

PIRATES RAID HAWAII BOWL

**East Carolina 41, (24)
Boise St. 38**

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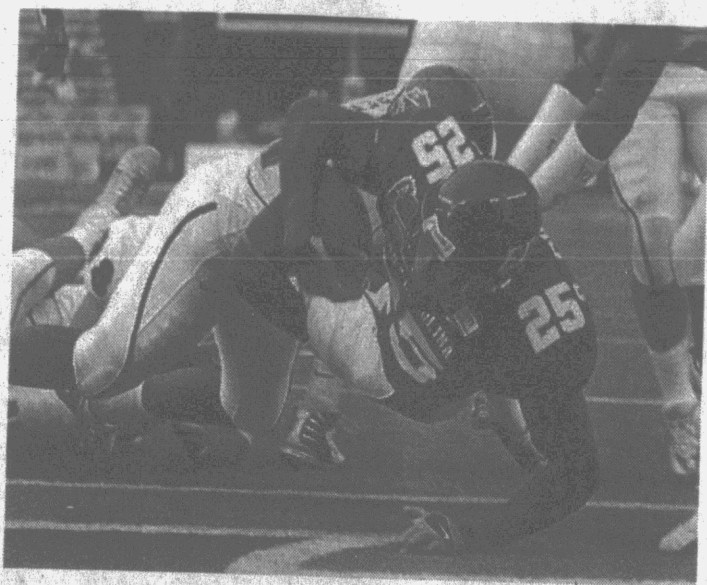
HONOLULU (AP) — All Chris Johnson could think about after his record-setting night was how let his team down. Johnson set an NCAA bowl record with 408 all-purpose yards, and Ben Hartman kicked a 34-yard field goal as time expired to give East Carolina a 41-38 victory over No. 24 Boise State in the Hawaii Bowl on Sunday night.

Johnson ran for 223 yards, caught three passes for 32 yards and returned six kickoffs for 153 yards. But he committed a costly fumble late that almost sent it to overtime. It was his first fumble of the season. "I let my team down," he said. "But when I got back to the sideline, they told me they had my back and they loved me." Johnson made up for it with his big night. "It feels good to end my career like this. I wanted to come out here and show the country that I am the best back in the country," he said. Hartman's kick gave the Pirates (8-5) their first postseason victory since the 2000 Galleryfurniture.com Bowl. "I felt good going out there. I felt real confident," Hartman said. "I just knew if I did my thing, it was going to go in." With East Carolina trying to run out the clock near midfield, Marty Tadman scooped up Johnson's fumble and returned it 47 yards for a touchdown to tie it at 38 with 1:25 left. The Pirates took possession at their 39 with 1:16 left and drove to the 17 to set up Hartman's kick. The Pirates stormed the field in

celebration and chased after Hartman, who dashed toward

lead early in the third quarter on Brandon Simmons' 3-yard

hardest workers on this team. He's humble. He works his tail off." Dominique Lindsay had a pair of 3-yard TD runs in the first half for East Carolina. His second touchdown gave the Pirates a 31-14 halftime lead. The usually explosive Broncos looked rusty and unprepared in the first half. They went three-and-out on their first four possessions, followed by an interception, touchdown and fumble. "That first half was very frustrating," second-year Broncos coach Chris Petersen said. "You have to come through when the money is on the line. It is some hard lessons for us, but we will learn and get better." Boise State, a 10 1/2 -point favorite, managed just 3 yards of offense in the first quarter while East Carolina racked up 181 behind Johnson's 106 rushing yards. The Broncos' lone highlight in the first quarter was Austin Smith's 89-yard kickoff return for a TD. In the second quarter, Ryan Putnam caught a 3-yard pass from Tharp to cut East Carolina's lead to 10. Boise State was without its top receiver, Jeremy Childs, who didn't make the trip for violating team rules.



