

**We Gather Together ...**

The Carter, Revel and Williams families recently gathered in the city for their family reunion activities. Family members from across the country came to participate in the festivities held June 30 through July 2. The family members worshiped together Sunday, July 2, at Carver Road Church of Christ. Other activities included a banquet at the church fellowship hall and a picnic at Emerald Pointe in Greensboro.

**Celebrities, performances should make Black Theatre Festival event of the year in the Twin City**

Larry Leon Hamlin has said that the August event will be the "ultimate" for him, the highlight of his theatrical career.

The festival will feature workshops, theater productions and the showcasing of some of the country's foremost Afro-American talent.

The theme of the festival is "A Celebration and Reunion of Spirit."

More than 16 of the country's leading Afro-American theatre companies will showcase their best work, most of which has received critical acclaim. Companies from as far east as New York and Florida and

as far west as California will be in the Twin City for the six-day extravaganza.

In addition, festival highlights will include special guest appearances by Maya Angelou, national chair for the festival, Roscoe Lee Browne, Ruby Dee, Ossie Davis, James Earl Jones, Lou Gossett Jr.



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**Cultural Odyssey's Idris Ackamoor, left, and Rhodessa Jones.**

and Cicely Tyson. The guest for the opening gala and reception will be Oprah Winfrey. The opening gala will be held at the convention center with a reception following at the Stouffer Winston Plaza Hotel. Admission to the opening gala is by reservation only and only those holding tickets to the opening gala will be admitted to the evening's reception.

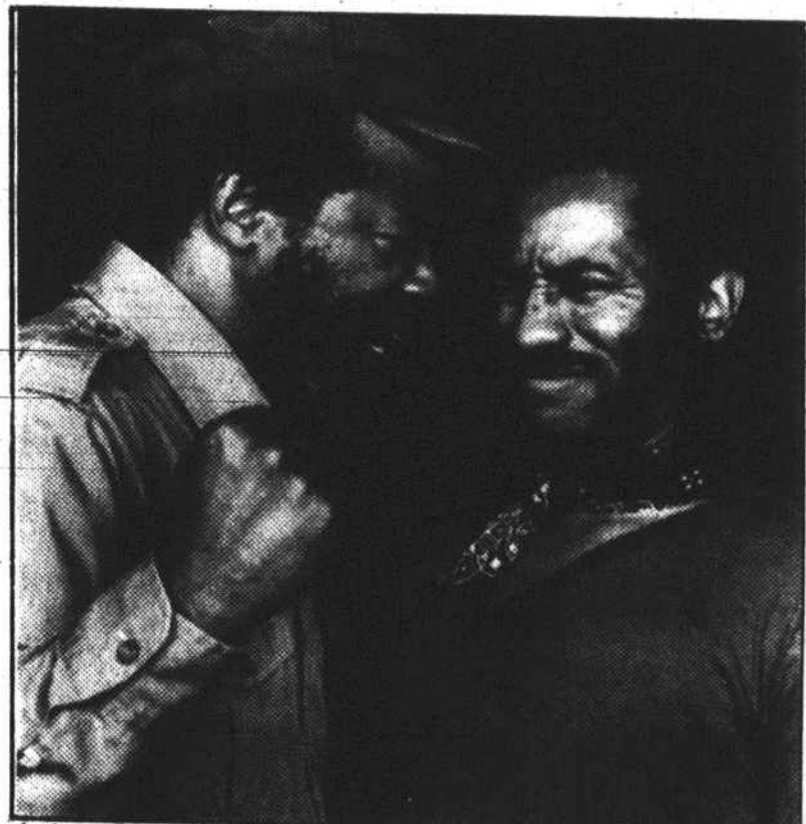
The highly acclaimed "Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope," will be the featured performance at the Stevens Center on opening night.

"It makes you laugh. It makes you cry. It makes the people of the

world aware of what we are about," said Mabel Robinson, director.

Activities, programs, productions and workshops will run the theatrical gamut with a little bit of everything being offered to audiences during the festival's six-day run. There will be performances geared to younger audiences and performances designed for devout fans of the black theater.

Special opening night packages, including tickets to the opening night gala, "Cope" and the celebrity reception are available from the Black Rep. Festival admission packages also are available as are single tickets to individual performances.



