

Spending power up among African Americans in South Carolina

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Americans increased 41 percent.

Humphreys sees explanations for the increase in the

nation's booming economy, population growth among blacks and an expanding black middle class.

South Carolina's blacks, as

in other Southeastern states, rank high in share of disposable income mainly because of population density and economic growth, he said.

But University of South Carolina economist Doug Woodward says the findings may be a bit misleading.

"It does say that blacks are

doing very well, but it doesn't say if South Carolina's blacks are better off," Woodward said.

For instance, per capita income in South Carolina in

1995 was \$18,788, but blacks average about 60 percent of what whites make, according to the latest census information.

Events: Corral rodeo roundup at West Rowan YMCA in Cleveland

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games, drill teams and choirs. Admission is free. For information, call 647-0054.

• 10 a.m. - Rodeo roundup, West Rowan YMCA, Cleveland. Games, food and entertainment. See Simba the Lion and a 15-foot snake and hear the Soul Seekers. Breakfast at 8 a.m.; family dance 7-11 p.m.

• 11 a.m. - West Side Youth Program, Bakers Creek Park, West A Street, Kannapolis. Activities, medals, food and fun for youth. For information, call 857-8377 or 857-6585.

• 7:30 p.m. - Springs Pops Concert, Catawba College, Keppel Auditorium, 2300 W. Innes St., Salisbury. For admission, call 636-8265.

• 8 p.m. - Senior Dance, Ruffy Holmes Senior Center, 1120 Walnut St., Salisbury. All seniors invited. Admission \$3. For information, call 633-7862. May 18

• 11 a.m. - Anniversary services for Bishop Harvey L. Rice, Mt. Calvary Holy Church, 1400 Standish St., Salisbury. Speaker: Minister Harvey Rice Jr.

• 12:30 p.m. - Historic Rowan Ramble, Catawba College, Shuford Stadium, 2300 W. Innes St., Salisbury. Hiking and biking for the homeless; 5-to-50-mile rides through Rowan County. Registration fee of \$15 includes T-shirt. Benefits Rowan Helping Ministries. For information, call 637-6838.

• 3 p.m. - Youth Sunday Program, Church of Christ, 700 W. Thomas St., Salisbury. Pastor: Rev. Andy Moss. Speaker: Brother Curtis Parker. Lunch will be served.

• 4 p.m. - Annual Men's Day, Dorsett Chapel United Church of Christ, 1280 Hollywood Drive, Salisbury. Pastor: Rev. Larry Ellis. Guest Speaker: Brother Curtis Parker. Lunch

will be served

• 4 p.m. - Pastor's Aide Program, St. Luke Baptist Church, 410 Hawkinstown Road, Salisbury. Pastor: Rev. Heggins. Guest Speaker: Rev. Smith of Oak Grove Baptist Church, China Grove with his choir and congregation.

• 4 p.m. - Rainbow Tea, Yadkin Grove Baptist Church, 325 Long Ferry Road, Spencer. Sponsored by the Christian Women's Fellowship

• 5 p.m. - Anniversary Services for Bishop Harvey L. Rice - Mt. Calvary Holy Church, 1400 Standish St., Salisbury. Guest speaker: Senior Bishop Harold L. Williams of Winston Salem accompanied by Pastor Shirley Caesar Williams of Raleigh.

• 7 p.m. - Senior Choir 39th anniversary, Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, 935 Mt. Tabor Church Rd., Cleveland. Church choirs from the community will participate

• 7 p.m. - Spiritual Growth

and Developmental Class, Soldiers Memorial AME Zion Church, 306 N. Church St., Salisbury.

• 7:30 p.m. - Marriage workshop, Gethsemane Baptist Church, 719 S. Caldwell St., Salisbury. Public invited. Certificates will be issued upon completion. Admission free.

May 19

• 6 p.m. - Softball, Turner Field Sports Complex, Boundary St., Salisbury - Men's Industrial League American Division - Sponsored By Salisbury Parks and Recreation - For Info Call Jeff Holhouser: 638-5290.

May 20

• 8:30 a.m. - Y's Wonders Trip, YMCA, 220 N. Fulton St., Salisbury. Leaving YMCA for Chin-qua-Penn Plantation. Ticket and transportation: \$20. Call to sign up: 636-0111

• 4 p.m. - Salisbury City Council Meeting - 132 N. Main St., Salisbury - Public is invit-

ed.

• 6-8 p.m. - Parenting class, Thrid Creek AME Zion Church, 415 E. Main St., Cleveland. Educational project designed to help pregnant and parenting teens. Rev. Brenda Williams, coordinator

May 21

• 12 noon - Noon Day Prayer Service, Soldiers Memorial AME Zion Church, 306 N. Church St., Salisbury. Free Lunch

• 5:30 p.m. - NA Meeting - Soldiers Memorial AME Zion Church, 306 N. Church St., Salisbury.

