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## Black Theatre Festival returns

### City prepares for Star invasion

By RUDY ANDERSON  
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"We are planning for a marvtastic festival," said Larry Leon Hamlin, the artistic director and founder of the North Carolina Black Repertory Company, of the second coming of his brainchild, The National Black Theatre Festival, scheduled to be held in Winston-Salem August 5-10.

Hamlin said more than 50 performances have been scheduled in 12 performance cites across the city during the week-long event by twenty of the country's best African-American theatre

companies. That compares to 17 theatre companies and 31 performances during the first year of the festival held in 1989. However, some 250 African-American theatres are expected to attend the six day festival this year.

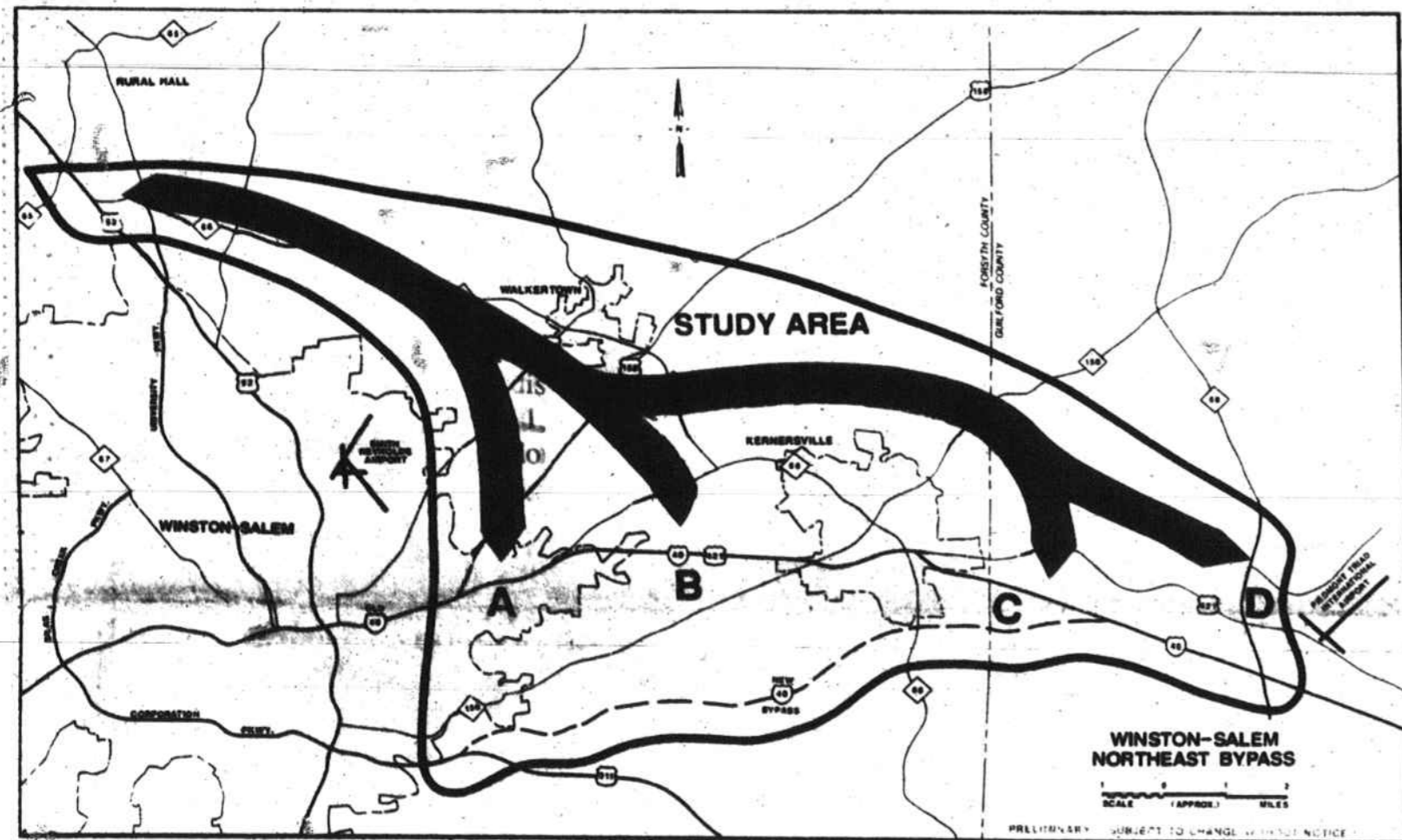
There will also be celebrity performances by some of the more than 30 stars expected for the mega-event. Those performances include Avery Brooks in "Paul Robeson", Esther Rolle in "Mary McLeod Bethune" and Phyllis Stickney in "Live in Chocolate."

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R.J.R. CEO, James Johnston (left) and N.C. Black Repertory Company founder, Larry Leon Hamlin shake hands on collaborative opening-night effort. Academy Award winner Denzel Washington will be the guest of honor for the gala which will mark the beginning of a six-day theatre extravaganza.



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Consultants have four corridor options to be considered. They favor Corridor D because of its airport linkage.

## Northeast Bypass possible key to future development

By RUDY ANDERSON  
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The major benefits to the African-American community in East Winston from a planned northeast corridor connecting three major road projects to the Regional Airport are economic development, less traffic congestion, and the least environmental impact according to Brent McKinney, the city's senior traffic engineer and point man on the Northeast Bypass project.

