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## Goodwill glimmers at animal shelter

Publicity sparks a temporary boost to adoptions and donations, but officials say spaying and neutering is the only sure way to lower euthanization rates.

By Amanda Karr  
The Daily Reflector

A boost in donations and adoptions in the past couple of weeks was welcome by local animal advocates, but the solution must ultimately be long-term, they say.

A Daily Reflector story earlier this month described how crowded conditions at the Pitt County Animal Shelter results in euthanization of many animals there and the efforts of animal advocates to stop the cycle through spaying and neutering.

"The first two days after that story hit was busy in a good way," said Michele Whaley, director of the county animal shelter. "There were lots of adoptions. Now it's kind of settling down." But animals are still coming in. Twenty-nine new dogs — many of them puppies — arrived at the shelter Monday. "Spay and neuter is going to be the only eventual way," Whaley

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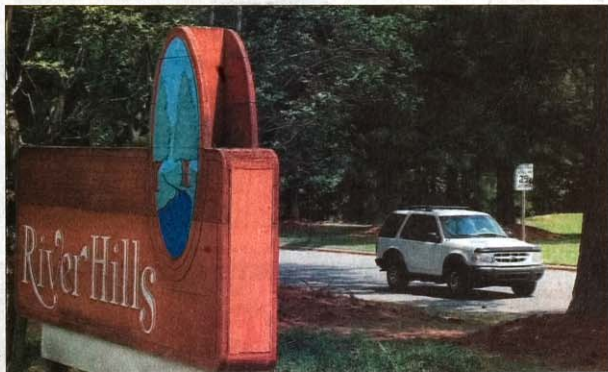
## SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

The majority of animals received annually by the Pitt County Animal Shelter are euthanized. The number adopted or reclaimed is growing, as demonstrated by numbers recorded since 2001.

Year	Received	Adopted	Reclaimed	Euthanized
2001	4,063	114	142	3,494
2002	4,023	461	152	3,038
2003	4,576	1,144	200	3,232
2004	4,298	1,221	213	2,917
2005	4,890	1,469	225	2,966

Source: Pitt County Animal Shelter

## City eyes subdivision



Jason A. Frizzelle/The Daily Reflector

ABOUT 340 people live in more than 150 homes in River Hills subdivision, which would generate about \$283,000 in tax revenue for Greenville if a planned annexation is successful. It has been in the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction since 1972.

## Involuntary annexation would boost revenue, extend service

By T. Scott Batchelor  
The Daily Reflector

Greenville's first city-initiated annexation in six years would take in about 84 acres encompassing roughly 337 residents in the River Hills neighborhood east of the city on 10th Street N.C. 33.

The last involuntary annexation — meaning it wasn't requested by property owners — occurred in March 2001 and took in about 50 acres and 150 people in Country Square Estates on N.C. 33 East.

On the city's list of potential acquisitions since April 2005, River Hills has 65 percent of its boundary contiguous with the city limits above the minimum 12.5 percent required for annexation under state statutes, said Mike Dail, planner with the community-development department.

The area also meets the population density of 2.3 people per acre, which classifies it as urban development, Dail said. River Hills includes 163 lots and 154 single-family residences; one business — a day-care center; a private cemetery and eight vacant lots, according to city documents.

Though it's not in the city limits, the neighborhood has been in Greenville's extraterritorial jurisdiction and thus subject to planning and zoning rules since 1972, Dail said.

It lies in Greenville City Council District 3, which is represented by Larry Spill.

The private sewer system that residents pay a flat fee to the developer to maintain would be taken over by Greenville Utilities, which

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City of Greenville

RIVER HILLS subdivision lies off 10th Street, east of Greenville Boulevard near Pinewood Memorial Park.

DAVE PERIOD, left, and another man are seen during a session on Wednesday.



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## TAKING IT IN

If the Greenville City Council votes June 14 to annex River Hills, the action would become effective June 30, 2008. Following are statistics related to the neighborhood:

- Area:** 83.99 acres
- Lots:** 163
- Homes:** 154 single-family residences
- Businesses:** One day-care center
- Population:** About 337
- Revenue:** River Hills would generate for the city \$283,011.20

## Google making public records more accessible

The Internet search provider is announcing a deal with four states and is lobbying the federal government to put records online, a move that worries some privacy experts.

By Bibhya Sarkar  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — By providing free consulting and some software, Google Inc. is helping state governments make reams of public records that are now unavailable or hard to find online easily accessible to Web surfers.

The Internet search company hopes to eventually persuade federal agencies to employ the same tools — an effort that excites advocates of open government but worries some consumer privacy experts.

Google plans to announce Monday that it has already partnered with four states — Arizona, California, Utah and

Virginia — to remove technical barriers that had prevented its search engine, as well as those of Microsoft Corp. and Yahoo Inc., from accessing tens of thousands of public records dealing with education, real estate, health care and the environment.

These newly available records will not be exclusive to the search engines owned by Google, Yahoo and Microsoft.

Patrice McDermott, director of OpenTheGovernment.org, a coalition of

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## Med school to increase class sizes

Increasing from 72 to 80 students will create challenges for ECU but will help meet growing demand for primary care physicians, officials say.

By Jimmy Ryals  
The Daily Reflector

The Brody School of Medicine is planning for the largest incoming class of would-be doctors in its 30-year history.

East Carolina University plans to expand the medical school for the first time in fall 2008, accepting 80 students per year. Since Brody opened in 1977, 72 students have enrolled each year.

The increase would help ease expected physician shortages, said Virginia Hardy, Brody senior associate dean for academic affairs.

Last year, the Association of American Medical Colleges called on all medical schools to increase enrollment 30 percent by 2020. In North Carolina, the number of primary care doctors per 10,000 people would drop by more than 20 percent by 2020 if medical schools don't turn out more physicians, the N.C. Institute of Medicine estimated in December.

Adding students will create some logistical issues at ECU, said Hardy, who led a task force that investigated expanding Brody. It will likely require state money. The Legislature typically allocates funds for enrollment growth each year, but Brody hasn't received that.

Further, while campus facilities can accommodate 80 students, administrators will have to find more off-campus rotation sites for upper-level students to do clinical work, Hardy said.

Less tangibly, faculty members will have to focus on maintaining Brody's family atmosphere, Hardy added.

"We have kind of a personal relationship with each of our students, and we don't want to compromise that," she said.

Any larger addition would be "a very major undertaking," interim

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## One passenger from Thursday wreck improves

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One of two passengers hospitalized following a Thursday wreck on N.C. 903 South near Winterville was upgraded to serious condition Sunday.

Charles Alexander Moore, 27, had been listed in critical condition at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. A second passenger, Brian Bart Uyschurk, 30, remained in critical condition.

A third passenger in the wreck, Taft Lee Noland, a 29-year-old East Carolina University senior, was pronounced dead Thursday.

Charles Moore is the cousin of the 32-year-old driver, Ashley Tucker Moore, the son of former state Sen. Tony Moore of Winterville. Ashley Moore suffered minor injuries.

He was traveling near Pocosin Road at a high rate of speed when the single-vehicle wreck occurred about 2 a.m., the State Highway Patrol reported.

An investigation is ongoing. No charges had been filed as of Sunday.