• 7 p.m. - Praise service, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study, Gethsemane Baptist Church, 719 S. Caldwell St., Salisbury

May 22

• 12 noon - Noon Day Prayer Service, Gethsemane Baptist Church, 719 S. Caldwell St., Salisbury.

May 23

• 7:15 p.m. - Presiding Elder's Appreciation, Marable

Memorial AME Zion Church, 400 Huron St., Kannapolis for Presiding Elder Jerry T. White, Salisbury District AME Zion Church.

May 24

• 10 a.m. - Family picnic, Dan Nicolas Park, Salisbury, Shelter No. 2. Sponsored by the Laymen's League of Gethsemane Baptist Church.

• 1 p.m. - Summer Film Festival, Miller Center, 1402 W. Bank St., Salisbury. For ages K-5. Sponsored by Salisbury Park and Recreation. Register early. For information, call 638-5297.

• 4 p.m. - Family Night, Miller Center, 1402 W. Bank St., Salisbury. Activities and group discussions. Admission free. For information, call 638-5297.

If you have an event of note taking place in Rowan or Cabarrus counties and would like to list it, call Gwen Plummer at 636-9219.

YMCA volunteers share stories of their work

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felt his kindred spirit throughout the workshop. I appreciate

the opportunity of meeting a great humanitarian."

The Adopt-A-Youth program

at the Rowan County YMCA needs volunteers to commit two-to-five hours a week for at least one year with a child 6-15

years of age. For more information, call Charles Street at the Rowan County YMCA at 636-0111.

Graduates leave Livingstone, Hood with honors

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ates were presented, an antsy, rowdy group of Livingstone undergraduates quickly arose in single-file to accept their degrees. Biology major Sequita

Magnolia Morris of Dallas, Texas, was the Livingstone College valedictorian, finishing with a 4.0 grade point average.

Following Livingstone's

graduates, Hood Seminary's class stepped forward to receive their degrees from the school's masters program. Phyllis Jones of Reidsville and Ronnie Karriker of Concord both graduated from the pro-

gram summa cum laude.

Nine graduates from Livingstone's class of 1947, who came from as far as Washington, D.C., were given a certificates for their participation in commencement.

Area codes a wrong number in Rowan County

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that the codes were never arranged by county.

"You have to understand that for 100 years telephone service has not been provided according to county lines," he said.

"And you almost have to go back and understand the evolution in the early part of the century. So you had to try to make a decision about how you could service these customers and keep it affordable."

Chambers said decisions

were made more on area typography rather than county boundaries.

The new area codes will not affect long distance rates, but Rowan commissioners have a different take on its effect. They recently argued with

Chambers that if the proposal is passed, it can separate county bonds between Iredell, Lincoln, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cleveland and Rowan.

The Utilities Board could render a response by June 1.

Committee gala honors community leadership

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of their education, so that they won't be left behind in life.

"In Jamaica, kids don't mess up in school because their fam-

ily has to provide the money, but over here, one finds something vastly different," he said.

For many persons, businesses, and organizations being honored, plaques and certifi-

cates were given to: Livingstone College, Livingstone student Michele Releford, Rowan County School Board member Eldridge Williams, Noble and

Kelsey Funeral Home, F&M Bank of Salisbury and others.

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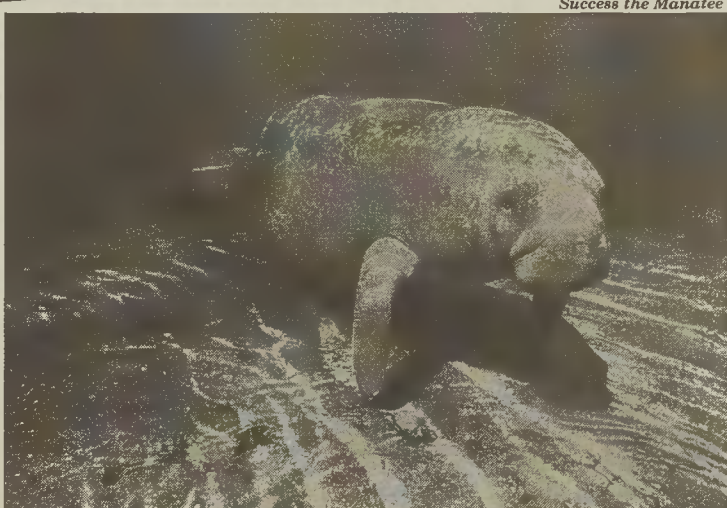
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