



### Gracing The Stage

Patti LaBelle will Grace the Stage of Hardee's Pavillion At Walnut Creek Amphitheater on Nov. 6. Peabo Bryson will also perform.

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### Revival Services

The Rev. Earl M. Brown of Fifth Street Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. Conducts Revival At Martin Street Baptist Church this Week.

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**LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES**  
Every mistake has positive qualities and characteristics. It is a developmental experience, for one thing; something that helps us to grow. It is partly through trial and error that we develop judgment to become mature. A mistake is not something to complain about, or to be ashamed of. It is a great teacher.  
Dr. Norman V. Peale

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## Chess Prepares For Challenges As Law Judge

Former Superior Court Judge Sammie Chess, Jr., of High Point has accepted appointment as administrative law judge with the Office of Administrative Hearings. Julian Mann, III, chief administrative law judge, announced the appointment recently. Judge Mann also designated Fred G. Morrison, Jr., as senior administrative law judge in the Office of Administrative Hearings. Judge Chess served on the Superior Court bench from 1971-75. He held court in more than 45 of North Carolina's 100 counties and was appointed as the state's first black Superior Court judge by former Gov. Robert W. Scott. Since stepping down from the Superior Court, Judge Chess has been engaged in the private practice of law in Guilford County. He is a former president of the High Point Bar Association. As a private practitioner, Judge Chess was involved in the trial and

"My agenda is to be open and do justice in every case that comes before me as God and conscience show me what justice is in that matter. That's all I take with me on every case..."

Judge Sammie Chess, Jr.

appeal of the landmark civil rights decision of Griggs vs. Duke Power Co. Judge Clarence Thomas, in testimony before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, mentioned the case as one of the most significant decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Chess takes his newest challenge with his usual confidence and common sense. On Nov. 1, he became one of nine judges that serve the state's Office of Administrative Hearings. The lifetime appointment is an honor. Chess is used to living up to honors. In 1971, then-Gov. Bob Scott appointed him the state's first black Superior Court judge. He won praise across the state as a hard but fair judge. He said he'll use the same judicial character that won him praise then in

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## Before The Supreme Court

# Court Case Could End Black Colleges

BY LEONARD E. COLVIN  
Special To The CAROLINIAN  
WASHINGTON — A case to be argued before the U. S. Supreme Court this fall could affect the future of the nation's 117 Historically Black Colleges And Universities (HBCUs).

On Nov. 13, arguments will be

heard in the case of Ayers vs. Mabus, a case which, if lost by the plaintiffs, could seriously challenge the constitutionality of the public and private funding of HBCUs.

The high court agreed to hear the 16-year-old case last April. It was first filed in January of 1975 on behalf of Jake Ayers, a Glen Allen-based

civil rights leader, claiming that the state of Mississippi was shortchanging its three HBCUs (Mississippi Valley, Jackson State and Alcorn State University), where his two sons were attending. Ayers said although the state had begun to integrate the schools in 1975, it was shortchanging the schools in the area

of operating funds, quality of facilities, and salaries which caused the HBCUs to be inherently inferior to the white counterparts.

If the HBCUs should lose this case, it could prompt Mississippi and other states to challenge the funding of these schools, based on the duplication of programs and

facilities. States could claim that maintaining separate HBCUs and historically white schools that no longer discriminate against blacks would seriously place a strain on the state budget for education.

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# Mothers Fear For Kids

## Violent Crimes, Drugs

GOLDSBORO (AP)—Terri Carraway sits in her living room, her eyes glued to the screen door leading outside the security of her tiny apartment—outside to the plain brick buildings, the faded asphalt streets and the sandy grounds that make up Fairview Homes.

Her fears lie out the door. But out there, in her yard, is also where her children play. Her eyes never leave them for very long.

Ms. Carraway is soft-spoken, even eloquent, about 30. Her home is nicely furnished and clean. Inside, she has some order, some control over the world.

Outside, there is none. She can lean out the door and see the crack dealers on Edgerton Street plying their trade.

"It's bad when children can't go outside and play, like kids should be able to," she says.

Ms. Carraway has lived at Fairview Homes three years. During that time, life in the housing project has become menacing. The drug trade and the violent crime it breeds are an everyday reality.

"It's nothing like it used to be. I used to walk around with my children at 10 o'clock at night," she says. "I wouldn't do it now."

