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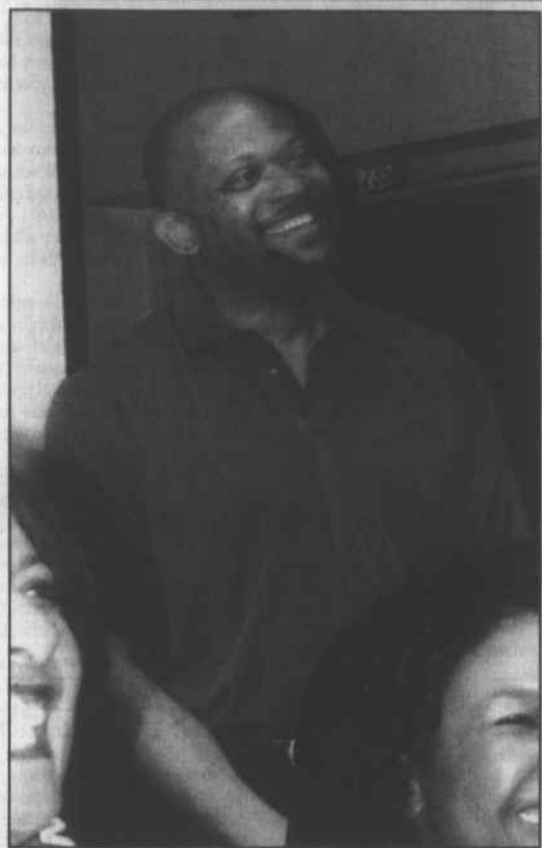
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# THE CHRONICLE



Always behind the scenes Lawrence Evans watches from the shadows during a recent NBTF press conference.

## THE STARS' STAR

Evans has kept track of NBTF celebrities from the beginning

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

The name Larry Leon Hamlin is synonymous with the National Black Theater Festival. As the founder and creative impetus behind the event, Hamlin certainly deserves such acclaim. However, one of Hamlin's strongest attributes, according to those who worked with him, was the ability to delegate tasks to people who were equipped to handle them adeptly.

Lawrence Evans is one such person.

A longtime resident of New York City, Evans has worked with various theater companies across the country and currently holds a recurring role on "As the World Turns" as Officer Evans. He has served as the NBTF's celebrity coordinator since the festival's inception in 1989, handling everything from the stars' travel arrangements and hotel accommodations to their special appearances.

"Lawrence is the celebrity coordinator - that's the official title - but it goes way and beyond," said NBTF Media Relations Director Brian McLaughlin. "He was one of the first people that Larry called on ... with the vision of the National Black Theater Festival."

Evans studied theater at Jackson State University and University of Michigan. He first met Hamlin - who died last month - in New York City while auditioning for a play in the early 1980s.

"He came to New York auditioning for this play, 'On Midnight, Friday the 13th,'" he explained. "I had already done the play here in New York, and I auditioned for the role and got it and I came down there. I think (we were) one of the first groups of professional actors to come down to the North Carolina Black Repertory Company."

That first trip to North Carolina left a lasting impression on Evans.

"We stayed down for about three weeks; it was really nice - they had a very active theater guild and people would have us over for dinner and take us out; it was just great," he said. "I just started coming back almost every year."

Like the fledgling company that had brought the two together in the first place, Evans' and Hamlin's friendship grew.

"I ... became close to him and his family - they're like an extended family," he said. "The North Carolina Black Repertory Company became my theater home away from home."

Evans remembers the early years of the NC Black Rep. fondly.

"At that time, early on, some of the actors used to stay in people's homes," he related. "The first year we came down ... they split us up - some people stayed at Larry's house. They lived in this little house and we used to call it 'Little House on the Prairie.'"

Hamlin's dedication to this

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## MMM, MMM GOOD



A young boy, one of droves of children on hand for a recent community gathering in Lakeside Apartments, enjoys a hot dog. There was perfect weather and high attendance for the city-sponsored event. Read more on page B12.

Photo by Layla Farmer

## Teens finish SciTech program

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

Summer offers many sorts of camps and activities for young people. The SciTech Summer Technology Institute included no basketball, arts and crafts or sack races. The 21 students who graduated from the program last Friday spent their time learning math, science and surefire ways to get into college.

The graduation was held at the Union Chapel Baptist Church where the students, all rising eighth graders, began and ended their week-days for the last two weeks. The program involved daily educational trips to places such as Winston-Salem State University, the county's Dell



Joshua Gilliam

Manufacturing Facility, Piedmont Triad Research Park, SciWorks and the city's water treatment facility. The SciTech Institute is a collaborative of Wake Forest

University Baptist Medical Center, WSSU, Union Chapel Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, Forsyth County Schools and the Piedmont Triad Research Park.

The students adorned lab coats as they marched into the church for graduation. They entertained parents, SciTech staff and volunteers with singing, music and stories of what they learned at SciTech.

Students read essays on inventions they hoped to create. One student, DeVaughn Nance, wished to perfect the air-powered car. Joshua Gilliam's dream was the J-Cord, a set of wireless headphones with an MP3 player

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## 200 finish anti-bias program

Honor ceremony packed with well-known names

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

More than 200 Winston-Salem residents have now completed the Institute for Dismantling Racism's (IDR) program. The celebratory service in honor of the institute's most recent graduates, held at Home Moravian Church June 25, attracted some big names in the antiracism struggle.

In the audience were Jo

Ann Goetz, Darryl Hunt's sixth grade teacher and a character witness at his first trial and commu-



Tyson

nity leader and longtime activist the Rev. Carlton Everley, pastor of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church.

Larry Little, a WSSU professor widely known for his work on the Hunt case, and Tim Tyson, author of "Blood Done Sign My Name," served as the keynote speakers.

Founded by Rev. Willard Bass in 2004, the institute is a collaborative effort that encourages community members and organizations to face issues of race through honest interracial dialogue and interaction. The goal is to break down prejudicial barriers, on the institutional level, as well as within the hearts and minds of individuals.

"This has been a journey that we've been on for a minute or two," Bass said at the service. "The people that have been with us on this journey for about four years now know where we've been and how far we've come. We've come this evening to acknowledge that."

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## Salem Gardens gets angel in Sowell

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

The smell of grilled food and the laughter of children got the attention of many Salem Gardens residents late last month on a balmy Saturday afternoon. They proved to be far better advertising than the fliers Stefany Sowell had printed and distributed to promote the Community Day event she had spent weeks planning.

Besides the food, residents who ventured out of their apartment units also left with a handful of information. Representatives from the College Foundation of North Carolina were there to show residents that financing a college education for their children or themselves is quite possible. The Forsyth County Health Department also set up shop, touting safe sex, infant mortality prevention and other wellness methods.

A table filled with free clothes and



Photo by Kevin Walker

Mary Sanders, from left, along with Pamela Patterson, Stefany Sowell, Dave Moore and Robert Conrad.

shoes was well perused. Even the residents' City Hall representative, Council Member Evelyn Terry, stopped by to chat

with constituents and encourage Sowell and the others working to make Salem

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