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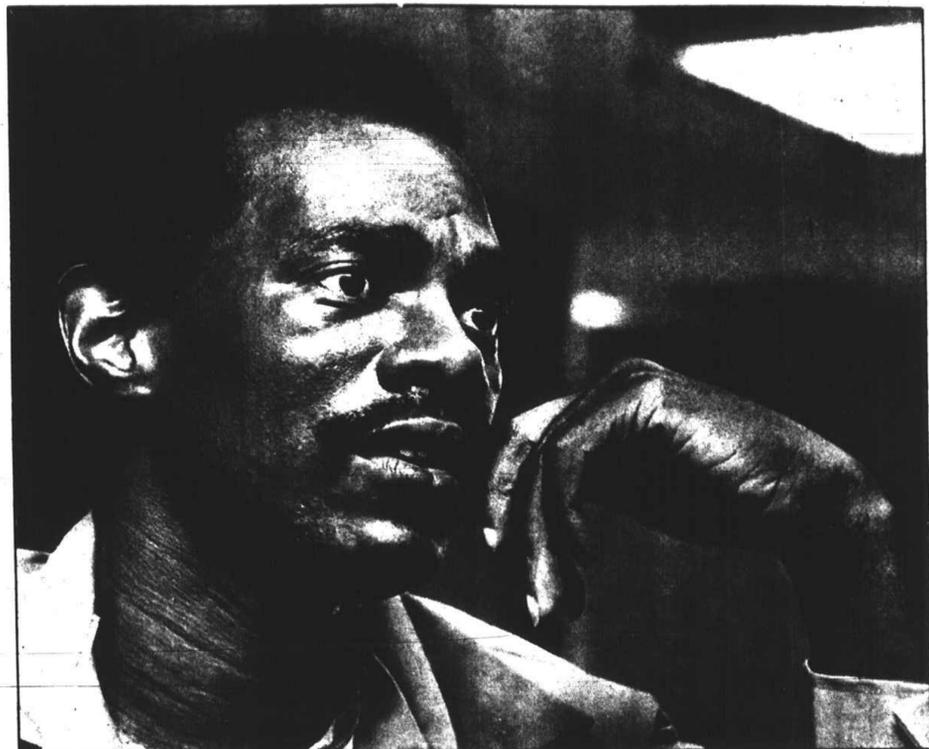
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Thomas: The police nearly arrested him for Deborah Sykes' murder -- and he had figured they would -- but he was in jail on the morning of the crime (photo by James Parker).

"I knew Johnny Gray was lying. If he misidentified me, why not misidentify somebody else?"

## The Hunt drama's other player

By L.A.A. WILLIAMS  
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SALISBURY -- Terry Eugene Thomas has two stories to tell.

One is about himself. The other is about Darryl Hunt.

"I've been in and out of jail at least 10 times since I was 20, twice for felonies," the 34-year-old Winston-Salem native said last week while seated in the meeting room of the Piedmont Correctional Center.

"I've been climbing in and out of garbage dumps, hustling aluminum cans, anything to prevent myself from breaking the law," he said, clad in his prison grays, and using his words, his hands and his intense, piercing eyes to make his points.

"I'm in here not because I chose to or preferred it, but because I had to.

"I stayed out for nine or 10 months before I came here," he said proudly. Before that, he said, three weeks was the longest period he had been free.

Stolen credit cards are the cause of his latest incarceration. Eight years is the sentence. He's been in since last July.

"I took the cards, and was on my way to New York, when I stopped in Greensboro," he said. "I

tried to take them to the police in Greensboro." He said he ran into trouble and was caught with the cards on him.

"I was railroaded," he said.

He said he has written the president, the governor, Jesse Jackson and others.

"I'm trying to get the attention of someone out there who's powerful," Thomas said as he handed over an eight-page letter addressed to the editor of the *Chronicle*.

"I realize Deborah Sykes and Darryl Hunt's case are important, but I'm being treated with the same medicine," he said. "It's good to be interested in how Darryl Hunt has been treated, but I've been mistreated too."

That he is a player in the drama surrounding the murder conviction of Hunt, 21, is well-known to Thomas. Hunt, a black man, was convicted last June of the Aug. 10, 1984, rape and murder of Mrs. Sykes, a newspaper copy editor. Mrs. Sykes was white.

Despite the fact that his involvement in the case occurred almost two years ago, once he broached the subject, Thomas' words flowed as if it had happened yesterday.

