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"Power concedes nothing without a struggle." — Frederick Douglass

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3rd Black Killed in 2 Weeks as Violence Continues

▲ 24-year-old man gunned down on Dunleith Ave.

By SABRINA JONES
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Those who knew Steven "Stevie" Terrance Harvey describe him as a friendly, good-natured person. He was an exceptional athlete at Parkland High School, where he played baseball, basketball and football. This summer, he was the captain of his basketball team at the Miller Park community center. The trophies that line the shelves in his room at 2604 Fondly Ave. serve as testimony to his athletic prowess. He was also caring, which makes it harder for friends and relatives to understand why someone would mercilessly gun him down while walking

home last week.

"He was the kind of person who would harm himself instead of others," said Brenda Hill, a cousin with whom Harvey lived every summer from the time he was 2 until he was 14 years old. "He was the joy of our life — our only grandchild," she said.

Harvey, 24, was left dying on the sidewalk in front of 112 Dunleith Ave. early last Wednesday morning after suffering multiple gunshot wounds, police said. He was taken to Baptist Hospital where he later died, becoming the 21st homicide victim in Winston-Salem this year, including another one earlier that day. Of those 21 deaths, 13 are African

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Survivor of Jennings Crash Details Accident

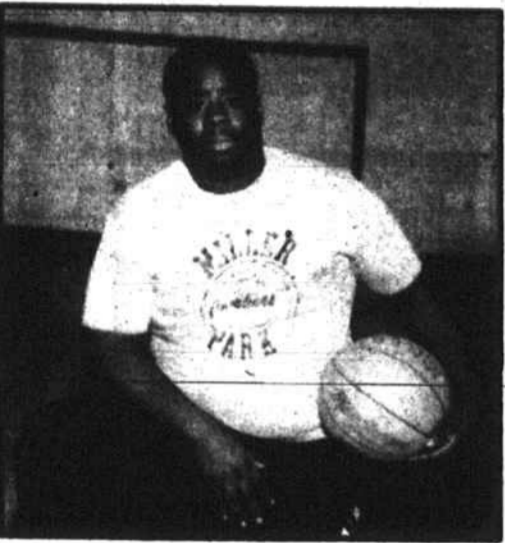
By MARK R. MOSS
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Winston-Salem Police Officer Timothy R. Wilson, the passenger in the car in which Officer Michael R. Jennings was killed when the car careened into a tree in January, said he was surprised that he survived the fiery crash.

"I was surprised I was alive," Wilson said in an interview last Friday, the first time he has publicly spoken about the accident. "I was (knocked) out for a couple of seconds."

When he came to, he said, "The only thing I saw was this

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Steven Harvey

NEWS WEEK

NEWS AT A GLANCE

Suit against Dillard's

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Five plaintiffs have joined a federal lawsuit claiming Dillard's stores have a policy discouraging black customers.

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Helping Inmates

When Maj. Michael Schweitzer joined the Forsyth County Detention Center two years ago, the prison ministry was the only outlet inmates had that dealt with their personal lives.

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Mike Tyson's Saga

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Court of Appeals, which denied the appeal of boxer Mike Tyson's rape conviction, says Marion County criminal court's system of assigning cases is wrong and must be changed.

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Blacks Outraged

RENO, Calif. (AP) — Black community leaders were outraged at what they called the lenient sentences handed down to two Los Angeles police officers for the beating of black motorist Rodney King.

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Summer Boredom

Those long hot summer days. Without classroom activities or homework to occupy their mornings and afternoons, kids were forced to learn the art of self-entertainment this summer.

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Summer League

North Forsyth High School took the victory in the championship game of the High School Summer Basketball League held at Carver High School, defeating West Forsyth, 82-71. West Forsyth took first place in regular season play.

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THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

On August 15, 1975, Joanna Little was acquitted in the ice pick slaying of a white jailor, who allegedly made sexual advances.

As Curtain Opens, There's a Brouhaha Backstage

▲ NBTF loses thousands of dollars as some vendors rent hotel space

By MARK R. MOSS
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Amid the celebrations, shoulder-rubbing with the stars and overall success of the National Black Theatre Festival, a brouhaha was taking place behind the scenes.