**John O'Neal, left, and Michael Keck perform in "Ain't No Use in Goin' Home."**

All of the planning, anticipation and plain ol' hard work will culminate Aug. 14 to 20 when the North Carolina Black Repertory Co. serves as host of the National Black Theatre Festival. The occasion will mark the first time that such a gathering of Afro-American theatrical talent has been gathered in one set-

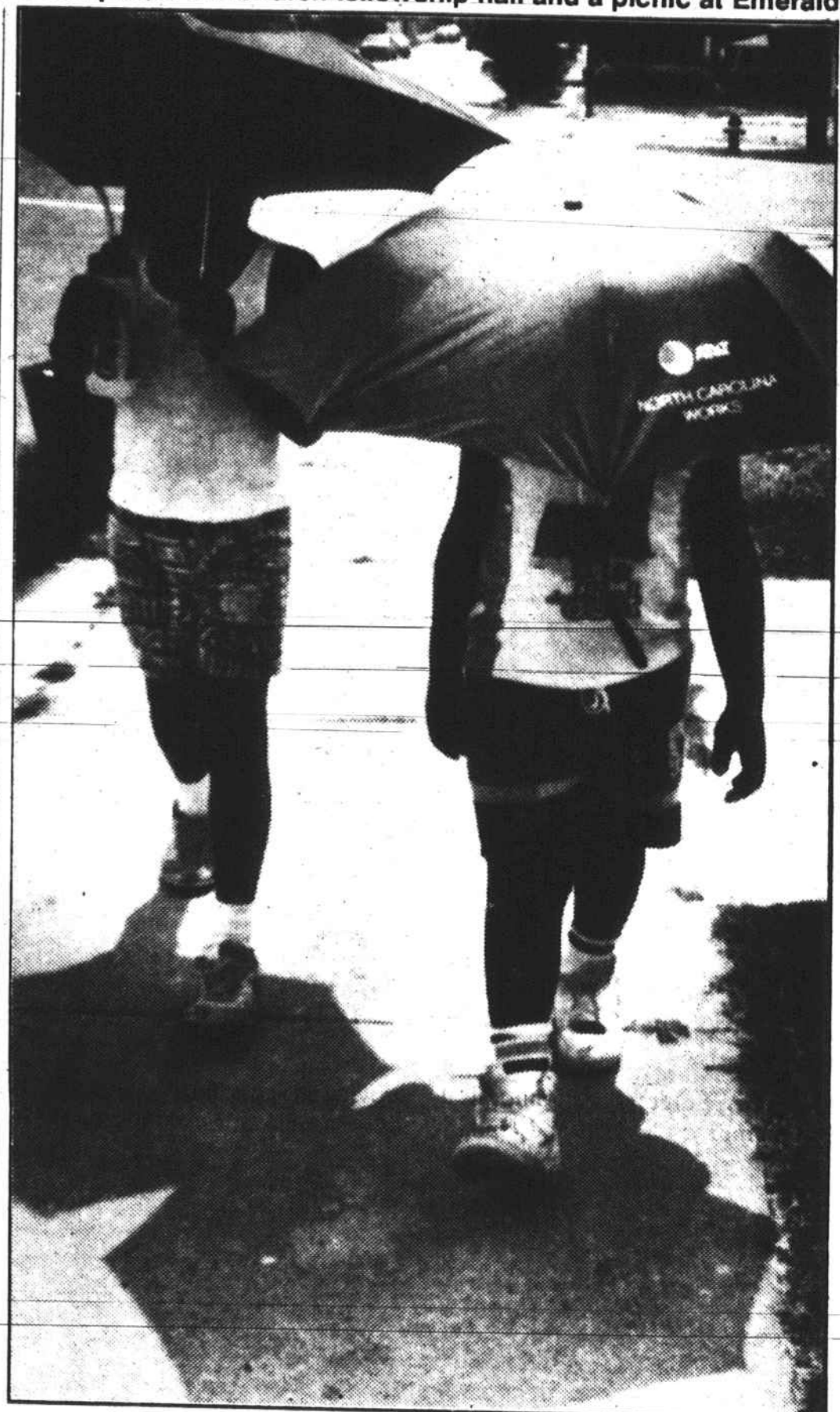


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**Rainy Days and Sunshine?**

Despite the sunny skies, cousins Damon Ingram, 10, left, and Corey Ingram, 10, left home prepared for a sudden change in the weather. The two took a stroll near Sprague Street and brought along umbrellas just in case the weather took a turn for the wetter.

