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Young Says Handshake Comment Misunderstood

ATHENS, Ga. (AP)—Andrew Young says his comments about shaking hands on the campaign trail have been misunderstood and given racial overtones that were not intended.

Young, who is seeking to become Georgia's first black governor, was asked by a reporter from the Philadelphia Inquirer about his apparent reluctance to offer his hand when campaigning in white neighborhoods. He replied that he observed certain social customs when campaigning in south Georgia's small towns.

"There's a good reason," Young told the reporter. "When I was growing up you could get killed for that, literally. Maybe you don't ever outgrow some of those cautions."

Young said following a candidates' forum in Athens last week that his comments, which were picked up by other news organizations, were misinterpreted.

"That lady didn't understand," Young said of the Philadelphia reporter. "I simply said that politicians shouldn't be discourteous. I don't interrupt people to shake their hands at dinner. I don't interrupt them in elevators. It's Southern politeness, much like many women in the South who still extend their hands first."

"She said I wasn't aggressive toward white women as other candidates. What happened was I was running down the street in a parade and quickly shaking some hands. She was trying to make something racial out of it."

Ms. S. A. Williams Graduates From NSU With Honors

Shereen Antoinette Williams of Raleigh received her bachelor of science degree in health services management from Norfolk State University on Saturday, May 13. Ms. Williams completed her studies in December 1989 and returned to march with 600 other graduates at the Norfolk Scope Convention Center.

The commencement address was delivered by Gov. L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia, the first black governor in the United States.

Shereen is the daughter of Melvin D. and Bernice M. Williams of Raleigh. She is a graduate of Garner Senior High School, Garner.

High Stakes Texas Dice Game Raided Three Masked Men Make Off With Loot

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—Three masked men who shot four people to death in a police-style raid on a high-stakes dice game left thousands of dollars behind—and still managed to scoop up "quite a lot of money," police said.

The men wore masks and camouflage clothing when they broke into the game at the Glass Key Cafe, shouting "Task force!" early last Monday.

Three people were wounded in the attack, one critically.

Capt. Randy Ely said the robbers fled without taking some cash on the gaming table, and investigators found other money in the pockets of some of the victims.

"This all happened rather quickly," he said. "We're still certain they got away with quite a lot of money."

Police gave no estimate of the amount taken but said as much as \$400,000 was involved in the dice game.

Investigators last week searched a stolen car believed to have been driven by the men. The car was found by police about five miles from the dice game.

Police Chief Thomas Windham said as many as 15 people were inside. Some scrambled into a back room and others ran outside to escape the gunfire.

"It appears to have been a robbery of a gambling game," Windham said. "We have information that it was an extremely high-dollar gambling game with tens of thousands of dollars involved."

On Oct. 2, several men hid inside

the cafe and opened fire during a gambling game, Ely said. One man was killed. No arrests have been made and police said they could not say for certain that the latest attack is related.

"Essentially, you've got three blacks wearing ski masks that raid a dice game. That's the similarity at this point," Ely said. "At this point in time, we just don't have more to go on than a generalized description."

Police said the three men went inside the cafe and a fourth man stayed outside.

In the earlier attack, the men did not identify themselves as police, Ely said.

The bar, in a poor neighborhood, is home to gambling, drug deals and violence, Windham said. Lt. Don Gerland, a vice officer, said gambling is widespread in the city, but the amount of money in last Monday's game was unusually high.

One of the victims had \$60,000 in cash in his pockets and wore a bullet-proof vest, police said. The man died of a gunshot wound to the head.

Two people were killed inside;

another was dead on arrival at a hospital and a fourth died in surgery.

One man was listed in critical condition with a gunshot wound to the chest. Another man was reported in fair condition, and cafe owner Huey You said he was nicked in the ear with a shotgun pellet.

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NC's Tight Labor Market Benefits Blacks & Women

North Carolina's tight labor markets last year benefited women more than men, and blacks more than whites as jobless rates for blacks and women declined.

Still, figures showed that men had the lowest jobless rate of any demographic group in North Carolina, although that rate rose slightly.

The jobless rate for blacks was more than twice the rate for whites. But the jobless rate for blacks fell by nearly one percentage point, according to figures released last week by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Labor experts attributed the changes in the jobless rates to the increasing number of service-related jobs in North Carolina. Last year, two out of three jobs created were in the service and retail sectors.

Because women and blacks have less job experience, they most often fill lower-paying service jobs, officials said.

Last year, North Carolina's jobless rate was 3.5 percent, down from 3.8 percent in 1988. The statewide rate was the third-lowest in the United States, behind Hawaii and Nebraska. The U.S. rate was 5.3 percent.

The North Carolina rate for men was 3.2 percent, up from 3.1 percent. But the rate for women fell to 3.9 percent, down from 4.3 percent in 1988.

Among blacks, the jobless rate for men fell to six percent from 6.4 percent. The drop among black women was even more dramatic—4.5 percent from 8.1 percent.

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