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Shooting taints area's new image

BY PAUL COLLINS THE CHRONICLE

About 4:55 p.m. last Thursday, two young men (from two different groups) exchanged gunfire on the street in the LaDeara Crest public housing project and a bullet penetrated the storm door at the apartment of Cynthia Mitchell on Pinedale Drive, according to Mitchell. No one was hurt.

Mitchell, who was shaken by the experience, wrote this account, which she titled "It Happens Before You Know It."

"It was a very beautiful day yesterday. People (were) going about their daily activities not aware that evil was lurking in the community. The day was



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normal - children getting off school buses, families going to and from work, senior citizens going about their daily chores in the community when all of a sudden gunshots (were) being fired from

nowhere.

"Fortunately, I was next door, visiting my niece and as my visit came to an end I proceeded to go back to my residence and to my surprise I was over-

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Photo by Paul Collins

Cynthia Mitchell shows the bullet hole that was left in her storm door as a result of the shooting. The bullet also dented the metal front door.

Unknown hoping for upset in Senate race

Cynthia Brown believes that strong support at grassroots level will give her the seat being vacated by Helms

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Cynthia Brown knows that she can't win this year's hotly-contested U.S. Senate race on name recognition. She has none. She is also aware that she can't spend her way to the Capitol. Brown's political coffers aren't even close to being overflowing.

But Brown believes that if she does enough talking, she can pull off one of the biggest political upsets in recent memory.

Brown, the most obscure of the four Democrats vying for a chance to replace outgoing Sen. Jesse Helms, was in Winston-Salem Monday evening to meet with a handful of supporters. She discussed with the group possible ways for her to get a stronger footing in the city.

Although the primary is not until September, Brown has been stumping hard. She has made similar stops in about 25 counties so far. She says she plans to visit all 100 of the state's counties by the time voters head to the polls.

The 43-year-old's platform reflects many of the causes she has championed for much of her adult life. A graduate of Bennett College and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where she received a master's degree in public affairs, Brown has headed a High Point shelter for battered women, led a group that fights for better business opportunities for women, and most recently, headed Southerners for Economic Justice, a Durham-based group that fights for workers' rights and better economic parity between the haves and have-nots.

"Some people say that they want to be the candidate for the working people, but everybody is not working," said the Rockingham County native. "I want to advocate for everyone, the working and the unemployed."

She has adopted the theme "Everyone Counts" and has proclaimed herself "a real people's candidate." If elected, Brown says, she will fight to have the minimum wage raised to \$8.50 an hour, for guaranteed health care for all Americans and a fair tax system, where "taxing those who can afford to pay" would be the law.

Brown knows that her views don't jibe with the current tone of Washington, but she says ordinary, everyday North Carolinians like what she has to say.

"When we get people in to listen to what I have to say, we have found that they are excited about having someone in this race who cares about wages and somebody who is going to be a candidate for them," Brown said.

Manya Stewart, her main pitch person in Winston-Salem, agrees.



Brown

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Aerospace lab aims to get students hyped about science

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Winston-Salem State University is now one of more than a dozen sites across the country that houses an Aerospace Education Laboratory. The lab will be home to the university's new Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy, which will provide high-tech instruction to middle school students in advanced topics such as aircraft design and simulated flight training.

The lab was made possible by a \$375,000, three-year grant from NASA and is the centerpiece of WSSU's ongoing efforts to help county children become more proficient in science and math. The university is already involved in a partnership with the city-county school system to help better train teachers in math and science so that they can better educate students.

WSSU Chancellor Harold Martin said the lab will provide a catalyst for area young people to become excited about learning science and math. Officials also hope the lab will help open students' eyes to the many career opportunities available in the fields.

"We are excited about the many, many possibilities," Martin said of the new lab.



Photo by Kevin Walker

Seventh-grader Adam Behnke helps U.S. Rep. Eva Clayton and state Rep. Pete Oldham cut the ribbon.

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Photo by Kevin Walker

Joslynn Crutchfield laughs when her search for the missing letters to spell the word "communications" comes up short. Crutchfield is one of the teens involved in the YMCA's Black Achievers program. The teens made posters Saturday for an upcoming career fair they are organizing. The fair will be held Jan. 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Winston Lake Family YMCA.

Coat-giveaway program in 15th year

Salvation Army will have free coats throughout January

BY FELECIA P. McMILLAN COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

The Winston-Salem Salvation Army Area Command will be distributing coats from the Give-A-Kid-A-Coat program at its distribution center for the next two Fridays (Jan. 18, 25) from 2-6 p.m. and the next two Saturdays (Jan. 19, 26) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The distribution center is at Market Place Mall Cinema, 2095 Peters Creek Parkway. The coats are available to individuals and families in need of jackets, overcoats, blazers and the like. This campaign is sponsored by A Cleaner World, Fox 8, and WKZL 107.5,

and it began in 1987 when A Cleaner World and the Salvation Army teamed up to warm the community during a time of need. WKZL and Fox 8 came on board in 1998 to help promote and advertise the event.

In the same spirit of giving out of which the program began, A Cleaner World cleans each coat and makes minor repairs, if needed. The Salvation Army picks the coats up from each store and brings them to the distribution center.

The kickoff for the program was held on Oct. 26 at A Cleaner World in High Point. Collection of coats from individuals across the Triad began in November and ran through the end of October. About 9,700 coats were collected in Winston-Salem and 31,200 throughout the Triad. According to Rebecca Hamon, community relations direc-

tor, the program is now in its 15th year. It is part of the organization's Christmas efforts to reach out to the community. This campaign is executed in addition to food boxes, toy drive and other holiday services.

"There is a great need for coats and we always have extra coats at our distribution centers. We had a large number of people in need of winter assistance, and this happens each year due to job losses and changes in the economy," Hamon said. "What happened on Sept. 11 in the North has had a trickle-down effect and has affected the South. Many have fallen on hard times. Our coat program localizes the Salvation Army and lets people know what we are about. We do more than just ring the bell at Christmas, and our sponsors WKZL and Fox 8 help

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Photo by Felicia McMillan

Salvation Army employees Shelia Winningham, left, and Yvette Brantley man the agency's coat-giveaway site.