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U.S. Census Finds Successful Blacks Deserting Inner City

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (AP)—Successful blacks are moving out of inner-city neighborhoods to middle-class suburbs, leaving behind an underclass that clashes with Asian and Hispanic newcomers, a report released last week said.

The United Way of Greater Los Angeles joined with the Black Partnership Development Council to gather statistics on what they perceived as a decline in the "socioeconomic status... of African-American residents."

The report used data from a wide variety of sources including the U.S. Census, the Los Angeles Unified School District, the county health department and various academic studies.

The picture that emerged was that Los Angeles blacks missed out on the prosperity of the 1980s and are sinking deeper into poverty because of poor education, health care and lack of job opportunities.

The report charted black migration patterns and employment

in Los Angeles County. As blacks moved to the San Gabriel Valley, the Antelope Valley, Mount Baldy and northern Los Angeles County, other ethnic groups moved into Watts and other areas.

"What's happening to these communities is that jobs have been disappearing faster than the people," said Barbara Solomon, dean of graduate studies at the University of Southern California. "They are left without a way to earn a living."

The report is meant to be used by

political leaders to plan programs and services for the Los Angeles black community.

Some conclusions of the report were:

- The school dropout rate for minorities is 50 percent higher than for whites.
- A third to a quarter of blacks in Los Angeles spend most of their income on housing.
- Blacks in Los Angeles are three

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Rev. High Blasts 'Token Black Syndrome' At Meet

(AP) — Blacks such as Clarence Thomas have sold their birthright for political power, said the minister who delivered the opening speech at the state NAACP convention.

"Thomas seems to have forgotten that he was helped," said the Rev. Percy High, who spoke at the opening of the 3-day convention in Durham. "Some of them have become so disillusioned that they have divorced their black wives, married white women and moved into white neighborhoods. I call it TBS. Token black syndrome."

The NAACP opposed Thomas' nomination to the U. S. Supreme Court primarily because of his opposition to affirmative action. Thomas was confirmed to the nation's highest court by a 52-48 vote in the U. S. Senate.

His confirmation came after the nation spent a weekend riveted, watching and listening to charges of sexual harassment made by a former employee in the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which Thomas once headed.

"The would-be kings have sold their birthrights to be called conservatives," High said last Thursday.

"They have discovered that it is popular to be called conservative and they see this as their chance to become king," he said. "The NAACP is the watchdog. We are going to continue to counter the kooks, who have their degrees from Harvard and



REV. PERCY HIGH

Yale, declaring themselves uppity blacks."

High spoke at the 48th annual convention of the state branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

About 80 people attended the first day of the convention which continued through Saturday. More than 500 delegates participated.

High's speech drew a rousing round of applause from the audience.

"I enjoyed his speech. It was moving, very relevant and something

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City Bank Robberies Soar

M & F Branch Robbed

One Suspect In Custody

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports

A lone suspect was apprehended shortly after 9:45 a.m. Wednesday following the robbery of Mechanics and Farmers Bank branch on Rock Quarry Road.

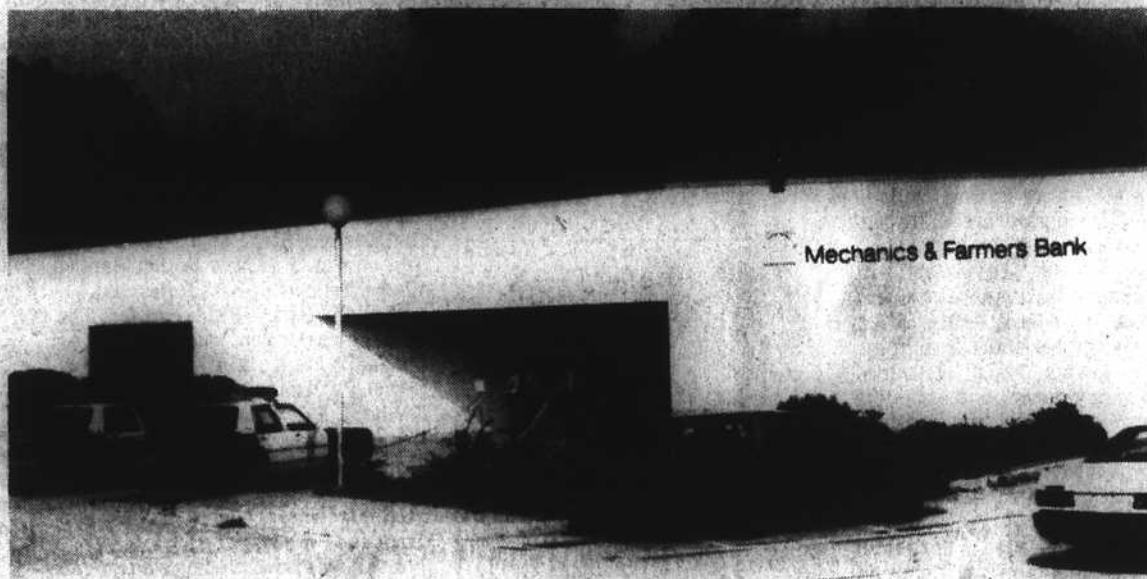
According to reports, the suspect told the teller and others that he was armed, but no gun was seen during the crime. The robber allegedly stuffed the money in his sock and fled on foot. He was later apprehended by the police. No one was hurt during the robbery.

