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"Power concedes nothing without a struggle." — Frederick

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## Review Board to Win Stay of Execution?

▲ At least one alderman is poised to reverse position on police-review board

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Facing pressure from the city's business community, the Board of Aldermen is poised to reverse its vote on the Citizens Police Review Board on Monday night, breathing new life into the group that was created in a cloud of rage 12 months ago and finding itself in a much thicker one ten days ago when the five white aldermen voted to abolish it.

The swing vote will likely come from Republican J. Hugh Wright of the South Ward.

In an interview Wednesday morning, Wright, who owns Wright Property Management Inc., which leases and manages commercial buildings, said that business leaders have attempted to get him to change his vote.

"I think the business community is saying that the timing of bringing up the matter of the police-review board is bad for the community," Wright said. "I think they're looking at this (controversy) as a rock in the road and something they don't need in the community right now."

He said business owners are concerned

about the feelings of their employees and how the board's vote might adversely impact on their business. Wright declined to say whether he would change his vote and support the police-review board Monday night. The board meets at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

"I'm not ready to say whether I'm going to change my vote," he said. "I'm considering a lot of options. I want to do what is best for the community. But I will say that I'm not going to be intimidated by a lot of people who are shouting and hollering and claiming that we're not listening to what they're saying. I think it

behooves me to listen to what everyone is saying."

The aldermen voted 5 to 3 — split along racial lines — on April 18 to repeal the police-review board. In order for a vote to carry the first time, a two-thirds majority is required. If not, then there must be a second vote, and any majority is needed for the vote to carry. On Friday, the officers and executive committee of the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution urging the aldermen not to disband the review board.

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J. Hugh Wright

## Groups Seek To Oust Nordlander

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A racially mixed group of citizens outraged over the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen's decision to abolish the Citizens Police Review Board are taking steps that might influence the board to change the way it voted April 18.

The steps include seeking ways to recall Alderman Robert Nordlander's November election victory, protesting at the board's Monday night meeting and avoiding some white-owned businesses by spending more money in the black community.

Representatives from Citizens United for Justice, Religious Leaders for Reconciliation, Crossing 52 Initiative and Women Against War met last week hoping to pressure the aldermen into keeping the police-review board.

"Our worst fears have turned out to be true," said the Rev. John Mendez, a founding member of the Citizens United for Justice. "We're dealing with a systematic campaign aimed at not only taking back the White House, but taking back power in every local community."

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Former Alderman Larry Womble addresses crowd of about 200 outside City Hall Monday night protesting the Board of Aldermen's vote on April 18 to repeal the Citizens Police Review Board. (Related story page 3)

## Alderman Won't Seek Police Escort

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Alderman Robert Nordlander said he would not seek police protection at Monday night's Board of Aldermen meeting that is expected to draw hundreds of protesters.

At that meeting, there will be a second vote, which Nordlander has spearheaded, on whether to abolish the Citizens Review Board.

Rumors began that Nordlander would seek a police escort from council chambers after the April 18 meeting when he and a police officer were the last two people to leave City Hall.

In an interview this week, Nordlander denied being escorted out by the officer.

"I was the last person leaving and there was an officer that walked out with me, but I don't think I needed one. I didn't request one," he said, nonchalantly from his home Monday night. "I don't think people are mad enough (to harm me). I think some are upset, but... I guess if they (police) feel it's necessary, but I'm not going to hide behind anyone."

Nordlander, who pushed for the review board to

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## DNA Tests Might Win Darryl Hunt his Freedom After All

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A judge's order of new DNA tests of fluid samples taken nearly 10 years ago from Deborah B. Sykes could be the first step to a new trial for Darryl Hunt, the man convicted of raping and stabbing her to death in 1984.

"DNA testing of vaginal and anal swabs and aspirates could potentially identify the perpetrator of the sex acts committed against the victim," said Judge Melzer A. Morgan Jr. in the ruling issued Monday. "The defendant has shown a reasonable likelihood that PCR and DNA analysis will materially assist in preparation of the defense."

