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Shooting, protests put Ferguson on edge

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FERGUSON, Mo. — Ferguson was a community on edge again Monday, Aug. 10, a day after a protest marking the anniversary of Michael Brown's death was punctuated with gunshots and police critically wounded a black 18-year-old accused of opening fire on officers.

Police, protesters and people who live and work in the St. Louis suburb were bracing for what nightfall might bring following more violence along West Florissant Avenue, the same thoroughfare that was the site of massive protests and rioting after Brown was fatally shot last year in a confrontation with a white Ferguson officer.

"Of course I'm worried," said Sandy Sansevere, a retired health care worker who volunteers at the retail store operated by the nonprofit group I Love Ferguson, which was formed after Brown's death to promote the community. "What scares me are the guns."

The father of the suspect who was shot called the police version of events "a bunch of lies." He said two

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Officers and protesters face off along West Florissant Avenue, Monday, Aug. 10, in Ferguson, Mo. Ferguson was a community on edge again Monday, a day after a protest marking the anniversary of Michael Brown's death was punctuated with gunshots. (AP Photo/Jeff Roberson)

A LOOK BACK: NATIONAL BLACK THEATRE FESTIVAL

NBTF wraps up record-setting week



Photo by Tevin Stinson

Celebrities and festival-goers march through the streets of downtown Winston-Salem during the NBTF closing parade on Saturday, August 8.

Parade through downtown Winston-Salem marks the end of the 2015 Festival

BY TEVIN STINSON
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The 2015 National Black Theatre Festival ended a record-breaking week with a star-studded parade last Saturday night, Aug. 8.

According to festival officials, this year's festival had several sold-out shows and productions. This year's festival also saw a significant increase in online tickets sales.

"We had a number of productions sell out before the festival even started," said Brian McLaughlin, media relations director for the festival. "A number of our workshops and other events were sold out as well."

The parade, which marked the end of the weeklong festival, started in front of the Marriott Hotel, 425 North Cherry St., and ended at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts' Stevens Center, 405 Fourth St., also known as Larry Leon Hamlin Way.

After reaching the Stevens Center, officials from the festival took time to remember those who helped organize the festival in the past who have passed away, including Larry Leon Hamlin. He created the festival and passed away in 2007.

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St. Louis social group keeps NBTF tradition alive

Bus load comes in honor of late friend

BY TEVIN STINSON
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The National Black Theatre Festival has been known to bring people from all over the world to Winston-Salem for a week of entertainment and fun, but for Ann Rice, Roselyn Scott and the "St. Louis Friends" social club from St. Louis, Missouri, the festival means much more.

Rice and Scott first heard about the festival from their friend Sheryl Ann Williams, who was an early supporter of the festival.

Last year, Williams passed away, but Rice and Scott were determined to carry on the tradition.

In 1989, the three women piled into one vehicle and made their first of many trips to Winston-Salem for the bi-annual festival. Every year since, more and more members of the St. Louis Friends have attended the festival, all because of Williams. This year,

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WSSU welcomes 900 freshmen

Weeklong orientation eases the stress that comes with starting college

BY TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

On Sunday, Aug. 9 Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) welcomed a new generation of Rams onto campus during the official move-in

day for the class of 2019.

According to the university, nearly 900 freshmen arrived on the opening day of "Ramdition," a weeklong student orientation for freshmen.

The first year of college can be extremely stressful. To help ease that transition, WSSU scheduled a week full of classroom sessions, campus life workshops, and social activities.

The week of activities will end with a "Through the Archway" rite of passage ceremony

on Saturday, Aug. 15. During the ceremony, students will march from the clock tower in the center of campus to the K.R. Williams Auditorium.

The activity is meant to officially welcome the new students into the WSSU family.

Many parents could feel the family atmosphere as soon as they stepped on campus.

Derrick Gregory Sr., a 1984 graduate of N.C.

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