

Teen kills two, holds class hostage



GRAYSON, Ky. (AP) — A 17-year-old student held a high school class hostage Monday afternoon and opened fire with a revolver, killing a teacher and custodian before surrendering, authorities said.

The incident began when the student, whose name wasn't released, shot English teacher Deanna McDavid, 48, in the head before a classroom full of students at East Carter High School, said state police spokesman Gary Kistner.

"He fired the first shot and missed, and then he walked closer to her and the next shot struck her," Kistner said.

Custodian Marvin Hicks, 51, who heard the gunfire, was shot when he entered the classroom. Witnesses told police Hicks managed to push a student out of the line of fire before he was hit.

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the hallway pulled him back into the hallway and tried to help him," said Becky Walker, coordinator of the school's youth services center. "And the shooter closed the door."

About 20 to 30 students were in the classroom when the shooting began, Kistner said. The 17-year-old released them a few at a time over the next 15 minutes before surrendering to police, he said.

The two victims were killed with a .38-caliber revolver, said Carter County Coroner Roger Sullivan.

"I saw the janitor get shot,"

said John Wages, 17, who was in an adjoining English class.

"He was real quiet," Wages said of the 17-year-old. "He didn't talk to no one. He just went off. It was scary."

Walker said school officials didn't know what prompted the killings in this town of 3,500 about 95 miles east of Lexington.

"To our knowledge, there had been no confrontations between he and the teacher and no prior threats," she said.

One student, who said she knew the 17-year-old, said he had recently transferred to East Carter from another school and had been in a fistfight in October.

"I didn't know him well," said the student, who asked that she not be named. "He was a quiet-type guy, but I never thought (he) would do something like that."

Women senators wary of Packwood

WASHINGTON (AP) — They swept into office complaining that male politicians "just didn't get it." But, for now, all but one of the six women in the Senate are approaching the sexual harassment case of Bob Packwood with customary senatorial caution.

"The process ought to have a chance to go forward," Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Ill., said of the Ethics Committee's preliminary inquiry into the charges against the veteran Oregon Republican.

"There are people who say he should resign right now," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. "I am not one of them. If he's guilty, his credibility as a United States senator is destroyed. Then I think he should resign."

In the chummy atmosphere of the Senate, it has always been customary to tread gingerly on the ethics problems of a colleague. When lawmakers voted in 1990 to denounce Sen. Dave Durenberger for financial misconduct, for example, they lined up afterward to shake his hand and offer solace.

If any case could force a break with that tradition, Packwood's might.

Packwood, without discussing specifics, has generally admitted allegations by more than a

dozen women — including several of his former Senate employees — that he made unwanted sexual advances. The women said Packwood kissed and touched them, and in some cases tried to rip off their clothing.

His case revives an issue in a Senate still squirming from the effects of its hearings into Anita Hill's allegations that Supreme Court Justice-designate Clarence Thomas sexually harassed her on the job.

Thomas was confirmed, women's groups bridled angrily at Hill's treatment by the all-male Senate Judiciary Committee and politicians such as Moseley-Braun and Feinstein had a ready-made issue for their candidacies.

Now, only California Democrat Barbara Boxer among the six women senators agrees with outside critics who say Packwood should leave the Senate immediately.

"I think he ought to resign," she said recently in an interview, noting the Rules Committee will consider challenges to his qualifications, and the Ethics Committee will determine whether he's to be disciplined.

"What is to come will be very painful and it would be best for him, the women (Packwood's accusers) and the institution," Boxer said.

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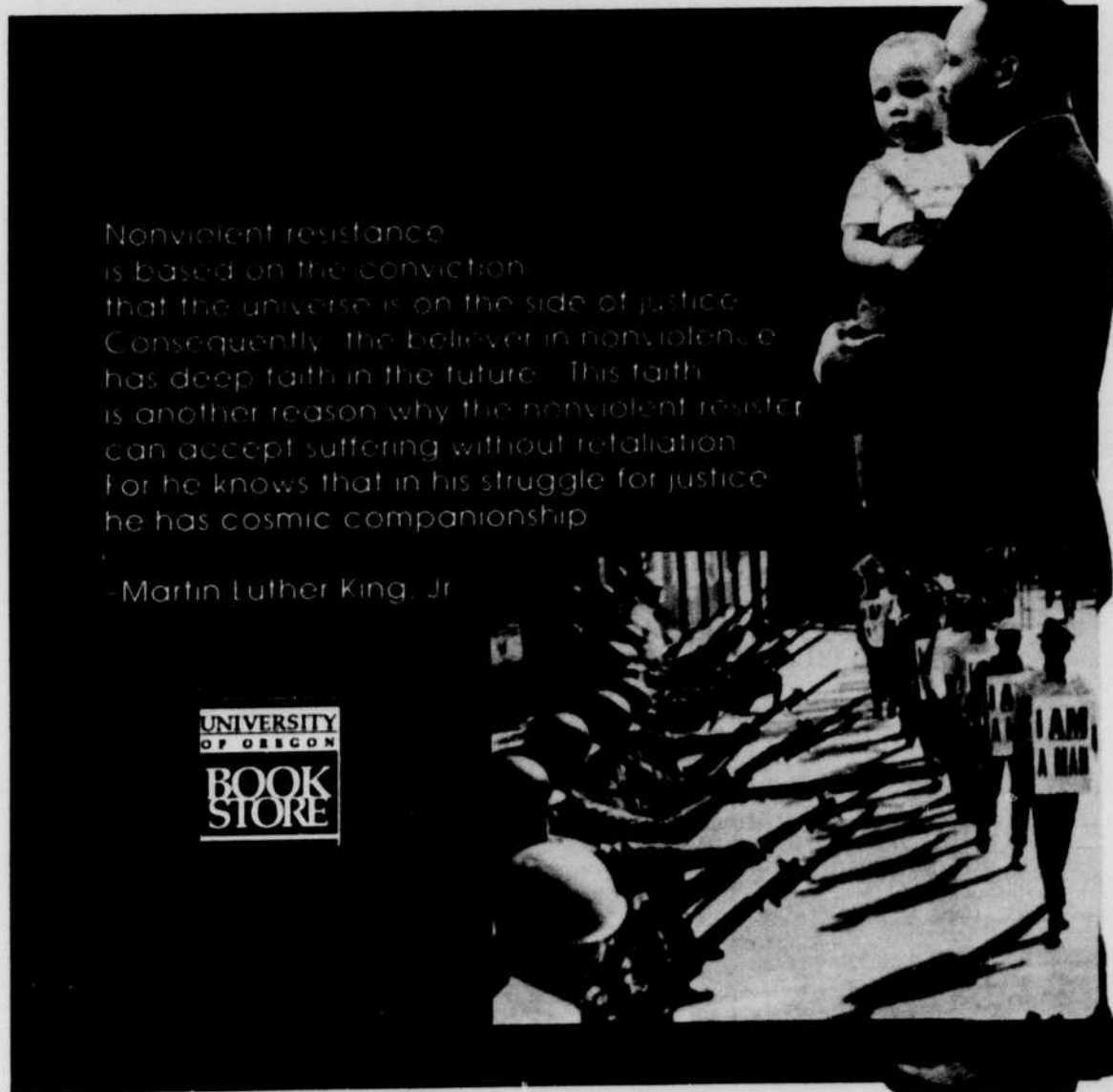
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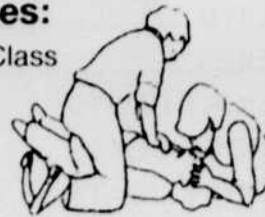
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