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## Test Results May Clear Hunt

▲ DNA results show Hunt's semen was not found in Deborah Sykes

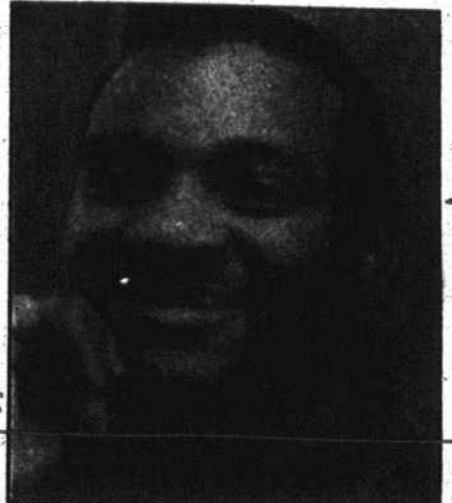
By DAVID L. DILLARD  
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DNA test results released yesterday show what Darryl Eugene Hunt and his defense team has known for 10 years — Hunt didn't rape and kill Deborah B. Sykes, Hunt lawyers say. "The lab concluded that Darryl Hunt is not the source of the semen found in the body of Deborah Sykes," said Mark Rabil, Hunt's defense

attorney. "The evidence contradicts the erroneous theories the state has said about this case. Unfortunately we had to wait all these years for the technology to prove what he had been saying." After an order from Judge Metzger A. Morgan in April, Roche Biomedical Laboratories in Research Triangle Park conducted the PCR & DNA testing on Hunt and Sykes. In a letter written to Rabil, Richard A. Guerrieri, assistant director of the forensic identity lab,

stated: "The DNA profile obtained for the blood sample listed as Darryl Hunt is different than the DNA profiles obtained for items of evidence described as the sperm and non-sperm extracts of the vaginal swabs from Deborah Sykes. Based upon these results, Darryl Hunt is eliminated as a possible source of the genetic material detected in such samples."

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Darryl Hunt

## Lawsuit Filed Against Judiciary

▲ Local lawyer accuses judges, lawyers with misapplying law

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS  
Chronicle Executive Editor

Winston-Salem Attorney Phillip S. Banks III and several of his clients on Tuesday filed a major civil rights lawsuit against the State Judiciary, the North Carolina State Bar and certain federal judicial officials, alleging that they willfully combined to misapply the law in cases involving Banks and his clients.

The suit, filed in Forsyth County Superior Court, states that these actions were taken because Banks uncovered a pattern of judicial misconduct and reported it to the Department of Justice and other authorities.

The 248-page document alleges that court officials, including judges, clerks of court and some attorneys have retaliated against Banks and his clients by misapplying the law in the cases involving legal malpractice and judicial misconduct claims.

Banks told the Chronicle that he was outraged after learning from local attorneys that a plan of retaliation was under way against him for helping clients sue lawyers, as well as in questioning the practices of judges and in protecting the rights of the citizens to sue their government for wrongdoing.

"The losses to citizens who have been fooled out of their individual damage claims of the false notion that there is immunity when it is inconsistent with the North Carolina Constitution is a ridiculous proposition," Banks said in an interview.

Banks, who is African-American, and his clients, most of whom are white, contend in the lawsuit that the harm is so reprehensible that their damages are in excess of \$20 million.

One example of such a case

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## Residents Welcome Grocery Store to E. Winston

▲ "This is something we have needed in our community for a long time."

By DAVID L. DILLARD  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Gwen Bell and Iris Pettigrew live on Cameron Avenue in eastern Winston-Salem.

For the last few years, the mother and daughter by-passed several stores and traveled 11 miles to High Point to do their grocery shopping. But with the grand opening of BI-LO at the Eastway Plaza Shopping Center, everything has changed.

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stores were not kept clean. "I think it's good because (other stores) needed the competition," Pettigrew added. "I stopped going there because they didn't give quality service. People just had to take what was given to them."

Bell and Pettigrew were among the hundreds of people who came to BI-LO's grand opening at the Eastway Plaza on New Walkertown Road last

Wednesday. Store Manager Roger Sullivan said the store was overflowing with people and didn't slow down until about mid-afternoon.

"I'm very pleased with the turnout we've had so far," he said. "I believe people are coming here because they wanted good service, low prices and a clean store. That's what we offer."