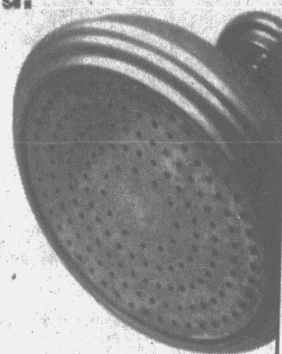
the locker room. Hartman said he took off because he was scared about get squashed underneath a pile of teammates. The Broncos (10-3), making their sixth straight bowl appearance, almost repeated their last-minute magic from a year ago when they stunned Oklahoma in overtime in the Fiesta Bowl to finish 13-0. But this time, it was the Broncos who fell a little short without any trick plays and an ailing Ian Johnson. Johnson, who was nursing a sprained left ankle, carried the ball just once for 1 yard in the first quarter and finished with 11 yards on four carries. It was Chris Johnson who stole the show. He was selected the Most Valuable Player for the Pirates. Jeremy Avery, who rushed for 68 yards and caught four passes for 43 yards was Boise State's MVP. Taylor Tharp was 30-of-44 for 266 yards and two touchdowns with two interceptions for Boise State. "It was weird for us to start slow," Tharp said. "I think it was a combination of not being ready to go and missed assignments." Patrick Pinkney threw for 117 yards and also rushed for 53 more for East Carolina. The Pirates appeared to have the game in hand when they took a 38-14

TD run. The Broncos, however, hung in and reeled off 24 straight points. D.J. Harper's 1-yard TD plunge cut East Carolina's lead to 38-31 with 7:09 left. Most of the crowd was headed out of the stadium after Titus Young fumbled the ball, setting up the Pirates at their 39 with 1:45 left. But East Carolina's star couldn't hang on to the ball as he struggled to add a few more yards to his record, which was previously held by Alabama's Sherman Williams 359 yards set against Ohio State in the 1995 Citrus Bowl. "I was trying to run hard and get the first down," he said. "I cut up field and I just didn't put two hands on the ball. I had the first down and it just popped out." Johnson had 181 rushing yards in the first half alone, including a 68-yard TD run that put East Carolina ahead 10-7. He also caught a screen pass from Pinkney and went 18 yards for a score to make it 24-7. Third-year Pirates coach Skip Holtz said he was proud of his players, especially Johnson. "What rest of country saw is what we've been watching for three years," he said. "I'm the president of the Chris Johnson fan club. I am his biggest fan. He is one of the



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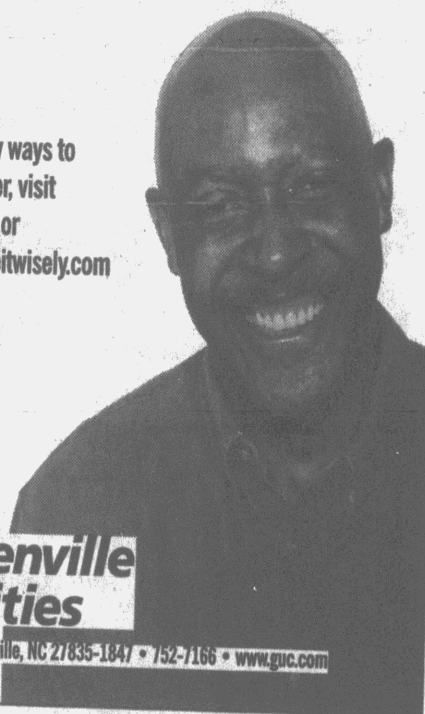
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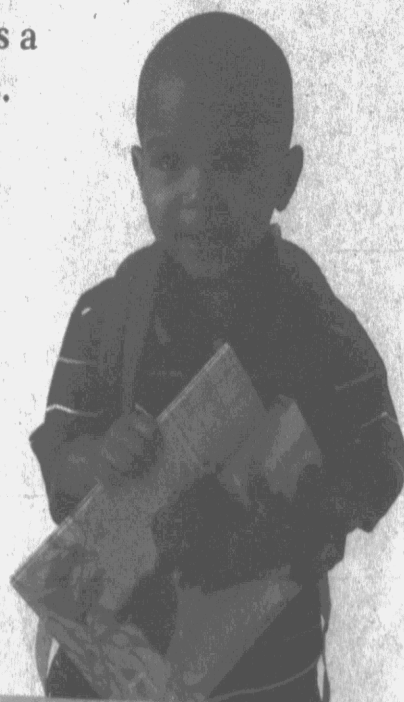
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Sow A Seed

By Joy R. Brown

Sow A Seed
"To the One I Love"