Police would not reveal the suspect's name, address or description early Wednesday. Stanley Greene, senior vice president of Mechanics and Farmers Bank in Raleigh, said this was the first time the bank had been robbed in the area. The bank has a main office on Hargett Street and a branch on Rock Quarry Road near Southgate Shopping Center.

Also recently, two people were arrested when a special unit stormed a North Raleigh apartment in search of two suspects who had robbed a bank less than three hours earlier. Police said a man and a woman held up the United Federal Savings Bank at 4020 Wake Forest Road. It was Raleigh's 35th bank robbery of the year.

During the holdup, neither suspect said anything, but the woman handed a note to the teller that announced an armed robbery and demanded money, said Raleigh Police Capt. R.C. Friese. The teller placed an undisclosed amount of money in a bag and handed it to the woman. Witnesses watched the robbers drive away in a white Datsun and wrote

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Mechanics & Farmers Bank

BANK ROBBERY—Mechanics and Farmers Bank, branch location on Rock Quarry Rd. near Southgate Shopping Center, was robbed Wednesday morning. One suspect was apprehended on foot by the Raleigh Police Department. This makes the 37th robbery of local banks this year. (Photo by James Giles)

First Union Indicator Finds Unemployment In Triangle Up

Unemployment in the Triangle dropped in August to 3.6 percent, the lowest level in the state, while total employment increased one percent over the same month last year—the first such increase in 14 months.

Wake County also showed an increase in single-family home starts and is one of only two major counties in the state to report an increase in car sales. These were among the findings of the First Union Perspectives briefing on the Triangle economy released Tuesday.

"It's encouraging to see job growth begin here again after 13 months of watching our total employment shrink from the same month in the previous year," said Jim Fain, First Union's Raleigh area executive. "And our level of unemployment illustrates the relative strength of the Triangle economy as the nation struggles to recover from recession."

Breaking a downward trend that began in July 1990, estimated total employment for the Triangle rose one percent in August to 416,200. Unemployment dropped to 3.6 percent in July and August after peaking at 4.1 percent in May and June. That's up from 2.2 percent in August 1990.

Single-family home starts in Wake County were up 4.8 percent through July to 2,219. Durham County, however, permitted 17.2 percent fewer homes through July, while in Orange County the year-to-date decline is 12.4 percent. Together, the three counties in July permitted 3,032 homes—less than half the number permitted six years ago.

"Housing has been on a slide since 1985," Fain said. "1991 may be the bottom of the slide, and now we appear to have a balance between production and demand."

Orange County bucked the trend of weak multifamily activity in the Triangle, permitting 54 units through July—a 283.7 percent increase over last year. The 329 units permitted through July for the Triangle overall compared to 1,189 a year earlier.

"We may end the year with the lowest level of apartment construction in at least seven or eight

years," Fain said. "However, vacancy has declined enough that we'll likely start seeing rent increases and new apartment construction—especially now that job growth is stimulating demand again."

Nonresidential construction in Wake County through July totaled \$79.2 million, a 46.4 percent decline from last year and the lowest level in at least six years. In Durham County, however, the July year-to-date total of \$71.4 million was up 11.1 percent, and Orange County's total of \$5.4 million was a 248.3 percent increase over a weak 1990.

Auto sales in Wake County through September were up 1.6 percent over last year to 20,392. "The increase is

probably due largely to an unusual late-summer boost from rental cars registered for Raleigh Durham International Airport," Fain said. "Still, we are starting to see some strength in the new-car market. Wake County has registered two quarterly gains this year, compared to 1990, when sales declined every quarter."

The only other major county in the state reporting a year-to-date gain was Cumberland, where returning Ft. Bragg troops boosted spring car sales. Sales elsewhere in the Triangle were more reflective of the national trend, with Orange County reporting a 12.2 percent decline through September, while Durham reported a 5.2 percent decline.

