

# NATIONAL BRIEFS



## Bodies of missing six found in Pea River

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OPP, Ala. - Four months ago, Woodrow Stackhouse stood on the banks of the Pea River by the Ballard Bridge and had the "funny feeling" that this was where the bodies of six missing southeast Alabama residents, including his son, could be found.

On Wednesday afternoon, a muddy 1989 Chevrolet Caprice containing six bodies was pulled from that area in rural Coffee County.

Authorities said the vehicle's tags matched the missing Caprice belonging to Lamar Junior Stackhouse, 25, of Enterprise, signaling an apparent end to the mystery of what happened to a group of friends who disappeared after a night of partying May 9.

"I stood right there over that spot and I told the police that the tire tracks were like four feet from the water," Woodrow Stackhouse said Wednesday night. "Four months later, they went to the same spot where the tracks were and found them."

Authorities were retracing their steps, checking areas where previous searches had come up empty, when they found the car.

The car, with the remains still inside, was taken to the Alabama Department of Forensic Science in Montgomery for autopsies, said Alabama Bureau of Investigation agent Simon Benson. Because of the decomposed state of the bodies, authorities could not positively identify the remains Wednesday night.

State police are treating the deaths as an accident but planned to search the area today.

There was damage to the car, which led investigators to believe it ran off Alabama Highway 134 at the Ballard Bridge and into the river, Benson said. The accident occurred near the Ino community, located between Opp and Enterprise.

A crowd of hundreds, including relatives and friends of the missing, gathered at the bridge Wednesday as authorities prepared to remove the car from the water. Some cried and sobbed as they waited.

The missing were: Stackhouse, Eula Jossett Lee, 27, and Angela Roberts Young, 26, all of Enterprise; Valerie Jones McCoy, 27, of Level Plains; James Anthony Reynolds, 28, of Webb; and Tamara Monique Ward, 22, of Ozark. Their disappearances were reported to Enterprise police on May 10. Woodrow Stackhouse said he visited the spot by Ballard Bridge two days later.

The six disappeared after leaving an Opp nightclub in the car Lamar Stackhouse had recently purchased and which was his pride and joy. Investigators said they had no idea where the friends were headed.

Two weeks ago, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People began calling for the FBI to get involved in the search.

"I think from that day on, there was an urgency on behalf of law enforcement because we were observing what they were doing," said the Rev. R.L. Shanklin, state NAACP president. The FBI began to get involved this week.

Enterprise Police Chief T.D. Jones disputed Shanklin's contention.

"We've been searching since day one," he said. "There was something going on all the time."

"America's Most Wanted" was scheduled to air a segment on the missing six.

For the families, Wednesday's discovery ended months of wondering.

"In a way, it's closure but it's heartbreaking," said Cliff Johnson of Enterprise, whose wife is the aunt of one of the missing. "It's been a mental strain the whole time."

## Central chancellor takes medical leave

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DURHAM - The chancellor of North Carolina Central University began a medical leave of absence from the school last Thursday.

Although the school's news release did not specify the reason, earlier reports said Chancellor Julius Chambers would undergo surgery for prostate cancer.

Treatment and recovery are expected to take several weeks, the school said. In his absence, a team of vice chancellors and the special assistant to the chancellor will manage the school.

Chambers, 62, was scheduled to have surgery in August at Duke University Medical Center and begin a leave of absence of five to six weeks.

Instead, doctors performed an undisclosed medical procedure on Chambers and postponed the surgery.



Chambers

## Being Black

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and the Harvard University Multi-disciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy. The Harvard program includes researchers from several Harvard graduate schools and disciplines.

Initiated in the early 1990s, the project attempted to understand the patterns of racial inequality in modern, metropolitan areas and how race has been affected by economic changes.

According to the study, race is pervasive at many levels, manifesting itself in everything from highly segregated housing to labor markets that prefer hiring some racial groups over others. Stereotyping is often at play, particularly when it comes to where people want to live and whom they will hire, O'Connor said.

