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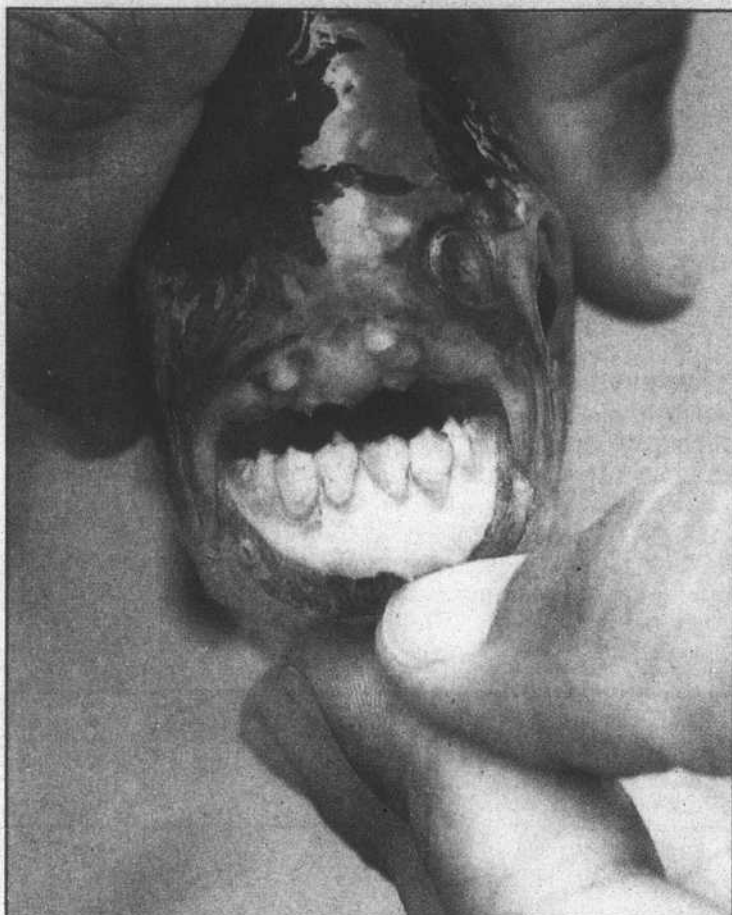
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This mysterious fish pulled from the waters of the Chowan River on July 3 by Kenny Farmer has been identified as a pacu, a tropical species that is non-indigenous to North America. (Photo by Cal Bryant, The Roanoke-Chowan News Herald, Ahoskie, NC)

## Chowan River 'mystery fish' is identified

(Editor's Note: The Chowan Herald would like to thank News-Herald Editor Cal Bryant for graciously agreeing to share this story with our readers.)

BY CAL BRYANT  
News Editor

Tuesday's edition of the *Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald* had yet had time to cool following its run through the press when the first phone call was received here at our Ahoskie office concerning the identity of a mysterious fish caught July 3 by Kenny Farmer in the Chowan River near Petty Shores.

"Look at those teeth...it's gotta be a piranha," said caller number one, making reference to a photo published on Tuesday's sports page.

The calls, well over 50 in number, didn't slow down until late Thursday. With the exception of three individuals, all proclaimed they thought the photo was that of a piranha. For the safety of all who use the Chowan River — boat-

ers, water skiers, jet-skiers and swimmers — thank goodness the majority of those responses were incorrect. There's nothing like a school of flesh-eating piranha to spoil a pleasant day of aquatic recreation.

Thomas Brittenham was the first to correctly identify the mystery fish. He informed *The News-Herald* that he knew of a man in Virginia who had hooked a similar-looking fish last year. That man, Jimmy Worrell of Franklin, VA, verified that information, saying he caught a fish with "human-looking teeth in a Franklin area lake."

"The Virginia Fish and Game Commission identified the fish as a pacu, a tropical fish normally found in the Amazon region," said Worrell. "That fish isn't a native of our waterways, so it must have been put in the lake by someone who had it in their aquarium and got rid of it after it got too big."

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## 'Funny money' making rounds

BY TAMIKA SPRUILL  
Staff Writer

Local businesses need to be on the lookout for counterfeit bills, according to Chief Bonner of the Edenton Police Department.

"Counterfeit bills in the 50 and 100 dollar denominations are floating around the area," Bonner states. "A number of Edenton businesses have received these type of bills."

From late 2002 to the present there have been a total of at least nine Edenton businesses that have at some point been a victims of counterfeit money. A majority of the fake currency shows up at fast food chains during rush hours because those type of businesses usually don't have time to check their currency.

