones credited the team's medical staff for Smith's successful rehab. He said the team will make a decision later in the

week on whether he'll be available in Saturday's second pre-season game against the L.A. Rams. The Cowboys believe he looks more and more comfortable in each workout. He's still wearing a brace to assist his foot's movement, a result of the nerve damage he suffered with the knee injury on Jan. 1, 2016. "I think his baseline is where

he can play football. So now we've just got to ease him into it, because there's fatigue — obviously, when you don't have a muscle that's had nerves to it for as long as his did, it fatigues easier," Jones said. "So you've got to build that up over time and do it the right way so that we don't have any issue there. At the same time give him the

reps that he's getting comfortable with. "I think his baseline health is at a point where he could play; it's just getting him in that football shape and doing things the right way. As I said, I think Jaylon is going to be around here for the next 10 years, and we don't want to do anything that's not taking care of Jaylon."

Johnson Named WNBA Player of the Week

ARLINGTON— Courtney Vandersloot of the Chicago Sky and Glory Johnson of the Dallas Wings today were named the WNBA's Eastern and Western Conference Players of the Week, respectively, for games played July 31-Aug. 6. Vandersloot was selected Player of the Week for the first time this season and second time during her seven-year

career. The 2015 WNBA assists leader helped Chicago go 2-0 last week, as the Sky improved its record to 10-16 for the season. Vandersloot paced East players in assists (10.0 apg) and three-point field goal percentage (.833, 5-of-6), and ranked second in scoring (22.2 ppg) and overall shooting percentage (.727, 16-of-22). She also ranked

fourth in minutes (34.7 mpg) and averaged 5.5 rebounds. Vandersloot opened her week with team highs of 18 points and 10 assists in an 81-70 road win over the Indiana Fever on Friday. The former Gonzaga standout keyed Chicago's 14-0 run for a 70-58 lead midway through the fourth quarter with big plays on three straight possessions — she banked in a three-

pointer, made a no-look pass to Bashaara Graves for a layup and hit a pull-up jumper in transition. The 5-8 guard also logged her fourth straight points-assists double-double in a 91-86 win over the visiting Atlanta Dream on Saturday, tying her career high of 26 points while also contributing 10 assists and seven rebounds. For Johnson, the Player of the Week honor is the second in her five WNBA seasons. The two-time WNBA All-Star led Dallas to a 2-0 mark as the Wings improved to 13-14. Johnson paced West players in rebounds (14.5 rpg) and tied for ninth in scoring (17.0 ppg). She also tied for second in three-point field goal percentage (.600, 3-of-5) and finished sixth in overall shooting percentage (.520, 13-of-25). The former University of Tennessee standout opened her week with a season high of 16 rebounds in the Wings' 93-80 victory over the visiting Seattle Storm on Friday. She also contributed 11 points, two assists, a steal and a block in the win. The 6-3 forward then posted her 10th double-double of the season with 23 points and 13 boards as Dallas topped the visiting Los Angeles Sparks, 85-79, on Sunday. Other candidates for the Eastern and Western Conference Players of the Week were the Connecticut Sun's Jonquel Jones and Alyssa Thomas, Dallas' Skylar Diggins-Smith, Indiana's Candice Dupree, Los Angeles' Candace Parker, the Minnesota Lynx's Maya Moore, the San Antonio



Stars' Kelsey Plum, Seattle's Breanna Stewart and the Washington Mystics' Kristi Toliver. For more information on the WNBA Players of the Week, visit www.wnba.com/awards. The 2017 WNBA regular season runs through Sept. 3. For more information on the WNBA and game tickets, fans may visit www.wnba.com.

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Dallas County Health Opens Aug. 12 For Back-to-School Immunizations

With only a few weeks remaining before classes begin, parents will soon be rushing to get their children the immunizations they need. To help parents prepare for the upcoming school year, Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is holding a special back-to-school immunization clinic Saturday, Aug. 12 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The free clinic will be held on the first floor of the main DCHHS building located at 2377 N Stemmons Freeway in Dallas. Appointments are not required for this event, however, parents and guardians should prepare to bring immunization records for walk in immunizations. "Mumps cases in Dallas County spiked last school year and vaccinations were essential

in helping reduce the spread," said Zachary Thompson, DCHHS director. "This fall, don't let your child's seat in class be left empty. Get your children the vaccinations they need for school now." Dallas County residents from birth to age 18 in the following categories are eligible to receive free immunizations on Aug. 12 under the Texas Vaccines for Children Program (TVFC):
 · Medicaid eligible
 · Uninsured: a child who has no health insurance coverage
 · American Indian or Alaskan
 · Enrolled in CHIP
 · Underinsured (as defined by the Texas Department of State Health Services)
 "Provisional enrollments are not always guaranteed and are

only short term," said Tamara Scroggins, DCHHS asst. director public health communicable disease. "Acting now will help ensure that your children are ready for classes on the first day of school." Parents and guardians should review immunization records and consult with a primary care provider or a public health professional to determine needed vaccinations. Texas minimum state vaccine requirements for students grades K-12 can be found at www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/default.shtm For more information on the DCHHS immunization clinic and upcoming immunization events, visit <http://www.dallas-county.org/departments/hhs/immunizationhours.html>



Methodist Mansfield Wound Care Center Names New Medical Director

The Methodist Mansfield Medical Center Wound Care Center has named Ike Nwabude, MD, medical director of the center effective immediately. Dr. Nwabude is responsible for reviewing patient care and results, and providing oversight and guidance on procedures and policies. He is a graduate of the University of Nigeria where he earned his Masters of Business and Bachelors of Science degrees. He is board certified in internal medicine, and in wound care and hyperbaric medicine. Most recently, he provided wound care services and supervised hyperbaric oxygen treatments at Medical City North Hills in North Richland Hills. He has also trained and had experience at



Ike Nwabude, MD

the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa; International ATMO, in San Antonio; University General Hospital, and Kindred Hospital

Southwest. Dr. Nwabude is a member of the American College of Physicians (ACP), American Medical Association (AMA), and a member of the Texas Medical Association (TMA). "My treatment philosophy is to treat wounds immediately to minimize complications and optimize healing," says Dr. Nwabude. "We also use the latest technologies and hyperbaric oxygen therapy to speed healing through improved oxygen to the body's tissue." The Methodist Mansfield Wound Care Center is a member of the Healogics network which has experience treating approximately 2.5 million chronic wounds. The center offers highly specialized wound care to patients suffering from

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