The Bypass would be part of a larger northern beltway around the county adopted in the 1987 Thoroughfare Plan by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). The purpose of the beltway would be to alleviate traffic congestion on I-40 and U.S. 52.

"If you talk to people about this city's future they'll tell you the city's future is in the east," McKinney said. "A major transportation corridor in that area means we are water and sewerred and that land is available for industrial and commercial development."

"Everybody has got to have a job, and job opportunities are going to develop to the east."

John Turner, president of Forsyth Partners, a major commercial developer agrees. "I think East Winston could become the overwhelming recipient of the economic vitality created by this construction in housing, shopping, employment centers, and recreation centers."

He said a road project linking Smith Reynolds Airport and the Regional Airport would go a long way toward promoting the regional concept for the area. He said historically the road network, east of U.S. 52 in the quadrant known as East Winston, has only been designed for residential traffic and small traffic volume. He said that may be fine for small retail applications but for major employers (those with a 100 or more employees) the road structure was not adequate. "Employers want to be able to get their people to and from the job site efficiently," he said.

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## N.A.T.I.O.N.A.L NEWS

**Poor health care for minorities**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Long-standing racial discrimination is one reason blacks and Hispanics are slipping through ever-widening cracks of the U.S. health care system, the editor of a prestigious medical journal said today.  
In a bold editorial in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association, Dr. George Lundberg said it is no coincidence that the United States and South Africa are the only developed countries that do not have a national health policy that ensures access to basic care for all.

**Freedom rider has no regrets**  
MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Ninety-one-year-old Walter Bergman still has vivid memories of his role as a Freedom Rider paving the way for desegregation of the South. He's reminded of it every day.  
"I've been riding in a wheelchair for the last 30 years on account of that," he says.  
Bergman was one of six whites and seven blacks in the first band of Freedom Riders who were determined to integrate Southern bus routes and stations where rigid segregation was not just a way of life — it was the law.

**Quiet protest greets President**  
HAMPTON, Va. (AP) — President Bush spoke only briefly about civil rights in his commencement address at Hampton University, but the issue was uppermost on the minds of many of the graduating seniors in the audience.  
"This administration will fight discrimination vigorously," Bush said Sunday as 1,023 students received their degrees at the predominantly black school.

## Women's group works to prevent future wars

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A local group of women and men are helping to educate the public on the alternatives to war, through forums, meetings and protests to the Persian Gulf War.

The group is known as "Women Against War" and was founded in December of 1990 by Susan Wolff to try to prevent the United States from going to war with Iraq, after Saddam Hussein's army invaded Kuwait.

"It was formed initially to prevent a military intervention, and to encourage a peaceful resolution to the conflict in the Gulf," says founder and president Susan Wolff.

Now that the war in the Gulf is over, the group's mission isn't over, according to Wolff. She says the group must now work to prevent another war from happening anywhere else in the world by being "an educa-

tional organization that educates the public as well as our leaders to peaceful solutions, the possibility for

*"...if you have peace in your heart, then that peace will emanate to others..."*

— Valjean Griggs

peaceful solutions, and the importance of peaceful solutions. We look upon ourselves as educational as well as

political, and of course the political side of it is working toward influencing members of Congress or senators, into voting certain ways. We tried very hard to influence them to vote against supporting this war, which we narrowly lost."

In an effort to influence Congress and local politicians, Wolff says "it's very important to build our numbers and build our strength, so that the next time anything like this will happen, we'll be aware and we'll be organized so that we can do something about it."

Valjean Griggs, a member of the founding board of directors of "Women Against War", and the only African-American member agrees with Wolff, and the group's purpose.

We are here "mainly to let people know that there's a viable alternative to physical violence, and we're try-

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## City's homeless keep vigil to protest new shelter site

By RUDY ANDERSON  
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Some of this city's homeless have made it clear that they don't want a new home built for them by the Salvation Army in the city's north ward.

A group of more than 20 vocal homeless people staged a march from city hall to the proposed site of the new shelter on city-owned land on Trade Street. They claim the area is already saturated with service providers for the poor, displaced, and hopeless.

Members of a group called "Homeless but not Helpless" have said they are concerned not only about the saturation of these programs in the same area but also that the new shelter would be located in an area where there is drug trafficking. They said they feared for the safety of the women and children that might be in the facility.

"They need to keep the Salvation Army shelter either where it is on South Marshall Street or on the southside of the city where it is needed or near Ogburn Avenue," said Kay Vives, a member of the group.

"I just think they want to keep us on one side of town so they won't have to look at us," she said.

Some of the city's homeless have literally camped out on the steps of city hall to drive their message home to the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen.

Last month a deadlocked vote of the board was broken by Mayor Martha Wood that tabled a decision by the board to grant three acres of land on North Trade Street to the Salvation Army for use in expanding services to the homeless.

In addition to hearing from the homeless, the board heard objections from residents of the Kimberley Park public housing community, part of which is located in the area of Northwest Boulevard, near the proposed site.

The Salvation Army had originally asked the city's permission to expand their present facility on South Marshall Street. The organization was approached by developer David Shannon with an offer to build a new \$1.2 million facility in exchange for their existing site, an additional piece of property, and approximately

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**Staked out at City Hall**  
Some homeless people have made the steps of City Hall their home, as well as staged marches and rallies to keep a new Salvation Army Shelter off Trade Street.