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## Panel: CBS documentary only touches the surface

Black family's woes have historical roots, they say

By ROBIN BARKSDALE  
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Long after its first telecast in January, Bill Moyers' CBS documentary on the black family remains a topic of discussion, nationally and in Winston-Salem.

Last week, approximately 150 people viewed "The Vanishing Family: Crisis in Black America" during a meeting of the Forsyth County Juvenile Justice Council at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Following a showing of the tape, a panel of six community leaders concluded that the crisis in the

black family is the result of 300 years of negative conditioning and that both the black and white communities must work to reverse the trend.

"This problem didn't just spring up," said Johnetta Huntley, a counselor at Winston-Salem State University and a member of the Forsyth County Family Awareness Task Force. "We're looking at the conditioning of a society. The greater society has perpetuated the standards over 300 years. What we see here is the

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Earline Parmon (photo by James Parker).

## FACT primary endorsements raise eyebrows and suspicions

Candidate and his campaign manager express concern

By L.A.A. WILLIAMS  
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Endorsements last week by a county teachers' organization have raised her concern and suspicion, says former county Democratic Party Chairman Earline W. Parmon, who heads William H. Tatum's campaign for school board.

Mrs. Parmon said Thursday that she particularly is concerned that the group endorsed a white candidate for the predominantly black 67th House District, and the husband of the organization's president for school board.

The Forsyth Association of Classroom Teachers, also known as FACT, represents

more than 1,600 of the county's estimated 2,200 teachers. Last Wednesday the organization announced its endorsements for the May 6 primaries after interviewing the candidates, and having its recommendations ratified by a vote of its members. Twenty-five percent of the organization's membership is black.

Among black candidates receiving endorsements from the group were Democratic incumbents Beaufort O. Bailey for school board and Mazie S. Woodruff for county commissioner.

However, the group chose to endorse John D. Clark over black candidate Logan Burke for the Democratic primary in the

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## And a higher price

## Plans for new coliseum include memorial wall

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Now that the city has named its new, 14,000-seat coliseum, comes the easy part: designing it, building it and paying the bills.

The Board of Aldermen took a first step in that direction last week by informally approving preliminary design plans for the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum that include stone floors, copper siding, a \$1.2 million barrel-vaulted skylight, a veterans memorial wall in the lobby, a locker room in Winston-Salem State University's colors -- and a higher price.

Ellerbe Associates Inc., a Minneapolis architectural firm, prepared the plans and company President Donald T. Eyberg and Pat W. Swann, assistant city manager for public works,

presented them to the board.

Eyberg presented slides which gave the aldermen different views of the building, while Swann outlined changes that will raise the price tag for the facility from \$20 million to \$26.6 million.

Swann said the changes were suggested after Winston-Salem officials discovered the problems other cities were having with their facilities.

Swann, Senior Engineer Randy J. Rogers and other city staff members toured coliseums in seven cities, including Atlanta, Kansas City, Mo., Charleston, W.Va., Greensboro and Chapel Hill.

Among the proposed changes are the construction of the glass skylight in the lobby, larger seats, a wider concourse and additional knee room between seats.

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One ambitious youngster works his way to the top of a jungle gym at the new Preschool Day Care Center at the Winston Lake Family YMCA. The program held its grand opening earlier this month (photo by Art Blue).

## GRAMM-RUDMAN

## His one-man campaign to prevent social cuts

By L.A.A. WILLIAMS  
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This article is the second in a two-part series.

Gramm-Rudman so concerns one local man that he has launched his own campaign against the balanced-budget bill.

"Gramm-Rudman will penalize the powerless and the penniless," said Charles S. Smith, 57, two weeks ago at a press conference for which two representatives of local media bothered to show. "It will destroy gains indigent clients have made since the '60s.

The law would "cut down entitlement programs, render the Community Development program ineffective and will destroy Section 8, the Housing Authority, and all phases of federal subsidized housing," Smith said.

Smith said he is urging all public housing tenants in Forsyth and Guilford counties to write their congressmen in opposition to the bill.

"I'm also asking federal employees to write their representatives, because their jobs will be the first to go," he said.

Smith, who calls himself a watchdog over federal monies and programs, said he has earned the title by virtue of his involvement in the Civil Rights Movement.

He is a former executive board member of both the local NAACP and the Experiment in Self-Reliance. He has also served as president of the Poor People's Tenant Council and president of the Greenway Association.

As Southern regional representative of the National Tenants Association.

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