St. Aug's Student Cited By Prexy In Youth Of Year Competition

BY ALLIE M. PEENES
Contributing Writer

Carl Douglas, a resident of Washington, D.C., and a student at St. Augustine's College, recently returned from the White House, where he was honored by President George Bush. He was one of five national finalists in the Boys and Girls Clubs of America competition.

Since 1985, Carl has been a resident of Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington's 9th Street and Lanier Street homes in the District of Columbia. He was named a finalist in the Boys and Girls Clubs of America's national "Youth of the Year" competition.

The Youth of the Year program recognizes exceptional young people for service to their clubs and communities. Carl competed successfully at all levels.

The honorees met with President Bush and key leaders in September, when a national panel of judges chose the top youth of the year. Carl won a \$1,500 scholarship and was named first runner-up.

One of 10 Cafritz Foundation

Scholars recognized through Carl T. Rowan's Project Excellence, Douglas chose St. Augustine's College, where he is a freshman majoring in political science. His goal is to attend law school after college.

A 1991 graduate of Cardozo High School, Carl served as president of the Student Government, played on the baseball and tennis teams, served as a trained mediator, and helped other students work out their disputes peacefully. He credited his success to the support given him by counselors at the Lanier Street Boys Club. He was an honor-roll student at Cardozo and was an inspiration to other youth.

On Sept. 25, he reported to the White House and was presented a gold pin and certificate by President Bush. Other activities planned included Congressional Breakfast in the Rayburn House Office Building, appointments with congressmen, a meeting with District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, dinner and radio interviews.

Carl is a student in the Special Services Program at St. Augustine's, and is a resident of Gould Hall. He has



DR. MAE C. JEMISON

Dr. Mae C. Jemison To Speak At WSSU

WINSTON-SALEM—Dr. Mae C. Jemison, a NASA astronaut with the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston, will be the guest speaker at Winston-Salem State University's 98th Founder's Day observance, which begins at 9:45 a.m. Friday, Nov. 1, in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium.

The public is invited and admission is free.

A physician, Dr. Jemison was selected as an astronaut candidate by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in June 1987. After a yearlong training and evaluation program, she was qualified as a mission specialist on Space Shuttle flight crews. She is now assigned as a mission specialist on STS-47, Spacelab-J, a cooperative venture between the United States and Japan that is scheduled for launch in August 1992.

The 35-year-old native of Decatur, Ala., Dr. Jemison grew up in

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Garner Road 'YM' Recruits Black Achievers

The Garner Road YMCA is actively recruiting adult black achievers for its 1991-92 Black Achievers Program, which focuses on educational and career development for minority youth.

A corporate breakfast recognizing supporters of the Black Achievers Program was recently hosted by Black Achievers 1991-92 Corporate Campaign Chairman and IBM Research Triangle Park site general manager William R. Kress. The breakfast, held at the North Raleigh Hilton, was attended by representatives and supporters from 45 companies in Wake County and Research Triangle Park.

In talking about the Black Achievers Program, Kress said, "This program offers guidance and inspiration by reaching out into the community and putting positive role models in touch with youth and parents."

"The Black Achievers can serve as examples of what our youth can accomplish if they try. Exposure to these positive role models can point out the paths to achievement and will help ensure that youths in our community have every possible opportunity to reach their educational and career potential."

Jim Griffin, Black Achievers Steering Committee chairman and program manager, WRAL-TV 5, added, "The benefits for businesses that get involved with the Black Achievers Program are significant. Foremost is the opportunity to assist in developing young minds and help young people establish strong educational and career goals which will give them the opportunity to contribute to our communities and our quality of life."

Companies already committed to the Black Achievers Program include

IBM, CP&L, Kaiser Permanente, the News and Observer, Northern Telecom, Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, American Airlines,

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NEWS BRIEFS

KING BLVD. PLAN

The Raleigh City Council recently approved a comprehensive plan amendment which would guide development in the area of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard between Wilmington and Holmes streets. The plan includes recommendations on land use, housing, neighborhood stabilization, appearance, and the effects of the new thoroughfare on existing neighborhoods. The sub-area plan provides, through citizen input, a concept and guidelines for future development along the Martin Luther King, Jr. corridor and for adjoining neighborhoods.

PARKING GARAGE

Miller Building Corp., Raleigh, has been awarded a \$5 million contract to build the new Cabarrus Street Parking Garage in downtown Raleigh for the Raleigh Parking Deck Association. The architect on the project is NBBJ of RTP. The 232,000-square-foot Parking Garage will have 500 spaces and will include seven floors above ground and three below. The major tenants are CP&L and the

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CARL DOUGLAS