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County battling gang activity

Prevention will be large part of effort

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The city's first-ever Gang Awareness Week is aimed at the prevention, intervention and suppression of gang activity.

Events, including workshops for law enforcement officials and town hall-style meetings for the public, began on Monday and will continue through tomorrow.

Gangs are a real and growing problem in Forsyth County, according to Solomon Quick, the Winston-Salem



Quick

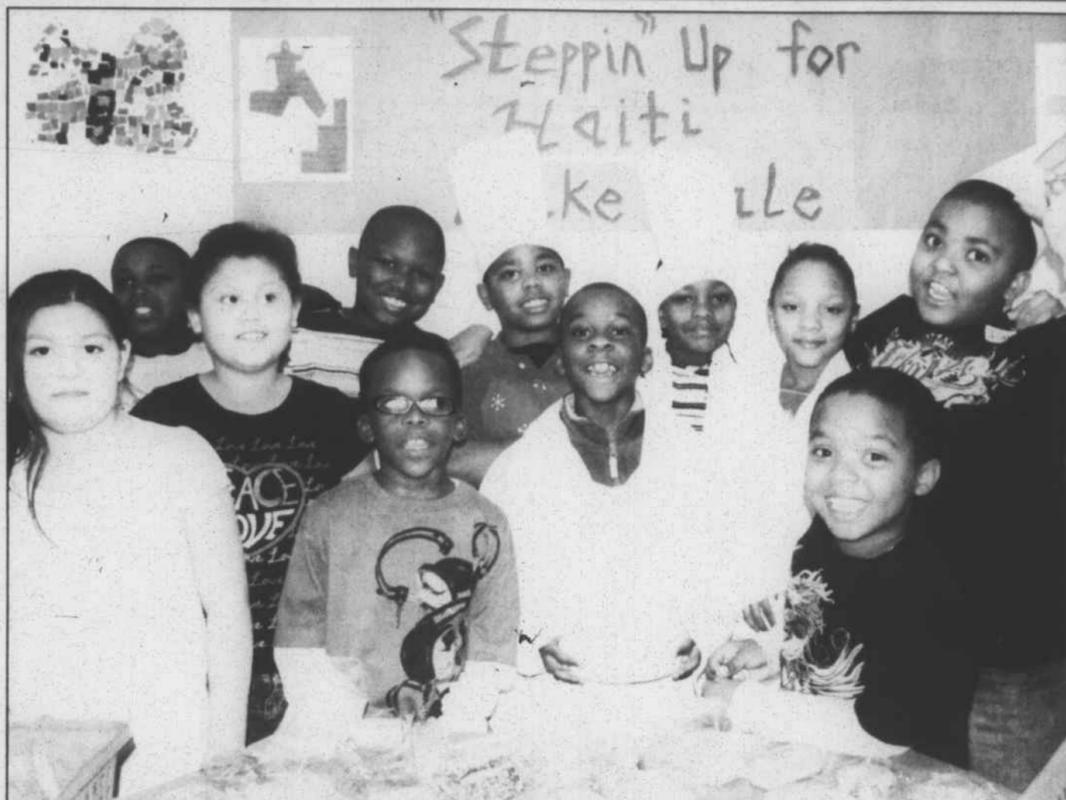
Police Department's gang coordinator specialist and the organizer of the week's activities. He said there are presently more than 600 known gang members in the county who belong to 37 different gangs.

"We as a community must understand that if we ever hope to solve our gang problem, we have to embrace our young people," said Quick. "I tend to look at gangs, or our young people's involvement with gangs, as their needs not being met - their social needs not being met, that sense of belonging, that protection of a family."

Quick said youth need the discipline, guidance and involvement of caring adults to steer them away from gang life.

This sentiment was echoed at Gang Awareness Week's first youth summit held Monday at Goler Enrichment Center. Middle and high school students who are part of the city's Youth Crime Watch program participated in a forum. The

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Ashley students stand near a table filled with sweet treats on Tuesday.

Photos by Layla Farmer

SWEETS FOR SUFFERING

SECOND GRADERS HOLD BAKE SALE TO HELP HAITI

BY LAYLA FARMER
THE CHRONICLE

Students at Ashley IB Magnet Elementary School lent their support to the ongoing relief effort in the earthquake-ravaged nation of Haiti Tuesday, as part of a week-long project developed by Tia Cain, a teacher and grade level chair, and other second-grade teachers.

Students from Cain's second grade class donned paper chefs hats and makeshift uniforms and hawked baked goods, lemonade and pins to their peers and Ashley staff members. The money the students raise from the donated goods will be given to the Red Cross, Cain said.

Cain's father, Pastor Floyd Jackson of Beulah Tabernacle Holiness Church, helped her launch the campaign with a \$100 donation. Cain also created pins with the Steppin Up for Haiti



Gus Reid, a third grade teacher, and Isidra Garcia make their selections.

logo to be sold at the bake sale.

"It's kind of a last minute vision," she said of the project. "We knew that the chil-

dren would like sweets, and I thought the pins were a way that people could show their support all week long." Cain's students have fol-

lowed the events subsequent to the tragic Jan 12 disaster closely.

"We've been learning that there was an earthquake and we're trying to raise money for them because they have no food or water," eight year-old Malcolm Webb said of the quake victims.

Students from each second grade class will take turns acting as bake sale servers before Steppin Up for Haiti wraps up on Jan. 29. Cain said the hands-on experience of managing money and providing services for customers complements what they are already learning in class.

"I'm proud of them," she said of the students. "I'm happy that we could do this for a good cause, as well as teach the students the curriculum they must know for second grade."

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File Photo
Packages of food, toiletries and information were passed out by volunteer counters.

Count gauges homeless problem

BY LAYLA FARMER
THE CHRONICLE

Teams of local volunteers were slated to hit the streets Wednesday night and early Thursday morning, in hopes of finding and counting every homeless person in the city.

Community volunteers

are grouped with representatives from various service provider agencies and homeless liaisons for the annual

Point in Time (PIT) count, led by the Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness (TYP).

The teams will canvass the community, visiting places where homeless people are known to sleep. Team members conduct brief interviews that probe the circumstances that led to each individual's homelessness and deliver care packages that include essential items such as gloves, sweatshirts, blankets and toiletries. Those who sleep in shelters will also be included in the tally.

The count is mandated by



Hairston

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HONORING SERVICE



Winston-Salem State University Chancellor Donald Reaves (far left) and Wake Forest University Provost Jill Tiefenthaler (far right) present Building the Dream Awards on MLK Day to public servants Jonathan Jackson (second from left) a WSSU junior; Anamaria Wahl, a WFU professor; and Mustafah Abdullah, a senior at WFU. WSSU Professor Dr. N'Krumah Lewis also earned one of the honors.

Remarkable Medicine, Remarkable Talent

Forsyth Medical physician displays his other talent

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Visitors to Forsyth Medical Center's Sara Lee Center for Women's Health were treated to a live performance by one of the center's own last week.

Physician Theodore Igbinigie, an internist with Novant Inpatient Care Specialists, regaled colleagues and passers-by with the rich, soothing melodies of his electric keyboard, one of eight instruments the self-taught musician and vocalist has mastered.

"This is what I enjoy doing," commented the London-born Igbinigie, who grew up in Nigeria. "I enjoy playing for people; I want them to feel the music the same way I feel it."

A medical center employee for the last five years, Igbinigie performed



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See Doctor on A2 Dr. Theodore Igbinigie performs.

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