A Tribute to the Reason for
this Season

To the one I truly love. He wakes me up each morning with the sound of sweet relief. He caresses me in His tender loving arms to let me know that He loves me. He is Elohim. He is the creator of this universe. He created

each star, the sun, the rain, the moon, especially for me to enjoy. He is Jehovah. He is my Lord God. He is the center of my joy. He makes me smile when I want to frown. He causes an outburst of laughter to arise from within. When I think about my life and how disobedient I've been, I have to laugh because Jehovah is still present with me because He knows the very intent of my heart. The one I

love, I call Him, El Shaddai, because He is my supplier. He supplies every need. The one I love, I call Him Adonai, my Master. I enjoy serving Him. As I serve Him, He serves me and causes an overflow in my life. I love Jehovah Jireh, my provider. He provides every need that I have. He is always present. Jehovah Rophe, my healer, I praise Him. When I am facing challenging areas in my body, the Lord speaks a Word of healing to my spirit man. The sound of His voice causes the pain to cease and the presence of God ministers

unto my spirit. He is my sanctifier, that's why I call Him Jehovah Mikkadesh. He is my righteousness, that's why I address Him as Jehovah Tsidkenu. Whenever I am in distress, Jehovah Shalom, He is my peace. He is my Shepherd, that's why I call Him Jehovah Rohi. He is my abiding presence, He is Jehovah Shammah.

To the one I love, I treasure you, I honor you. To the one I love, I give you my life. I dedicate my life to you, to serve you, to obey you because you are my ever-abiding presence. To the one I love, You will never leave me nor will You forsake me. Thank you for loving me when I didn't love myself. Thank you for caring, when everyone walked away. Thank you for who you are, my God, my Savior, my Joy, my Peace, my Confidant, my Lover, my Companion. Continue to illuminate Yourself within me, that men may see Your good works and glorify You the author and finisher of my soul. I love you forever and always, amen.

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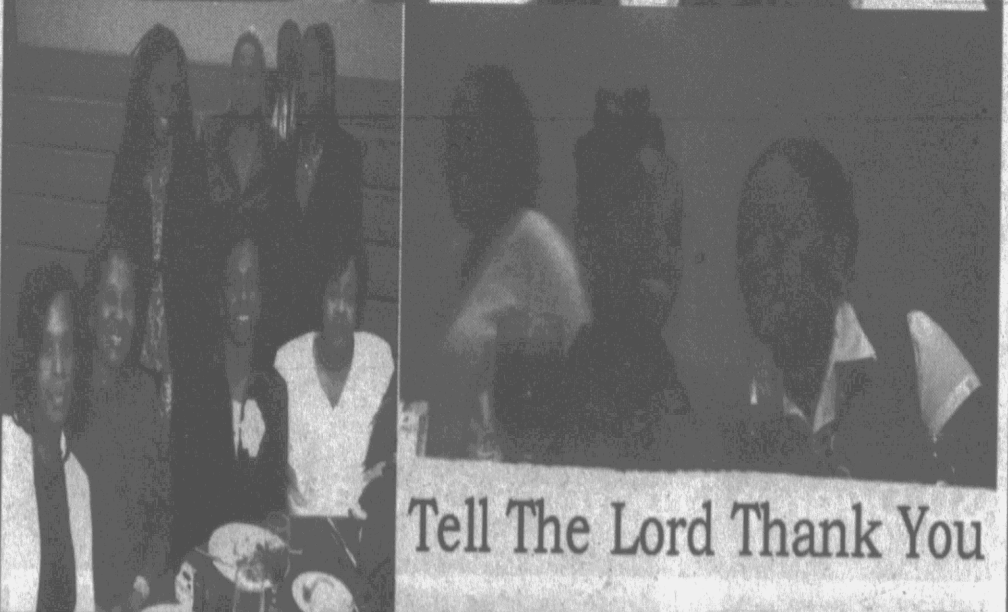
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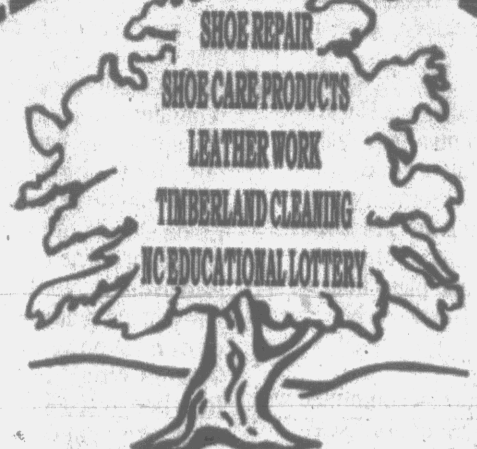
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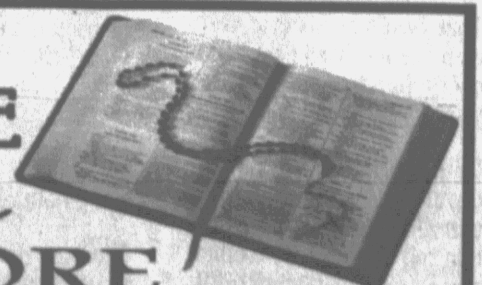


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REP. WRIGHT INDICTED; WILL HE STEP DOWN?



