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Senate Votes Thomas Onto High Court

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Newly appointed associate justice Clarence Thomas, who was born to uneducated parents in rural Georgia, won confirmation to the Supreme Court on Tuesday by one of the narrowest margins in history, barely surviving an accusation by Anita Hill, one of his former assistants, that he had sexually harassed her.

In an all-day debate during which President George Bush brought heavy pressure on wavering senators and the public flooded Capitol Hill with telephone calls and

telegrams, the Senate voted 52-48 in favor of the 43-year-old jurist to become an associate justice for life.

During the voting 11 Democrats joined 41 of the 43 Republicans in supporting Thomas.

Thomas' victory margin was narrowed considerably by the sexual harassment charges.

Three Democrats who had said flatly last month that they backed Thomas ended up by voting no—Joseph I. Lieberman of Connecticut and Richard H. Bryan and Harry M. Reid, both of Nevada.

They were joined by three other Democrats who had hinted that they supported Thomas—Bob Graham of Florida, Daniel P. Moynihan of New York and Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia.

But seven Southern Democrats, many of them dependent on black voters for their political survival because of the flight of whites to the Republican Party, held firm in support of the nominee, along with four from other parts of the country, and that made the difference.

North Carolina's senators, as

expected, split their votes, with Republican Jesse A. Helms voting to confirm and Democrat Terry Sanford voted against.

Many of the Southern Democrats who voted for Thomas were up for election next year after narrow victories in 1986, and noted privately that black voters in their states backed Thomas.

Ms. Hill quietly accepted Thomas' confirmation to the Supreme Court on Tuesday, and said she hoped the outcome wouldn't stop others from complaining about harassment in the

workplace.
"The issue of sexual harassment is now part of a dialogue," Ms. Hill told reporters outside her home with her mother standing by her.

She said three things stuck out in her mind.

"The first is that I was able to go out, in perhaps not the best of forums, the best of settings, but I was able to go out and tell what I know to be the truth. And I am glad that I was able to do that. I am sorry that the forum wasn't as some people had hoped it would be, but it was accomplished

and I'm glad it was.
"The second thing is that we were exposed—all of us were exposed—to the process, the legislative process, the Senate process in a way that I never have been before. Many others have been, but many of us have not been, and I think we as a country can learn from that. We know more now about the process than we ever knew before. And we should all be thankful for that.

"Finally, the issue of sexual
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Gold Star Award To Wake Teacher

A teacher from the Wake County Public School System will receive Central Carolina Bank's Gold Star Award for excellence in teaching on Thursday, Oct. 24. North Carolina State University Chancellor Larry K. Monteith will be the keynote speaker for the banquet, to be held at the North Raleigh Hilton at 7 p.m.

The award recipient will be chosen from six finalists. Nominees were named at each school in the 79-school system. A systemwide Teacher of the Year Selection Committee chose six finalists from these nominees. The selections were made based on classroom observation, interviews, and information the nominees submitted, including biographical sketches, philosophies of education, community service, and letters of recommendation.

This year's finalists are Camille Skiles Lore, a second-grade teacher at E.C. Brooks Elementary; Lynn G. Orlando, a teacher of the trainable mentally handicapped at Garner Elementary; Marsha H. Massey, a kindergarten teacher at Zebulon Elementary; Lorna Henson, an autistic III teacher at West Millbrook Middle; Karen Baker Burden, a 10th grade English teacher at Cary High School; and Wanda McCaskill Sweeney, a third grade teacher at Helen Y. Stough Elementary.

The award recipient will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 from the bank and the CCB Gold Star trophy. The remaining five finalists will receive

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66-Year-Old Shot

Woman Found Dead

Single Bullet Wound To Chest Cause

According to records of the Raleigh Police Department, 66-year-old Queen Ester Evans, of 511 S. Swain St., was discovered dead by her son about 3:20 p.m. Tuesday.

Records show that Evans had been fatally shot in her downtown Raleigh home.

Ms. Evans had been shot once in the chest, stated Sgt. John Beasley of the police department. He added the a pistol was found on the back porch, not far from where the body was lying inside the house.