Festival organizers were upset that they were cheated out of thousands of dollars by a group of renegade vendors.

The dispute was between vendors who sold their wares in the laid back ambiance of the seventh floor at the Adam's Mark Hotel (formerly Stouffer's) and the festival representation of those who traded in the cavernous hall at Beneath the Elms.

"They feel cheated," said Barbara Eure, the festival's vendor coordinator, referring to the 67 vendors at Beneath the Elms, most of whom plunked down \$400 each to rent a booth.

There were 16 vendors on the

seventh floor of the hotel who formed a collective under the banner "The Black Gold Marketplace."

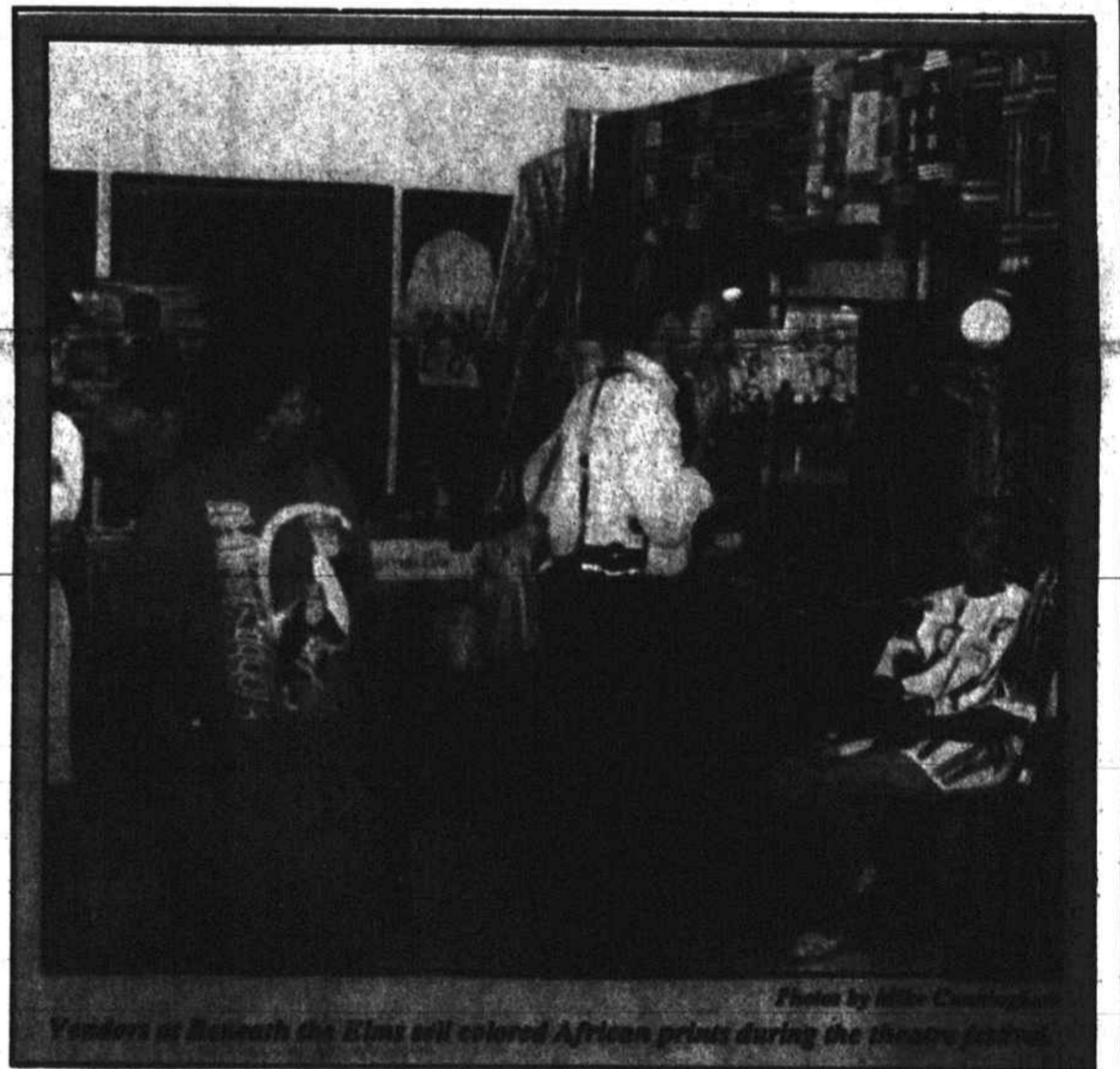
"Black Gold" rented one booth at Beneath the Elms. That space, however, was used primarily to advertise the location in the hotel across the street.