REP. THOMAS WRIGHT

by CASH MICHAELS
The Wilmington Journal

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Now that a Wake County grand jury has indicted state Rep. Thomas Wright on five felony counts of fraud and one felony count of obstruction of justice, will the eight-term Democrat step down for the good of his district?

Or will Gov. Mike Easley be forced to call a special session of the Legislature to formally expel the eight-term New Hanover - Pender Democrat?

And if that happens, how will a majority of the NC Legislative Black Caucus vote? Many members stood firmly with former House Speaker Jim Black even after he was indicted for corruption last year.

Will they stand by a fellow African-American lawmaker in his time of need, maintaining that he is innocent until proven guilty by law, or will the caucus vote to remove what many have said is a corrupt embarrassment to the Legislature, and the people of North Carolina?

Last spring, the State Board of Elections found evidence of fraud against Wright, turning their findings over to Wake County District Attorney C. Colin Willoughby for criminal prosecution.

This week, a Wake County grand jury indicted Wright for failing to report over \$200,000 in campaign contributions as required by law, and using some of that money for his personal use. He was also indicted for falsely obtaining a \$150,000 bank loan that was never paid back.

If convicted, Wright could spend up to eleven years in prison.

House Speaker Joe Hackney announced this week that the joint legislative ethics committee is formally investigating the allegations. The panel has all of its evidence, and plans hold a public hearing in early February.

Another special committee will probe allegations of fiscal misappropriation that speak to conduct, but not Wright's role as a lawmaker.

After the hearings, a recommendation as to Rep. Wright's possible ouster is expected. If it is made, the governor will then be asked to call a special one-day legislative session to make it official.

That would be historic. No member has been expelled in over a hundred-and-twenty years.

Unless Wright throws in the towel, there is no shortage of party leaders anxious to show him the door, if for no other reason than to get him off the political radar screen for the 2008 elections.

"...[T]he leadership of the local party concluded that present circumstances require that the Democratic Party should begin the process of looking for another Democratic candidate to run for the House 18 seat in 2008," wrote Jim Morgan, chairman of the New Hanover County Democratic Party, in statement this week.

"Furthermore, we have

communicated to Rep. Wright our own view that it would be in the best interests of Rep. Wright's constituents and the best interests of Rep. Wright himself that he now focus all of his attentions on his legal affairs while the party focuses its energies on finding a replacement to represent the people of his district."

Morgan continued, "In past years, Rep. Wright has served his district well. In the end, if Rep. Wright is acquitted, he will have every right to criticize his accusers. That being said, we believe that if Wright is to have any hope of salvaging his political career, he needs to step down now to concentrate on his legal defense.

Meanwhile, the people of the 18th House need representation from someone who can pour their full energies into the job of governing."

At press time Wednesday, Wright still wasn't saying a word, earlier maintaining that only the voters in his New Hanover/Pender counties district should remove him from office.

The growing chorus against him does not agree.

"I don't think the indictment comes as surprise to anyone," State Senator Julia Boseman, a Democrat, told WECT-TV. "It's unfortunate that he did not step down when asked so this cloud could be lifted off of the legislature and Wilmington. The people he is suppose to represent have had no representation in the house this session."

Boseman, in fact, made it her business to be all over the media this week to ratchet up the pressure on Wright to step down now.

"We've had to pick up the slack in the Senate and the other members of the local delegation, which we're happy to do but those folks deserve someone up there fighting for them, someone who is going to represent them, and not themselves," she told WWAY-TV3.

North Carolina Republicans also smelled blood.

"Although I am relieved to see that we are a step closer to justice in this case, it is also a reminder that a culture of corruption has been allowed to reign for too long in Raleigh," NC Republican Party Chair Linda Daves said in a statement. "The Democrat leadership in North Carolina has seen disgrace befall many of its most powerful members. Thomas Wright is another in a long line to see their misdeeds finally brought out into the light."

Senate Republican Leader Phil Berger echoed that cry.

"I call on every member of the General Assembly to demand that Representative Wright resign immediately," the Rockingham Republican said in a statement.

"If you really care about your district, it's time to step aside," Gov. Mike Easley told WRAL-TV.

But members of the NC Legislative Black Caucus may not go along for the ride.

It was several months after the State Board of Elections found evidence that Wright had violated campaign contribution laws that caucus members cried foul, saying that former House Speaker Jim Black was allowed to say in his House seat even after he was indicted.