Counterfeit money not detected at the business level is usually picked up at banks after deposits are made and sent to United States Office of Secret Services. Money caught at

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## Chamber earns state ESC award

North Carolina Employment Security Commission Chairman Harry E. Payne Jr., left, presents a 2003 ESC Employer Award to Richard Bunch, executive director, Edenton/Chowan Chamber of Commerce in Edenton. Looking on is ESC Edenton Office Manager Ricky Coltrain (right). (See story on page 3-A)

## Council has speedy session

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Managing Editor

Last Tuesday evening's Edenton Town Council meeting was unusual in a couple of respects. The meeting ended in possibly record time — about

20 minutes — and there was not a single private citizen there to watch the town's business being conducted.

The most interesting bit of business came toward the close of the meeting when Councilman Jimmy Stallings

brought up the issue of several overgrown area sites where he said the grass urgently needed mowing. "It's three feet tall back there," he said, referring to one area adjacent to the lo-

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## Ag Expo nears

The Northeast Ag Expo will be held Thursday July 24 at CA Perry & Son, Crossroads and Albemarle Learning Center. The Expo will feature peanuts, vegetables, forages and more.

Registration will start at 9:30 am at CA Perry & Sons followed by a viewing of peanut plots. The peanut plots viewing will also include information on varieties, mixed planting, TSWV management strategies, disease forecasting and Messenger evaluation. The Expo will then host an alternative to

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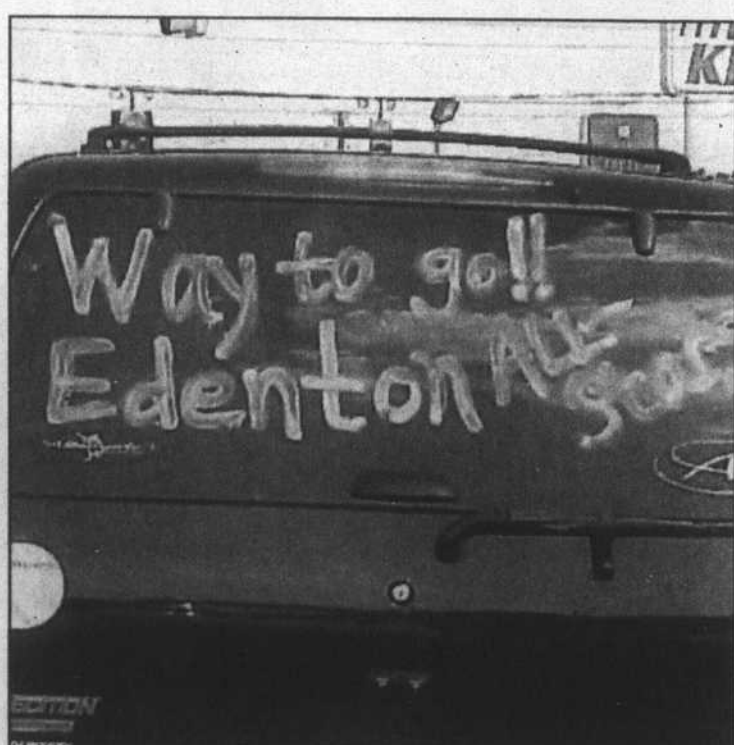


## Documentary filming locally

Area residents and students from the COA acted as slaves and jailers at the Old Chowan County Jail Tuesday during PBS filming of the Nat Turner Rebellion's effect on slave states. Southern towns like Edenton were terrified of possible slave revolts and began to arrest African-Americans as a result of any suspicions, real or imagined. Additional taping is planned at Somerset in Washington County. (Staff photo by Angela Perez)

## Showing their support

This vehicle was seen in Smithfield, NC over the weekend supporting the 7-8 year-old All-Star team from the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department. The boys from Chowan County were playing in the Tarheel Coach Pitch Eastern Regional State Tournament, July 11-13. A large following of family members made the trip to see the local boys win two games before being eliminated from the tournament. (Photo by Robbie Laughton)



## Taylor's Two Ticket Trivia Contest

If you're a Trivia-buff, a Movie-lover, or just know how to search the internet, you'll enjoy the Taylor's Two Ticket Trivia Contest.

To win, you have to be the correct awnser to the Chowan Herald. That's it!

Although there was no winner for the July 2nd kick-off of the Trivia contest, July 9th's question was a completely different story.

Marshall Dunn of Edenton took home the gold, with his correct answer of Tom Selleck.

It's as simple as that, just find the correct answer, write it on the game piece and be the first



Taylor's Two Ticket Trivia winner Marshall Dunn and Taylor Theater manager Belinda Todd.

to turn it in.

Marshall has already received his prize and is looking forward to the next time he is eligible to play. Contestants can win once a month.

To play Taylor's Two Ticket Trivia or to see a complete list of the rules and regulations, see the game piece on page A3 in this weeks edition of the Chowan Herald.

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