Hunt, who is serving a life sentence, was convicted in 1985 and 1990 in Sykes' murder. His 1985 conviction was overturned and the second conviction is under appeal. His attorneys claim that investigators prevented some

key witnesses from testifying and made improper closing arguments.

Sykes, a copy editor with the non-defunct *Winston-Salem Sentinel*, was killed during the early morning hours while she was on her way to work.

Morgan said in his order that "expert testimony regarding whether the defendant's body fluids were deposited on or about the victim is likely to be a significant factor in further consideration and possible retrial of this matter."

The N.C. Supreme Court has asked Morgan to gather more evidence and make a recommendation before it decides whether to order a new trial for Hunt.

For years, Hunt's lawyers and supporters have argued that he was railroaded because he is black and Sykes was white. Several members of the community, including the Rev. John Mendez, Alderman Nelson Malloy and the Rev. Carlton Eversley, rallied in his defense and have vowed to stand by

him until he is freed. Many supporters visited him at the Forsyth County jail last summer when he was in Winston-Salem for a series of hearings before Morgan. At those hearings, Hunt's attorney argued that prosecutors hid evidence that could have helped to prove Hunt's innocence. Prosecutors denied their claims.

Hunt's lawyers and supporters have said that Johnny Gray and Sammy Mitchell were responsible for Sykes' death. Morgan also asked for DNA samples from Mitchell and Gray.

DNA and PCR, or polymerase chain reaction, which is the amplification method for DNA, has been used in an increasing number of sex-related cases across the state. PCR is a technique by which small amounts of DNA are replicated so DNA testing can be performed.

## Family Won't Get to See Relative on Soap Opera Here

▲ Local ABC affiliate does not carry daytime soap opera *Loving*

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS  
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For once in his life, Charles Archie of Winston-Salem was prepared to watch a soap opera with his wife, Ruth.

Not because the retired R.J. Reynolds worker had little else to do. He had agreed to watch the soap opera *Loving* on Wednesday because he had a vested interest.

They were to watch because their grandson, 18-year-old Terrence Archie, who lives in Detroit, will make his television debut on the soap opera *Loving* on Wednesday.

"(Charles) doesn't watch soap operas, but he will watch *Loving* next week," Ruth Archie said Tuesday in an interview. "I normally watch *As the World Turns* and *Guiding Light*, but I'll be watching *Loving* next Wednesday and from now on."

That is highly unlikely. The Archies were disappointed when they were informed moments later by a reporter that they would not have the opportunity to watch their grandson.

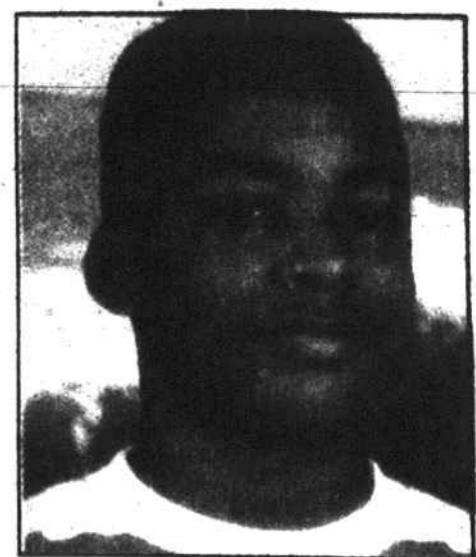
*Loving*, an ABC soap opera, is not carried on local ABC affiliate WGHP in High Point. The station carries *The Donahue Show* during that time slot. A station spokesman said that the sta-

tion had not carried the soap opera for several years.

"I'm sorry I won't get a chance to see him," the now-disappointed grandmother said. "I'll get somebody to tape it and send it to me."

The young actor will play the role of Kirk, a friend of Frankie Morgan, one of the soap's teenage characters. He was paid \$550 to appear and has 15 lines.

Archie is no stranger to the Twin City. He spent nearly every summer at his grandparents' home on Glenn Avenue. His father, Charles Archie III, graduated from Paisley High School.



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