Black left the Legislature on his own accord and took a plea deal for corruption before he was sent to five years in federal prison.

Black caucus members wondered why Wright wasn't

afforded the same courtesy. Both Speaker Hackney and Gov. Easley publicly demanded that Wright step down, something they didn't do with Black.

"The North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus urges the House Leadership and our other colleagues to allow the appropriate processes to run their course, rather than rushing to judgment," said Caucus Chair Rep. Alma Adams [D-Guilford] in a statement issued last May.

"Failing to do so does not afford Representative Wright due process, and the same rights afforded others under the basic tenets of our constitution," Adams continued. "Representative Wright deserves no less fairness and due process than others have been entitled to and received."

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New B.A. To Broaden Horizons

By Joy Holster

A new undergraduate bachelor of arts degree program introduced this fall at East Carolina University focuses on the life, history and experiences of Africa and people of African descent.

ECU professor Dr. David Dennard directs the new program, which offers both a major and a minor in African and African American Studies.

Housed in the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, the program is interdisciplinary, drawing on ECU's existing courses and faculty experts from fields such as liberal arts, education, physical and social sciences, fine and performing arts, health science, and communication.

Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Dean Alan White underscored the college's strong support for the program, while at the same time noting that it is a "university-wide initiative that goes well beyond the scope of this one college."

The program's objectives dovetail with university aspirations to expand students' awareness of the world's diversity and prepare them for a global environment. "These studies will expose our students to the larger world that's waiting for them," Dennard said. The program "broadens opportunities for students to understand the life, culture and history of the folk they will be working with and competing against in the global village."

Dennard recommends the introductory course — Introduction to African and African American Studies — for all students, not just AAAS majors and minors. He said the course will help students view the world from a broader perspective, which

will make them better sociologists, political scientists, journalists, historians, or educators. Students in any area of study could benefit.

Students are encouraged also to consider AAAS as part of a double major. Pairing the AAAS degree with another area of study will make students more employable, Dennard said. "The need is out there," he said, "for graduates with a global perspective, who understand the history and culture of a population dispersed across America." Along with opportunities to do graduate work, Dennard anticipates employment opportunities for graduates in museums and historic sites, in social work or criminal justice, in community development and with foreign diplomatic services.

ECU is a logical geographic choice for an African and African American studies program, Dennard said. "We are the oldest region in the state, with the largest concentration of African Americans living here from the 17th to the 19th century. That offers extensive possibilities — and a definite need — for more detailed research," he said.

More research is needed to provide documentation of the African American presence and experience during eastern North Carolina's colonial and antebellum periods, he said.

For example, at New Bern's Tryon Palace, docents often present tourists with details on the white inhabitants of the area, but little on the culture and experiences of the enslaved and free blacks who also lived in the city. "We need to change that paradigm," Dennard said. "When we're talking about the history of an area, we need to talk about the experiences of all groups —

blacks, whites, and others — using detailed, solid information."

Dennard said more study should be done on African American participation in maritime activities, in local civil rights activities, and specifically, on the 1898 Wilmington Race Riot or coup d'etat. More attention must be paid to African American women's role in history as well, he said, because African American studies have been predominantly male-centered.

Studies in African and African American history grew out of the 1960s, when the first African Americans enrolled in historically white universities. That population began demanding courses relevant to their own history, along with resources applied toward improving the larger community beyond the university. From that initial urge to create more hospitable places for African Americans in the university grew knowledge and solid academics, Dennard said. With the advent of Internet technology, increased interaction among universities with existing programs generated more interest, more knowledge, and greater collaboration.

East Carolina's program is one of approximately 312 African studies programs in the nation, one of only nine programs in North Carolina, and one of five programs offered in the UNC system. Other UNC schools offering the degree are UNC — Chapel Hill, UNC — Greensboro, UNC — Charlotte and NCSU. In the United States, about ten universities offer doctoral programs in African studies and approximately 24 to 30 offer master's degrees.

Southern universities and states are somewhat lagging behind other regions in initiating the programs,

Dennard said, despite an often larger percentage of African Americans in Southern state populations. He noted that the state of California, with a population that is 7.4 percent African American, has 60 African American studies programs. North Carolina — with a 22.1 percent African American population — has only nine such programs.

The UNC General Administration approved ECU's new program in February 2007, following a two-year development process. The first course was offered in August 2007, with 55 students enrolled.

"The first course filled up very quickly, as we predicted," White said. "That

demonstrates a strong demand from students for this area of study."