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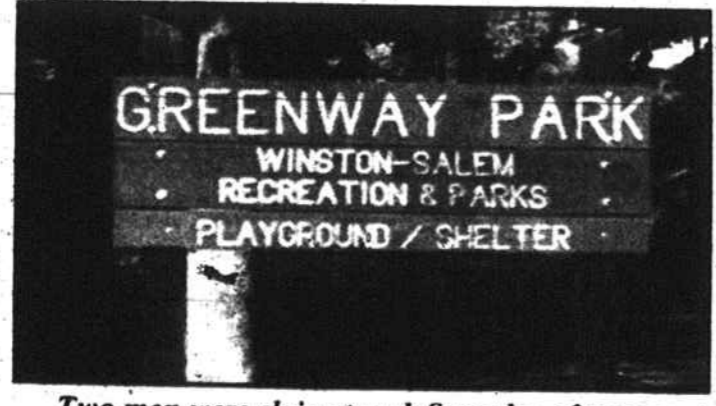
Shoppers flocked to the grand opening last Wednesday of BI-LO grocery store at Eastway Plaza Shopping Center on New Walkertown Road.

## Midday Shooting at Greenway Park Leaves 2 Dead

▲ Residents say Greenway Park has worsened over the years

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS  
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James Rucker can lie in bed at his home on Greenway Avenue almost any Saturday night and hear all the commotion coming from nearby Greenway Park. During the 30 years he has



Two men were slain at park Saturday afternoon.

lived at 2524 Greenway Ave., which is less than 300 yards from the park. Rucker said he has seen drastic changes occur in the once well-kept, middle-class neighbor-

hood. Most of those changes began when crowds began hanging out at the park — sometimes beginning at midday and not ending until the wee hours of the morning. Rucker is like most residents there who

out of fear, now steer clear of Greenway Park. That fear was hammered home Saturday afternoon when two men were gunned down execution style

in broad daylight at the westernmost mouth of the park's entrance, near 27th Street.

No arrests have been in the slayings of Michael Anthony Williams, 35, of 3620 Westgate Center Circle, and Delroy Hugh Williams, 36, 5009 Woodsboro Lane, police said. The men were brothers and were natives of Jamaica, West Indies, according to Capt. P.R. Rumble of the Winston-Salem Police Department.

Rumble said the two men were in the greenway near the park about 3:20 Saturday afternoon talking with at least two other men "and all of a sudden gunfire broke out."

Both men were shot in the head. The descriptions of the suspects and the car they left in were incomplete, he said.

"Right now we don't know what the reason or motive of it is," he said.

Anthony Williams died at the scene and Delroy Williams died two hours later at Baptist Hospital, Rumble said. He said there were no signs of drug activity and no weapons were found at the scene.

"We've been out ... trying to locate people whose names have come up during the investigation

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## Businesses Look For Ways To Improve Image of Liberty St.

▲ Merchants want corridor study adopted

By DAVID L. DILLARD  
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Merchants on Liberty Street say their businesses are being hurt by vagrants, drugs and prostitution. They also want to rid themselves of negative names like "The Street" and possibly rename Liberty Street.

Many business owners, like Curtis Carpenter, feel the area has been neglected and they are organizing to make a change.

Carpenter, who owns a hair salon, music store and convenient store on Liberty Street, is trying to organize a merchants' association to collectively clean up the area and push the city to adopt the proposed Liberty Street Corridor plan.

"We're trying to get the city to spend some money in this area so we can get

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 October 16-19, 1855  
 More than one hundred delegates from six states held a black convention in Philadelphia.

## Victim's Family Asks Judge for Leniency in Murder Case

▲ Teen-ager gets 30 years for May 7 killing

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS  
Chronicle Executive Editor

A teen-ager has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for the murder of his ex-girlfriend.

Gary Joe Tart, 17, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder on Oct. 6 in the shooting death of Celys Larraine Bennett on May 7, said Robert A. J. Lang, a Forsyth County

assistant district attorney. Lang said Tart will be eligible for parole in less than 10 years. Tart likely would have gotten a life sentence from Forsyth County Judge Lester Martin had it not been for the victim's family plea for leniency, Lang said. Roosevelt Hudson, Bennett's uncle, told

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