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BANK STUDY

LAS VEGAS BANKS CHARGED WITH UNFAIR LOAN PRACTICES

by Joan Shepard

The study, "Cashing Out", a report which charges unfair banking practices by Las Vegas banks, toward minorities and low income citizens is a "landmark event" and lets the banks know that their records are being examined, declared attorney Barbara Buckley, a member of the Las Vegas Alliance for Fair Banking, the group which prepared and published the report. Buckley said the report was an indication of a new consciousness in Las Vegas.

"The report shows," said State Senator Joseph M. Neal, Jr., alliance spokesperson, "that Las Vegas banks have cordoned off the Westside and imposed a financial curfew on its largely African-American population." The study offered a laundry list of unfair banking practices:

- Of 10,658 home loans made by all lenders in Las Vegas, only 59 went to the Westside.

- Las Vegas lenders rejected mortgage loan applications from blacks 1.5 times more often than

whites, even than applicants had similar incomes.

- A black applicant for a home loan with an income above \$41,500 was as likely to be rejected as a white applicant with a income below \$27,000.

- African-Americans make up about 9% of Clark County's population but receive less than 3 percent of all home purchase loans.

- Of 8,581 home purchase loans made by all lenders in Las Vegas, only 183 (2.1%) went to 15 Las Vegas census tracts with more than 50 percent minority residents.

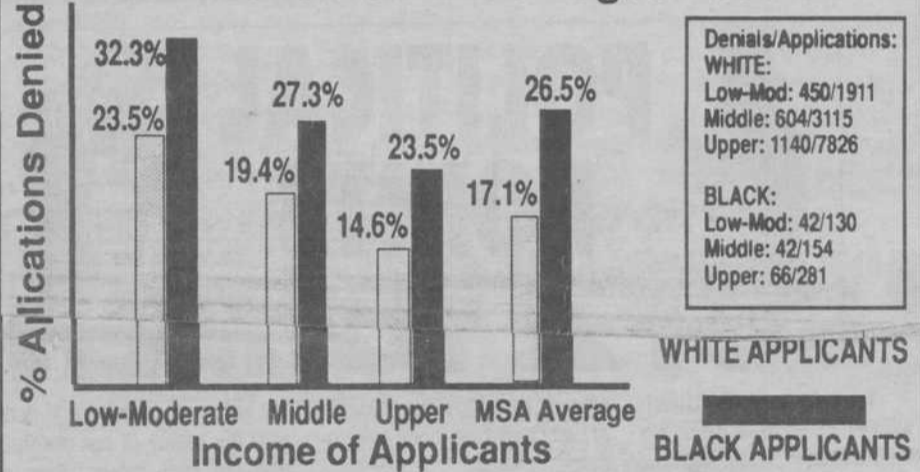
- Eleven predominately white census tracts (less than 20% minority residents) received more home purchase loans than the 15 minority tracts combined.

lenders: Suncoast, Nevada Deposit Taking and Bank of Nevada, and Priment; First Interstate Bank (FIB) received the most criticism:

- Of the four leading lenders, FIB made only \$59,000 in loans to the Westside.

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**Denial Rates for Home Loan Applications
By Race and Income of Applicant
All Lenders — Las Vegas 1990**



**JUNETEENTH AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH
BLACK YOUTH ABOUT THEIR ROOTS**

"We're trying to help the Black community learn about Black history... We have to learn it at home on our own time..."

Those words were spoken by 13-year-old Floyd Strickland while spending the day at Lorenzi Park during the Juneteenth Festival last Saturday. Strickland was involved in selling T-shirts during the festival, which was encouraged and backed by Councilman Frank Hawkins, in order to help disadvantaged young people have summer jobs.

Juneteenth dates back to June 19, 1865, the day Texas slaves found out they were free. On that date, President Lincoln's "Emancipation Proclamation" was read to the slaves, about 2 1/2 years after the order was issued. It was then that Juneteenth was celebrated extensively in Texas and the Deep South.

The local celebration, which was sponsored by the Las Vegas Alliance of Black School Educators and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee of Las Vegas, was organized by Chippys Taylor.

"The whole purpose of Juneteenth is to celebrate freedom," Taylor said. "Freedom is something that is very precious, and it is always taken for granted."

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Several generations of African-Americans came out to Lorenzi Park to participate in fun of the Juneteenth celebration.

Photos by Savoy/LVS-Voice

**CIVILIAN CONTROL BOARD SOUGHT
LOCAL BLACK ORGANIZATIONS
ADDRESS POLICE HARRASSMENT**

By Lee Brown

Dr. James S. Tate, Jr., local President of the National Alliance Against Racist and Political



Dr. James Tate speaks out against the recent bounty put on his head by the Nevada Conference of Police and Sheriffs.

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Repression (NAARPR), along with Alliance secretary Charlotte Fuller and representatives of the local chapter of the NAACP, The Professional Black Women's Alliance, and the African-American Summit Committee, held a brief press conference at the West Las Vegas Library on Tuesday June 23 to address the issue of First Amendment Rights as they pertain to harassment by the Metropolitan Police Department.

The press conference was prompted by a June 6 incident in which Dr. Tate was served a citation by the police department for stepping out of the, designated boundaries, recently established at the Department of Motor Vehicles on East Sahara Avenue, as he attempted to collect signatures for a petition drive. The NAARPR has long been after the establishment of a Civilian Control Board to oversee the police department.

The citation was written for interfering with the peaceful conduct of business at a state office, when someone reportedly complained about the petition drive.

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