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don't see. People only see you out there on TV. But they don't understand that also makes you a target for every nut and bigot in the country."

Sharpton boosted his already escalated security protection after the FBI warned him and his staff on Nov. 21 that a New York state inmate had confessed to sending a powdery substance to him and at least six other civil rights organizations and news agencies. The FBI successfully traced the substance in the mail less than a week after Sharpton led the U. S. Justice Department against hate crimes.

The white substance turned out to be only talcum powder, Sharpton confirmed.

But, he says the high profile media coverage on the incidents has raised prospects for real threats.

"It works up kooks and copy cats.

Whereas this cat may not have been real, he could have woke us up because now, somebody might think that's a good idea. So it causes a lot of concern."

Among his 33 National Action Network sites around the country, Sharpton says has especially upscaled security in New York, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Detroit, Chicago and Miami because of the level of activism at those sites and some targeted threats.

"We've increased those who travel with us and we've increased those at our headquarters," he says. Reportedly, the FBI has also warned his staff to not open mail from certain addresses and police squad cars have been sometimes strategically parked outside of NAN headquarters.

Security has especially been boosted since the Sept. 20 march in Jena, La.

In that march, tens of thousands of people pushed for justice in the case of the Jena Six, Black high school students charged in the beating of a White school mate during racial tension after three nooses were hung in a so-called White tree in the school yard.

The security concerns also come in a year in which the Alabama-based Southern Poverty Law Center has reported a 40 percent increase in hate groups since 2000. The FBI last month also reported an 8 percent rise in hate crimes last year, from 7,116 in 2005 to 7,722 last year. Most were racial attacks.

Sharpton is quick to recall one of the key reasons that takes the new threats seriously.

"You must remember I was stabbed once leading a march."

On January 12, 1991, he was protesting the killing of a Black teenager in the predominately White Bensonhurst neighborhood of Brooklyn, N.Y. when he was attacked and stabbed in the chest by Michael Riccardi, an Italian-American wielding a five-inch knife.

Riccardi, who was convicted of first degree assault and served eight of a 15-year sentence, said he had attempted to kill Sharpton because he thought it would make him a hero in his community.

It was Sharpton's security detail who stopped that attack, apprehended Riccardi and turned him over to police.

"Of course we've got to pay more people, pay more for them to travel and all of that," says Sharpton. "But, we take these things seriously because I know what they can be 'because I almost got killed."

Ministers Award Reception



The Shaw University Alumni Association of Greenville and Pitt County will host a reception Monday Dec. 3, 07 at the Willis Building, East Carolina University, to honor ministers who have supported the university and to raise funds for the United Negro College Fund.

Clarence G. Newsome, (3rd from right) the 13th president of Shaw, was the speaker. Ministers recognized included Barry K. Berryhill, C.B. Gray, Randy B. Royal, A.C. Batchelor, David Hammond, James Harris and Howard W. Parker Jr.

BOOK SALE

Friday, Feb. 1, 9:00 am-8:00 pm
Saturday, Feb. 2, 9:00 am-6:00 pm
Sunday, Feb. 3, 1-3:30 pm

*Bag Day - \$5 per paper grocery bag of books

LOCATION

Greenville Convention Center, 303 SE Greenville Blvd

THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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ANOINTED PREACHING

Place: Power Of Prayer and Deliverance 922 Dickinson Ave Jan. 16,17 2008 7:30pm
Pastor: Della Phillips



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Public Notices

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 14, 2008, at or after 9:00 a.m. regarding a request for a Conditional Use Permit. This hearing will be held in the second floor Board of Commissioners Auditorium in the County Administration Building located at 1717 W. 5th Street, Greenville, NC. The Pitt County Planning Department is in receipt of a petition from Rosewood Farms, LLC requesting a Conditional Use Permit to allow a sand mining operation in the Rural Agricultural district. The subject property is owned by Jerry B. and Elsie C. Nichols, and is identified by the Tax Assessor's Office as Parcel Number 16917. This property is located on the northern side of SR 1562 (Alvin Road), east of its intersection with SR 962 (Avon Road). Citizens interested in obtaining additional information on this Conditional Use Permit request should contact the Pitt County Planning Department (252) 902-3250. The purpose of the public hearing is to gather public comment and input on the Conditional Use Permit request prior to consideration by the Board of County Commissioners. Those persons unable to attend the hearing may submit written questions or comments to the Clerk to the Board before the meeting. The mailing address is: Clerk to the Board, Pitt County, 1717 West Fifth Street, Greenville, NC 27834.