Neighbors had reported hearing a single gunshot between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Ms. Evans' husband had left for work between 5 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. He also was questioned late Tuesday, but he was not considered a prime suspect.

Police found no evidence of forced entry into the house, and had seen no signs of struggle. Nothing was taken from the house, according to police records.

In other news:

A Raleigh girl who was struck by a car Monday night while leaving an elementary school remained in critical condition Wednesday at Wake Medical Center.

Bobbie Shalytha Yolanda Jones, 10, of 1401 Millbrook Road, Apt. 208, was in the neuro-intensive care unit suffering from a "closed head injury," hospital officials. The girl was injured when she ran out in front of a car after leaving a cheerleading activity at Millbrook Elementary School. No charges were filed in this case.

Washington Summit To Target Environmental Racism Problem

BY GWEN MCKINNEY
NNPA News Service

Janice Dickerson said she knows how native Americans must have felt being displaced by powerful forces who would use the Indian's ancestral lands in the name of greed and exploitation.

Dickerson, 40, still regrets leaving her home. It was land that she said had been held by her people since Reconstruction. As part of a \$1.4 million settlement from Georgia Gulf, Dickerson and some 20 other families in Reveltown, La. were brought out in 1983, escaping emissions of vinyl chloride and other toxins which Dickerson said polluted the air, land and water.

"I was between a rock and a hard place. I could have stayed to fight, continuing to subject my family to unregulated and deadly toxins. Or I could leave, accepting a monetary settlement, but forced from my ancestral home," says Dickerson. "Even though we won the suit, we still lost."

Dickerson is now an organizer, working with other families along an 80-mile strip between New Orleans and Baton Rouge known as "Cancer Alley." It is an area inhabited by poor people and the descendants of slaves. It's also home to some 136 petrochemical industries and oil refineries and scores of waste dumps and incinerators that annually



HANDS ACROSS THE OCEAN—Mark V. Monteverdi, left, coordinator, public programs, Philip Morris Companies Inc., and Noel H. Hankin, right, director, marketing services, Miller Brewing Co., show support for the more than 1500-member World Conference of Mayors (WCM) that convened recently at the Wyndham Rose Hall Hotel and Resort, Montego Bay, Jamaica. Johnny Ford, second from left, is the mayor of Tuskegee, Ala. and founder and chairman of the Conference and Papa Yero Diallo, second from right, is the organization's newly appointed Secretary

General and a representative of Mayor Mamadou Diop of Dakar, Senegal. Philip Morris and Miller Beer sponsored the convention's banquet. The seven year old WCM is a non-profit organization of current mayors from North and South America, the Caribbean and from the continents of Africa, Asia and Europe. Under Mayor Ford's leadership, the WCM seeks to advance world peace and economic stability through its "five-ter" approach: Trust, Trade, Tourism, Technology, and Twin Cities.

Murder Victim's Survivor Gives Views On NC's Death Penalty

BY ELMER C. SCHWERTMAN
An Analysis

Ten years ago, my wife was kidnapped, raped and murdered. She was 57; I was 63. With her death, the core of my life ended.

I need not tell you what irreparable damage this did to my family. For the survivors of such a shattering catastrophe the poet Emily Dickinson

has said it best: "Parting is all we know of heaven and all we need of hell."

In the wake of the tragedy I had to confront the grave question of whether her murderer should be sentenced to die.

The prosecutor was kind enough to consult me about my feelings when it became legally desirable for him to

offer a plea bargain for a sentence of life imprisonment. Since the murderer was to be tried for a previous attempt to rape and murder a young woman in Raleigh, and since the state had an ironclad case, the prosecution was certain that the court would impose a double life sentence, which meant the murderer would not be eligible for parole consideration until he was in his 90s.

Despite my anger and grief over my wife's murder, and despite the belief that this man had attempted to harm another woman, I agreed to the prosecutor's plan to offer the plea bargain. Even though the murder had devastated my family, ruined my life, and brought an end to the life of my wife, I could not in good conscience ask the State of North Carolina to kill another human being in my name. I feel the same way about the pending execution of Michael McDougall, scheduled for Oct. 18.

In the intervening 10 years I have reflected often on the nature and quality of capital punishment, and how the United States and the Western world have dealt with murder and murderers.