Eure attempted to shut down "Black Gold" down by pointing out to the vendors that they didn't have North Carolina vendor licenses. She had flyers printed telling festival goers that the seventh-floor vendors were not part of the festival and should be ignored.

Festival organizers were upset because 16 additional vendors would have added \$6,400 to the festival's coffers. They announced that they were coming up short by about \$300,000 before the Aug. 2 kick off.

"It was an unfortunate situation said Larry Leon Hamlin, the

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Vendors at Beneath the Elms sell colored African prints during the theatre festival.

Grier Returns to Roots as NBTF Honoree

▲ Seventy's film star grew up in Winston-Salem

By DAVID L. DILLARD
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Clarence Grier, Sr., a 91 year-old Winston-Salem native, dreamed of seeing more of his grandchildren before he dies. His wish was fulfilled last week when he spent time with his famous granddaughter — popular 1970's movie star, Pam Grier.

"It was a prayer answered for me," said Priscilla Dixon, Grier's older sister.

"All granddad talked about was his wish to see his grandchildren again."

Dixon said Grier left Winston-Salem for England at seven with her father, who was in the Air Force. For the past 36 years, their only form of communication was through letters, until Dixon heard that she was appearing at the black theatre festival.

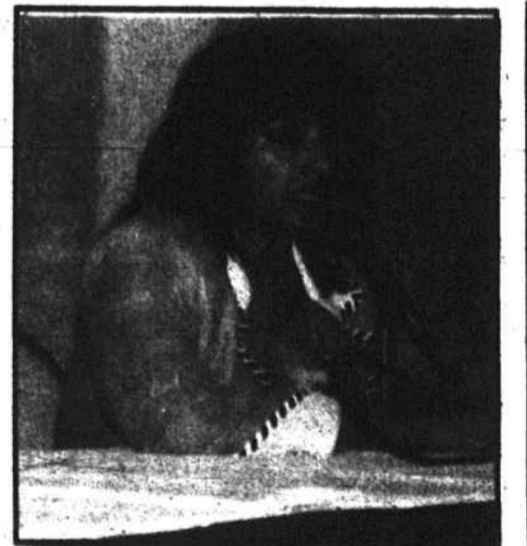
"When I called, I didn't recognize her voice at first, because it's been so long," Dixon said. "I'm glad I got the

chance to be with her, and we talked several times a day. She's a very dedicated person with a lot of courage. I love her, and wouldn't trade her for anyone."

Grier said the festival was a homecoming for her, and she enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

"It feels great to be home, but I feel a little heavy — like I've gained

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Pam Grier

Police Chief Finally Talks to the Chronicle

▲ Sweat shunned paper because of "anti-police" headlines

By MARK R. MOSS
Chronicle Staff Writer

Winston-Salem Police Chief George Sweat has broken his nine-month silence with the black media.

Sweat has refused to speak with the Chronicle during that time because he felt the newspaper's headlines were "anti-police" and that the paper failed to run retractions for errors reported.

"What I say to you comes out negative," Sweat said.

He did not refer to specific headlines that were "anti-police" or instances of inaccurate reporting.

Prior to the recent interview, the last time Sweat had spoken to the Chronicle was the week of the Chronicle's Nov. 26 edition. An article in that edition detailed the high number of homicides in the city. The headline of that article, in which Sweat was quoted, read: City Under Seize as Homicide Total Nears Five-Year High. A smaller sub-headline accompanying the story read: Black-on-Black Crime Plays

Major Role in Murders.

Sweat agreed to an interview following a meeting on July 14 with area media to discuss improving relations. During the wide-ranging interview, Sweat discussed a myriad of subjects, from his reason for becoming a police officer to the use of pepper spray to his thoughts on a fragile relationship between police and the African-American community.

"I think the key with public safety in

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George Sweat