Unplug and Recycle!

Electronic Recycling Event! Date: 12/29/07; Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Place: Colonial Mall Parking Lot. Accept: CPU, keyboards, monitors, printers, lap tops, fax machines, copiers, phone systems, scanners, etc. Do Not Accept: Television sets. Call (252) 902-3353 for info.

Pay Your Taxes Now!

2007 Pitt County, City and Town property taxes are due now and must be paid no later than Monday, January 7, 2008. This does not apply to motor vehicle taxes, which follow a separate billing schedule. All taxes not paid or postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before January 7th will be assessed a 2% interest charge on January 8th. Additionally, interest of 1/4 of 1% will be added monthly until paid in full as required by N.C.G.S. tax laws. If you have a tax escrow account with your mortgage company, it is your responsibility to make sure your taxes are paid. You can logon to the Pitt County website at www.pittcountync.gov then select "Online Programs" to view tax account information. If you have questions concerning taxes due or making a payment arrangement, the tax collections office is located at 111 S. Washington Street, Greenville, or you may call (252) 902-3425. Payments remitted by check should be made payable to Pitt County Tax Collector, Post Office Box 875, Greenville, NC 27835-0875. Jeffery Niebauer, Tax Collector

Transfer Station Holiday Hours

Pitt County Transfer Station will be closing at noon on 12/24/07 and closed 12/25/07 and 1/1/08. Pitt County Container Sites will be closed 12/25/07. Happy Holidays from Pitt County Solid Waste and Recycling!

Request For Proposals

Vending Services, Pitt County Government Offices

The Pitt County Engineering Department at 1717 West Fifth Street, Development Services Building, Greenville, North Carolina 27834 will receive proposals for non exclusive vending services in County buildings until 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time on January 9, 2008.

Each proposal should address at least the following:

1. List of drinks and snacks to be placed in each location
2. Number and type of drink and snack machines at each location
3. A commitment to provide Energy Star rated machines at all locations
4. Any conditions that the County would have to fulfill under a contract with the vendor
5. A commitment to provide at least 20% of the snacks and drinks that meet the Winners Circle Nutrition Criteria
6. A commitment to dispense bottled water at all locations

Information may be obtained from Pam Keel at (252) 902-3171.

Adult Foster Care: Your Help for the Holidays!

This is the twenty-seventh year for the Adult Foster Care Christmas Project. We would like to carry on this tradition of assisting the elderly and disabled in Pitt County adult care homes. Your contribution makes it possible to purchase personal hygiene and clothing items and at the same time, ensures that no one will be without a gift to open at Christmas. Assist us in continuing this Pitt County tradition and brightening the holiday season for an elderly and/or disabled adult residing in an adult care home. Please make a monetary donation to the Adult Foster Care Christmas Project or contact us to adopt a resident in need. You may forward your contributions to: Pitt County DSS Adult Foster Care, 1717 West Fifth Street, Greenville, NC 27834. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rhetta O'Quinn at (252) 902-1205.

Foster Children's Christmas Needs Your Help!

The Pitt County Department of Social Services is requesting donations to help provide Holiday Cheer for the children who are currently in legal custody of the department. The support of the community is needed to make sure that each of these children will have a good holiday. Monetary donations are welcome and may be mailed to: Pitt County Department of Social Services, 1717 W. 5th St., Greenville, NC 27834-1695. Please earmark your donation: "Foster Children's Holiday Cheer Fund." Donations of new, unwrapped toys are also being accepted at the Department of Social Services, at the same address. Please call Mildred Daniels at (252) 902-1134 or Susan Schwing at (252) 902-1143 if you have any questions or would like more information. Thank you in advance for helping us make the holiday season a happy one for OUR children.

Pitt County Sheriff's Vehicle Auction Seized Vehicles

- Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, 124 New Hope Rd., Greenville, NC
- (1) 1998 Lincoln Navigator
Blue in color; Good Condition; After market rims
 - (1) 2005 Saturn Ion 4-door
Burgundy in color; Good Condition

Vehicles sold to highest bidder, subject to all prior liens and encumbrances. Immediate payment required. Vehicle Sold as is. Where is with no implied warranty. Vehicles should be removed the day of sale. Vehicles may be inspected (1) hour prior to sale. For more information, you may call Deputy Stewart at (252) 902-2716 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

POSITION: Administrative Office Assistant (Half-time position, grant funded)

Purpose: Assist Community Development Administrator with all related to Pitt County Community Development project activities and responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Answering and responding to all phone calls;
- Entering client data into the Community Development Database
- Advising interested applicants of the application process;
- Conducting site visits for property inspection and analysis;
- Verifying Contractor references;
- Assisting potential applicants with completing applications and gathering documentation as needed;
- Managing electronic and paper files; and
- Other related duties.

