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

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Residents, Drug Dealers Fight Over Turf

▲ *Mother forced from home by threats vows to keep fighting to rid area of drugs*

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Tension in the neighborhood along Watkins and Green streets has escalated to a near standoff between residents there and drug dealers who use the area for their trade.

In October, someone threw a smoke bomb into the home of Sandra Howell, president of the Watkins Community Outreach. Since then, she has been constantly threatened by drug dealers and last week

she moved in with a friend for fear of harm to her children.

Howell returned after one day, however, determined not to be driven out of her community.

"Right now I'm going to keep fighting," she said. "I'm doing a work for God and I know he will protect me. I'm the president of this neighborhood; I've got a neighborhood to protect and I'm not going anywhere."

Winston-Salem Police Department Sgt. Jim Snyder said police are aware of

the tension and have motor patrols and "hot spot" foot patrols working in the area. He said they can not station officers in the area, but said police monitor the area daily.

"We are aware that some threats have been made and our officers pay attention to these locations," Snyder said. "Our main objective now is to get the drug dealers out. I think police presence and increased lighting in the area will contribute to making it inconvenient to drug dealers."

Howell said she had been targeted because as president, the drug dealers thought she was a snitch. She said she heard threats even before the group formed in early October after older residents and children were afraid to go outside or speak out against the constant drug activity that had become visible in the neighborhood.

"We don't point the finger at anyone,"

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Sandra Howell

Taking a trip around the...

World

▲ *Whitaker students make learning about geography fun*

By VERONICA CLEMONS
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For a first-grader, studying geography in most cases doesn't get a lot of cheers. But Annette Beatty's first-grade class at Whitaker Elementary School put a twist into studying the world and made it fun, as well as delicious.

The class held a presentation last week that allowed visitors to get a glimpse of nine countries and a continent through their eyes.

"I'm so proud of them," Beatty said. "Never have I seen first-graders so excited about geography."

Dressed in native cos-

tumes of the countries they chose to represent, and without any shyness, Beatty's class talked about where the countries were located on the map and the globe and popular

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At right, Erica Bonner wears a kente cloth dress. With her is Kristy McFayden representing Scotland.

At bottom are members of Annette Beatty's first-grade class at Whitaker Elementary School.



Crime, Drugs Prompt Outcry For Increased Cop Protection

▲ *Salem Garden residents want police substation in apt. complex*

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Residents of Salem Gardens Apartments say they have been in a catch-22 situation — being both the victim of crime and drugs and being blamed for the crime and vandalism that have taken place to stores in the nearby Parkview Shopping Center.

Jackie Jones, president of the Salem Gardens Tenant Association, said a police substation at the complex would solve the problems faced by both the neighborhood and the shopping center.

"We were concerned about the ways we could reduce crime in our neighborhood," she said. "We want a place where police could stop by and show their presence in the community."

Jones said they wanted to turn one housing unit into an office space for police to do paperwork and guard the facility. She said she has urged Salem Gardens management to get security since last year, but her efforts have been in vain.

Judy Straten, manager of the property, declined to comment.

Police Capt. D.L. Walker said many neighborhoods and shopping centers request substations, but the department currently doesn't have plans to establish any.

"We have a multitude of requests for substations from shopping centers there and in other areas that would like to have them, but the department doesn't have any substations," he said.

Walker didn't rule out the possibility of a substation, but said he is planning to meet with residents and would propose that they first start a neighborhood community watch to work with police to deter crime.

Southeast Ward Alderman Robert Nordlander said there are already foot patrol units in the area periodically, but crime is still a problem.

He said there are trails from Salem Gardens leading directly to the shopping center that goes

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Boy Scouts Program Helps Build Character In Youths

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Tony Lee says Scouting is fun and helps young men develop character.

The 14-year-old from the Kimberly Park public housing community said Scouting can also provide an alternative to a life of crime and drugs.

"I like it because we get to do fun things and it teaches you how to help other people," he said. "It teaches you discipline and keeps you away from drugs."

Lee, a senior patrol leader in Boy

Scout Pack 9327, started off as a Cub Scout at age 6. He first learned the principles of Scouting under then-Scoutmaster Nelson Malloy.

Malloy worked with Scouts in the Kimberly Park neighborhood from 1986 until he became alderman in 1989. He and Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines talked with a group of kids last week to interest them in Scouting.

"We want you to take advantage of

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WHERE TO FIND IT

This Week in Black History
December 26, 1956
Birmingham blacks began mass defiance of Jim Crow bus laws.

After School Program Brings Holiday Cheer

By VERONICA CLEMONS
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Veronica Conner, a tutor for the After School Program at Cleveland Avenue Homes, said she and other tutors wanted to do something with the youth that went beyond academics.

They knew the children were geared up for Christmas, but they felt it was also important for them to know about Kwanzaa.

"They already know what Christmas is," Conner said. "We wanted to

give them insight to the African-American holiday."

The young people who are involved in the RJR/HAWS After School Program in Cleveland Avenue Homes participated in the celebration that intertwined Christmas and Kwanzaa. They sang traditional Christmas songs with special appearances by reindeer during "Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer" and bell-playing during "Jingle

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