She talks about how she and her children used to walk to Herman Park in the afternoon, then return

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CREATIVE SPIRIT—Award-winning writer and poet, High School and Saint Augustine's College. Moore Lenard Moore, shares his valuable theories and advice discussed creative writing, and of course, his specialty, Haiku poetry.

## College Park Community Fights To Eliminate Drugs And Crimes

The College Park Community Watch Program, students and faculty at St. Augustine's College, area businesses, and families found a neighborhood solution to fight drugs.

On Oct. 31, they assembled at the Tarboro Road Community Center at 6 p.m. for their third rally/march against drugs in the community. Members of the College Park Community Watch Program organized the event to stimulate participation from the businesses and surrounding communities in the fight

against drugs in College Park, as well as to send a signal to the drug pushers. There were more than 60 participants that marched throughout the neighborhood. The children and parents, residents and students from the college carried signs and chanted slogans as they marched. A representative from the Friends Committee, a resident of the College Park community for more than 30 years, Ronnie Chavis, delivered a speech at the rally. The march commenced at the

Tarboro Road Community Center and proceeded north on Tarboro Road, then east on Oakwood Avenue, south on Carver Street, west on

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## New Black Center Named In Honor Of Dr. Stone, As Legacy Of Commitment

CHAPEL HILL—A new day has come to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. At long last a part of the university has been named for an African-American. The Black Cultural Center of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has been formally named the Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center by a vote of the university's board of trustees, in honor of Dr. Stone, who died unexpectedly on Aug. 10.

Dr. Stone was a strong advocate of the BCC from its conception. A vocal member of both the Black Faculty/Staff Caucus and the BCC

Planning Committee, she was instrumental in rallying support for the BCC student population about the benefits of knowing their heritage and the unique contributions of African-Americans to society. Both realizations could be expressed through an active and vibrant cultural center. Dr. Stone was very committed to the administration of the BCC. Her vision for the future of the center was expressed in her role on its advisory board.

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## Proposed Changes Noted Politics Of Confirmation Process

BY WALTER R. MEARS  
AP News Analysts  
WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—Whatever the Senate and the White House decide to do about the system for confirming Supreme Court justices and nearly 900 other federal appointees, there's one change they can't make—the process

cannot be divorced from politics.

Nor should it be. As the chairman of the committee that struggled through the mishandled Clarence Thomas case observed, the system may be lousy but nobody ever devised a better one.

There will be some post-Thomas

reforms. Chastened by the adverse public reaction to the televised hearings on sex harassment charges leveled and then leaked against Thomas, the Senate will settle on some changes in the system.

But there also will be a next time, another explosion over another

nominee, perhaps not as seamy or sensational as the confrontation of Clarence Thomas and Anita F. Hill, but with stakes as high.

Tinkering with the process won't change that. It's been tried. More than a decade ago, the disputes involving Cabinet confirmations, Democrats said there ought to be a law requiring that fitness reports on nominees go automatically to the Senate, not only to the White House. There was also a proposal to set up a new, politically independent Senate agency to deal with major nominations. When the controversies died, so did the reforms.

In the Thomas aftermath, Democrats demanded an opportunity to provide more advice to the Republican White House before they are asked to consent on nominations.

Offering his reform ideas, along with a political sting for the Democratic Congress, President Bush said Thursday that he tries to consult and welcomes advice.

But that would be a courtesy, not a commitment.

"I will not give a group of senators veto power over a nominee," Bush said. "I will not surrender presidential authority or powers any more than Congress will surrender its powers."

During the Thomas hearings Bush had said there was no problem with the system by which he chose

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SISTERS—Addressing issues such as racial/religious violence, multiculturalism and education is the focus of Sisters, a local women's group working to improve life for African-Americans in the Triangle. Sisters comprises professional women from Durham, Raleigh and Chapel Hill, who came together because of their common interests in the quality of life of African-American youth and families.



## Lawrence Allen Named To Serve National Board

Lawrence E. Allen, Sr. of Raleigh, vice chairman of the Wake Technical Community College Board of Trustees, has been elected one of 24 national directors of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT).

Allen, who will serve 2-years of an unexpired 3-year term, was elected at the ACCT annual convention held recently on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

In keeping with the theme Futures And Finances: Building A Vision On A Firm Foundation, keynote speaker Robert Theobald, futurist, author and consultant, spoke on the Role Of Community Colleges In The Future Of Our Nation.

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