

City's First wants to increase involvement

▲ Police captain committed to greater interaction

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Residents in Winston-Salem may see more interaction, and community involvement from police officers, if the new captain has anything to do with it. Two weeks ago family, friends, and officers of the Winston-Salem Police Department watched history being made, as Pat Norris became the first African-American female to receive the department's rank of captain.

Originally from Winston-Salem, Norris

graduated from of R.J. Reynolds High School. After high school, she enrolled at Winston-Salem State University.

"I wasn't ready for college at the time, so I didn't finish," she said. "After a number of years, I thought about how important a college degree is, so I went back and finished in 1993." Of course, Norris, who has been with the city for 20 years, did not need college to decide what she wanted her career to be. "I've always wanted to be a police officer," Norris said.

Norris got her chance after working in the city's traffic engineering department.

"The job I was doing was funded by the state and was about to end. That's when I expressed my concerns about becoming an officer," she said.

Norris became one step closer to her dream in 1977 when she enrolled in "rookie school."

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Captain Pat Norris is the first African female to reach this rank in Winston-Salem. She wants to make the police people friendly.

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Clayton Opens Baptist Confab

▲ Congresswoman points to biblical and Ideological conflicts

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A message of battles and challenges between biblical faith and ideological faith, as well as between republican and democratic congressmen, was heard from U.S. Congressman Eva Clayton earlier this week.

Clayton spoke to a standing-room-only crowd, during the opening ceremony of the All Baptist Assembly Convention being held in Winston-Salem this week.

The convention, which is held every four years, has attracted close to 4,000 members of the Baptist faith from across the state.

During the convention, various sectors of the assembly hold meetings to give reports and share ideas.

Dr. Serenus T. Churn, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, is serving as the convention's host pastor.

"We want to welcome all of the participants to Winston-Salem, because we think this is a special city," Churn said.

Churn wished the convention participants a pleasant and joyful stay during the convention's opening ceremony.

The highlight of the evening came when the Honorable Eva Clayton, of the 1st congressional district, addressed convention participants.

"We are in the midst of a struggle in Congress, and it is a challenging one," Clayton said.

Clayton spoke about the continuing efforts of congress to balance the nation's budget, and the task of agreement between

Republicans and Democrats.

"I say we need to balance our budget, but we also need to balance our priorities," she said. "Why must we take money from one group to give it to another, just to balance the budget?"

The nation must establish a sound foundation and prioritize their morals, Clayton said.

According to Clayton, there are some members of congress who would like to balance the budget at anyone's expense.

Although there are efforts to cut educational grants, medical assistance to the elderly, and aid to those families who are in need, Clayton told Baptist members to rely on their biblical faith.

"We don't worry about the roadblock when they take affirmative action, don't worry about redistricting, don't worry about them taking away school lunches, we don't worry because we can take these roadblocks and turn them into stepping blocks," she said, as the crowd cheered.

Clayton said Republican members of Congress may think they are building up America, but they are tearing it down. She also said instead of working for the people, they (Republicans) are making the people suffer.

Besides the struggle between Republicans and Democrats, America is also facing a struggle between ideological faith and biblical faith, Clayton said.

"A lot of the problems in America are happening because

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Brown and Black... Where La Raza meets La 'Hood

Editors Note: No group in the Piedmont Triad, or for that matter, in North Carolina or the entire United States, attracts as much attention these days as do Hispanics. Many Hispanics are moving to the Triad. Many move into economically challenged, predominantly black neighborhoods. They, like many African Americans in the neighborhoods where they are living, are faced with some of the same financial, occupational, educational, and social challenges to their health and wellbeing.

What does their presence and growing numbers mean for

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David Harold, head of Catholic Social Services is shown with Veronica Zambrano, center, and Nilda Cardenas, staff of CSS' Casa Guadalupe.

Cynthia Torres Cruz La Mujer Cosmica

By William H. Turner, Ph.D.

The deeply dark and sparkling eyes of Cynthia Torres Cruz become even more so while she talks with authority, reflectively, and passionately about Hispanic people.

Cruz gazes into the horizon from her 16th-floor office in the R.J. Reynolds Tower, drawing personal, family and group pictures that give meaning to the term La Raza Cosmica, the cosmic race. The term was coined many years ago by the Mexican intellectual Jose Vasconcelos to refer to the blending of white, black, and Indian races, that he believed was occurring among Spanish-speaking peoples in the Western Hemisphere. It also refers to the

"interdependence of fates," of the people's of the earth. Cynthia Torres Cruz, La Mujer Cosmica, The Cosmic Woman.

There is also something slightly cosmic and of great significance in that Cruz, 36, works for RJR as national manager of Corporate affairs. She manages the company's programs that are designed to establish and maintain close working relationships with national, state, and local Hispanic leadership and non-profit organizations.

Cruz is constantly on the road coordinating her company's highly-visible participation and

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Students learn importance of studying math and science

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Students from several Forsyth County middle and high schools are learning the importance of math and science, with help from local businesses and a fraternity.

Thirty-five students are participating in a summer enrichment program, which emphasizes the importance of math and science in various professions.

"Our main objective is to excite students

about math and science," said Constance McGrail, a math teacher at North Forsyth High School.

Students participating in the program are from Mineral Springs Middle School, North-west Middle School, and North Forsyth High School.

Math and science teachers from each of the schools recommended students for the program.

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Students from North Forsyth High School discuss the ins and outs of a travel agency with Ann Walker of Dudley's Travel Agency.