Blacks "continually end up at the bottom in terms of preferences for neighbors as well as when employers talk about hiring preferences," she said.

While the study found that minorities are doing better in the strong economy of the 1990s, it found that they are making less money and working fewer hours than their white counterparts. It also found that they had a significantly harder time landing a job.

In Detroit, for example, it took unskilled, unemployed whites an average of 91 hours to generate a job offer. It took blacks 167 hours.

"Clearly there is a heavy burden that minorities face in the job market," said Katherine Newman, an urban studies professor at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. "Minorities are working, but they're diverging in their good fortune from whites."

Both the household surveys, conducted by telephone between 1992 and 1994, and the employer

## President addresses U.N.



Photo by David Scull, The White House

President Clinton addressed the United Nations General Assembly in New York on Sept. 21. The president spoke about the challenges facing the international community in the globalization, and urged prosperous nations to continue to support the research and development of vaccines for diseases plaguing the developing world. During the day, the president also met with several foreign leaders, including South African President Thabo Mbeki (shown in photo).

interviews identified pervasive stereotypes, particularly targeting blacks.

Blacks, many of the respondents said, are more likely to be on welfare, more likely to commit crimes and harder to get along with than other groups.

In the work force, where native-born blacks are losing jobs to recent immigrants, employers indicated blacks rank low on their hiring preference charts.

"We didn't get a whole lot of employers coming out and saying,

"Blacks are worthless," O'Connor said. Employers instead talked in code and subtext when referring to minorities, she said.

Employers also were fearful of relocating to areas that were perceived as heavily minority.

## Florida A&M bomb suspect arrested

BY DAVID ROYSE  
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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - A 41-year-old white man was arrested on federal charges in two small bombings at predominantly black Florida A&M University.

Lawrence Michael Lombardi, an unemployed father of two from Tallahassee, was arrested last week after agents searched his home. He was charged with a single count of manufacturing a bomb pending formal charges later, FBI agent Tom Kneir said.

No other information was immediately made available on Lombardi.

"We are relieved and thankful," said Florida A&M provost James Ammons. "This is a happy day for Florida A&M because we can again focus on our educational mission."

Two small explosions have gone off at the campus since Aug. 31. No one was injured in either blast, but strident racist telephone calls accompanied each incident and warned of further attacks, spreading fear on the 12,000-student campus.

On Wednesday, the FBI released tapes of the telephone calls and a surveillance camera photo of a man buying something at a local home improvement store the day before the first blast.

They said the man in the photo could have information

about the case, but said the man wasn't a suspect. But last week, they said the man in the photo was Lombardi and that tips from the public after the photo and tapes were released led authorities to him.

Officials wouldn't say whether Lombardi was part of a larger group, but indicated they think the campus is now safe.

"FAMU today does not face

the threat that it did yesterday," Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Patterson said.

Local, state and federal investigators descended en masse on the hilltop campus in Tallahassee after the first blast Aug. 31. It involved a small device that went off in a men's room at an administration building 10 minutes after a

warning was called in. Damage was very minor.

The second, larger than the first, was on Sept. 22. It was in the first-floor restroom of Perry Paige Hall, which has four floors of laboratories, offices, classrooms and the Navy ROTC office. Again, damage was minor.

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### NOTICE MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is seeking minority and women-owned firms (M/WBE) to bid on upcoming highway projects throughout the state. The locations of the projects are:

Project No.	County/Route	Division No.	Type	Location	Metric/English		
8.1311801	Johnston	4	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVT Markings & Structures	I-85 & NC-50 Interchange in Benson	Metric	8%	
9.8043143	Nash	4	Widening, Grading, Drainage, Paving & PVT Markings	NC-43 from SR-1613 (Woodruff Ave.) to SR-1535 (Peele Rd.)	Metric		8% 4%
8.1351302	Durham	5	Grading, Drainage, Paving, Pavement Markings, Milling & Structures	NC-157 (Guess Road) from SR-1407 (Carver St) to SR-1449 (Umstead Rd.)	Metric	8%	
8.1511401	Rockingham	7	Widening, Grading, Paving & PVT Markings	NC-87 from SR-2598 (Cook Florist Rd.) & SR-2594 (Holiday Loop Rd.) To US-29 in Reidsville	Metric	8%	
8.2510501	Rockingham	7	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVT Markings & Structures	Bridge over Dan River & approaches on SR-2145	Metric	5%	
6.529001B	Randolph/Chatham	8	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVT Markings & Culverts	NC-64 from East of intersection with SR-2628 on West Glenn Ave. in Siler City	Metric		8% 4%
8.2623301	Forsyth	9	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVT Markings & Structures	Bridge over Winston-Salem Southbound Railway & approaches on SR-3875 (Waughtown)	Metric	5%	
8.2662601	Cabarrus	10	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVT Markings & Structures	Bridge over Coddie Creek & approaches on SR-1621	Metric	5%	
8.0671615	Mecklenburg	10	Grading, Drainage, Paving, Pavement Markings & Structures	Charlotte outer loop from south of SR-2808 to south of SR-2802 (Rocky River Church Rd.) in Charlotte	Metric	8%	
8.0672209	Mecklenburg	10	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVT Markings & Structures	West Charlotte outer loop from North of US-2974 (Wilkinson Blvd) to North of I-85	Metric	8%	
6.678005B	Mecklenburg	10	Grading, Drainage, Paving & Structures	West Charlotte outer loop from Brown Glen Rd. Extension to 0.507 km North of US-2974	Metric		10% 5%
8.2311901	Johnston	4	Grading, Drainage, Paving & Structures	Bridge over Hannah Creek & approaches on SR-1171 (Hannah Creek Rd.)	English	5%	
8.2451001	Harnett	6	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVT Markings & Structure	Bridge over Black River & approaches on SR-1735	English	6%	
6.529006T	Chatham	8	Widening, Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVT Markings & Structures	US-64 from Glenn Ave. to ext 5-lane section West of N. Cottage Grove Ave. in Siler City	English		7% 3%
8.7520808	Chatham	8	Grading, Paving, Guardrail & Pavement Markings	US-64 (Pittsboro Bypass) from 1.15 miles East of SR-1514 to east of US-15/501	English	8%	
8.2700201	Allegheny	11	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVT Markings & Structure	Bridge over Little River & approaches on SR-1172 and culvert on Pine Swamp River.	English	5%	
8.2741301	Surry	11	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVT markings & Structures	Bridge over Little Fisher River & approaches on SR-1350	English	6%	
8.2870601	McDowell	13	Grading, Drainage, paving & Structure	Culvert & Bridge over Crooked Creek & approaches on SR-1123	English	5%	

LETTING DATE: Tuesday, October 19, 1999

\*\*\* MONDAY, October 18, 1999 6 PM - MIDNIGHT \*\*\*

North Raleigh Hilton - 3415 Wake Forest Road - Raleigh, N.C.

Prime contractors will be available to receive quotes for trucking, sub-contracting and materials. M/WBE's needing more information and/or technical assistance may come to Room 522 to meet with representatives from the Bennington Corp., NCDOT's Supportive Provider. (919)832-6027

NCDOT Office of Civil Rights & Business Development 1-800-522-0453  
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### This Week In Black History...

October 7, 1888 - Sargent C. Johnson is born in Boston, Mass. He will be a pioneering artist of the Harlem Renaissance, known for his wood, cast stone, and ceramic sculptures. Among his most famous works will be "Forever Free" and "Mask."  
 October 14, 1834 - Henry Blair of Glen Ross, Md., receives a patent for a corn planting machine.  
 October 14, 1964 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is announced as the 1964 recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize for his civil rights activities. King is the second African American to win the Peace Prize.

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