This individual will report directly to the Pitt County Community Development Administrator.

Major Position Responsibilities:

- Ability to work with diverse population;
- Ability to understand legal process of deed and real estate processes;
- Basic computer skills
- Good time management and organizational skills.

Qualifications: High School Diploma or equivalent GED. Work experience and/or combination of training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities. Requires the ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing. Able to use Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, etc). Establish and maintain effective working relationships. Please submit resume and references to: Lori Jones, Pitt County Planning, 1717 West 5th Street, Greenville, NC 27834, (252) 902-3280 or e-mail at ljones2@pittcountync.gov.

NOTICE TO LIST PROPERTY TAXES

Where to list: Pitt County Tax Assessor's Office, Corner of 2nd & Evans St., Greenville, NC; Phone: (252) 902-3400. When to list: January 2-January 31, 2008, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays. Office Hours: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. What to list: Personal property owned as of January 1st. All taxpayers are required to list the following personal property each year:

- Mobile Homes - Jetakis (All Watercraft)
- Aircraft (All Types)
- Farm Equipment
- Business Assets
- Unlicensed Vehicles (Cars, Trucks, Trailers & Motorcycles that are not currently licensed). Mobile Home Park Owners/Operators: Parks owners that have three or more mobile home spaces are required by law to furnish the Tax Assessor with the name of the owner and a description of each mobile home. This list is due by January 15th. Failure to comply can result in a \$250 fine plus penalties. Age/Disability Exemption: North Carolina excludes from property taxes the greater of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or fifty percent (50%) of the appraised value of a permanent residence owned and occupied by a qualifying owner. The following requirements must be met: 1 - The applicant must be 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled. 2 - Income for the preceding calendar year of not more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). Includes applicant and spouse. 3 - Must be a North Carolina resident and reside on the property. Business Owners: Any individual or business owning personal property used or connected with a business or other income producing purpose must list these assets each year. These include, but are not limited to: furniture, machinery, equipment, computers, farm machinery and implements. Real Property: Real property is permanently listed. Notify the Tax Assessor only if any changes have been made. Licensed Vehicles: Do NOT list vehicles that are licensed. They are automatically listed when the tag is renewed. (Any person who attempts to evade or defeat the taxes imposed by the Revenue Laws, whether by removal or concealment of property, shall be guilty of a Class 2 Misdemeanor.)

Boards and Committees Listings

The Greenville Planning & Zoning Board is in need of interested applicants. This Board regulates land development in the City of Greenville and in Greenville's extrajurisdictional jurisdiction. They meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers on the 3rd floor (City of Greenville). The Greenville Board of Adjustment is in need of an alternate member from the ETJ area to represent the County and two regular members. This Board hears and decides appeals concerning zoning issues, application for special use permits and request for variances. They meet the 4th Thursday of each month (excluding Nov/Dec) at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the 3rd floor (City of Greenville). The Industrial Revenue & Pollution Control Authority is in need of interested applicants. This Authority considers the issuance of industrial revenue bonds for the purpose of financing new or expanded industries to provide additional jobs. The location and the time of these meetings is to be determined. The Nursing Home Advisory Committee is currently in need of volunteers to serve on the committee. This Committee works to promote community involvement and cooperation with nursing homes and an integration of these homes into a system of care for the elderly. Minimum qualifications of members: resident of Pitt County, no person or family members with a financial interest in any home served by the committee, or employee or governing board member of a home served, or immediate family members of a resident in a home served. Each committee member must receive training as specified by the Division of Aging, Department of Health and Human Services. The Adult Care Home Community Advisory Board is in need of volunteers to serve on the board. They have called meetings. This board promotes community involvement and cooperation with adult care homes, to advocate for the residents living in the adult care homes.

Pitt County Government Holiday Hours

Pitt County Government offices will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 - Wednesday, Dec. 26. Offices will reopen on Thursday, Dec. 27. Happy Holidays!

Adopt "Halle" Today!

Our hours are: Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dogs and cats 4 months of age and older are now \$60 for dogs, \$45 for cats. This includes spaying/neutering and a 1-year rabies vaccination. For additional information, please call the Pitt County Animal Shelter at (252) 902-1725.