My conclusion is that capital punishment is contrary to the wisdom expressed in the Sermon on the Mount and the Declaration of Independence. These are more than abstractions. They inform the basic ethos of our society.

The Sermon on the Mount taught that we should love, not hate, our enemies. Survivors of murder victims are usually obsessed with only one thought, retribution. But if they were to act on that impulse, they, too, would be guilty of murder. Instead, the state, an impersonal agent, kills the accused murderer, in their name. But the institutionalization of such an act doesn't make it any less cruel. After all, the murderer also has loved ones, who suffer because of the execution. These teachings are consistent with

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Cancer Alley in New Orleans is an area inhabited by poor people and the descendants of slaves. It is also home to some 136 petrochemical industries and oil refineries and scores of waste dumps and incinerators that annually release more than 900 million pounds of toxins into the air, ground and water. The environmental movement is a life and death struggle for communities of color.

organizers insist that Cancer Alley is a graphic and symbolic statement on the injustice being confronted by the new, emerging environmental movement.

What is being called a watershed movement will be marked in late October when Dickerson and other Louisiana organizers join several hundred leaders from African-

Racial Justice and co-chair of the summit, said the meeting will be a watershed event.

"The summit will be a major building block in this new environmental movement," said Chavis. "What we're doing is not an intellectual exercise. But it directly

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UNCF To Honor Dan Blue Here

Educational systems are designed to control the thinking of the people through the control and manipulation of images and information. Today, many African-Americans have been so mis educated that they defy the evidence of Africa's past in the face of overwhelming scientific and historical data. Denied because it was not taught in primary and secondary schools and because it is not a serious requirement at the university level.

Choosing the right school and especially the right college or university can be a tough decision when there are so many factors to consider. But don't take it lightly; this decision will be one of the most important in the life of an individual.

There are now 107 black colleges and universities, if one is referring to those institutions that are historically black; 117, if referring to all institutions whose student populations are predominantly black. The national Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education includes all 117 as members. The United Negro College Fund was founded to help raise funds for private black colleges and universities; it has 42 members.

The demise of black colleges has been wrongly predicted. The forecast for all higher education today seems to make it a greater possibility, but there is also a greater migration toward black colleges and an Afrocentric education that emphasize a cross-cultural, multi-ethnic perspective.

After receiving numerous awards from various civic, political and religious groups, N.C. Speaker Daniel T. Blue will be honored once again. The Raleigh-Wake United Negro College Fund will hold an appreciation banquet for Blue on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 6 p.m. at the North Raleigh Hilton (Old Wake Forest Road). Blue has earmarked all proceeds for the local UNCF chapter.

State and local dignitaries will be on hand to recognize this statesman and attorney. "Dan deserves recognition for his leadership in education, support of historically black colleges and commitment to help our young people who are our future leaders," said local UNCF chairman Kenneth Wilkins.

The banquet is sponsored by Budweiser/Harris Wholesale. For ticket information, call 546-8260 or 828-4451.

Black colleges as they move toward the 21st century, facing major challenges - both financial and academic.



DAN BLUE

NEWS BRIEFS

NCU COACH FILES SUIT

Former tennis coach Thomas Crown at N.C. Central University in Durham has filed a complaint contending that he was fired because he brought a lawsuit against the school last December, for failing to pay him for several years' work. The motion, filed in Durham Superior Court, says that Crown's termination also was the result of complaints he had made to the university concerning the funding of athletic scholarships.

SCHOOLS OFFER NORPLANT

Health clinics at Duke and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are offering students Norplant, a new contraceptive device that will protect against pregnancy for up to five years. Norplant—six small tubes surgically implanted in a woman's upper arm—was approved in December by the Food and Drug Administration. Private physicians in the Triangle area began offering it in February. The two schools began offering the contraceptive to students this term, but North Carolina State University does not offer it.

COLLEGE TUITION UP

The nation's public colleges this fall imposed a 14 percent increase in their tuition charges and blamed it on recession-related cuts in state funding, the College Board said in its annual tuition survey. But private colleges, which imposed steep tuition increases in the 1980s, continued the trend of slight moderation. Their tuition increases averaged seven percent, down one percentage

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