**COMMUNITY NEWS DEADLINES ...**

The *Chronicle* welcomes community news and calendar items. Announcements should include the day, time, place and sponsors of the event, plus a number to call for additional information. Announcements should be addressed to the *Winston-Salem Chronicle* Community News, P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem 27102. The deadline for announcements is Monday at 5:30 p.m.

**Taylor: From club houses to Olympics**

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were supposed to play in Washington. The coaches went on ahead on another flight. I was with the team trying to get out but the airport was fogged in," he said. "I had to call the hotel in Washington, leave a message for the coaches and then try to find us a flight out. Hotel accommodations had to be changed. We didn't arrive until the afternoon we were supposed to play but we made it on time. There is a fine for teams that arrive late and it's the trainers job to get the team to the game on time. Also, if a guy hurts

his ankle and comes out, the trainer has a 20-second time out to decide if that player can go back in. If he sends him back in and an opponent zips by the player for a winning basket because the guy's injury was worse than expected and he can't move quickly on it, everyone looks to the trainer, not the coach. Then you miss out on the playoffs by one game. It's not an easy job. Trainers are unsung heroes. A lot of times, people don't realize how important they are. Then all of a sudden, there's an injury and you're impor-

tant."

The field of athletic training is becoming more popular, and more women especially are going into sports training, he said. Mr. Taylor began his career in sports training as a "club house boy" for a baseball team.

Now, he said, more and more schools are offering degrees in sports training. A graduate of Morgan State, he received his master's from Indiana University after serving as a post athletic trainer in the

army.

The author of numerous articles on athletic training and the co-author of two books on the subject, Mr. Taylor said that his career has been good to him and that he is happy for the opportunities that have come his way.

"I've been able to travel to places people read about," he said. "I've done just about everything in this profession that I can do. There isn't much left in sports training to do that I haven't done."

**Community Calendar**

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ents at 6 p.m. at the office. For more information call Marilyn Odom at 724-7993.

sentations to civic, church and professional organizations. Contact the office at 722-0811 or 1-800-228-9794 for more information.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

• The Anderson High School Alumni Weekend for all classes will be held Sept. 2 and 3 at Horizons Park from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a dance at Benton Convention Center from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. For more information call 744-1265 or 724-9643.

• The Anderson High School Class of 1964 will celebrate its 25th reunion at Stouffer Hotel Friday, Sept. 1. For more information call Beverly Williams at 744-1265.

• "FutureSight: Innovations in Art Holography" will be exhibited at the Nature Science Center through Aug. 20. The exhibit, from the Museum of Holography in New York, explains the art and science of holography. The exhibit will discuss the three-dimensional images made with lasers and rainbows of color.

• A local group is sponsoring a trip to Niagara Falls July 30 to Aug. 3. For more information call Jerry Griffin at 785-9374 or John Sigers at 723-2728.

• The Triad Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association has recently completed its second speaker's bureau training sessions. Speakers are available to make pre-

• Adult women's common sense self-defense class will be held every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the M.L. King Jr. Community Center, 501 Burton St. For more information call 727-2740.

• The Atkins Class of 1969 will hold its meetings the first Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. at the 14th Street Recreation Center. All class members are asked to bring names, addresses and telephone numbers of classmates. For more information call Spencer Glenn at 767-2558 or Bobby Clark at 788-6657.

• The Best Choice Center, 1521 E. 14th St., will hold AA meetings for beginners Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Dinner is served before the meeting. A ladies group meeting will be held Saturdays at 5 p.m. and at 8 p.m. there will be a mixed group meeting. A Big Book Study is held Sundays at 5 p.m.

• The Anderson High School Alumni Reunion Banquet and Dance will be held Saturday, Sept. 2, at the convention center from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. For more information call Beverly Funches Williams at 744-1265.

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