# Expert: Alienated teens seek out gangs

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Speaking was nationally known Michael Walker, who described himself as a reformed gang member. He has appeared to he NEC "Today" show and CBS" "Eye on America" and "49 Hours."

Walker is a partner in Walker and Schmidt Training Consultants and the executive director of the Task Force on Violent Crime in Cieveland, Ohio.

He is also a member of the Board of Governors of the Ohio State University Alumni Association, a member of the Board of Governors of the Ohio State University Alumni Association, a member of the Midwest Cang Investigator Association, a member of the Midwest Cang Investigator Association, a member of the Midwest Cang Investigator Association, a member of the Governors of the Ohio Crime Prevention Council.

He frequently mentioned his days as a young black man on Chicago's South Side. "When I was 11 years old, I was beaten by an 18-year-old, man with a was a layer-old man with a way the second of Covernors of the Ohio Crime Prevention Council.

jor gangs but in minor ones, the wannabes," Clark said.
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So-called "Wiggers" are white young people trying to be black, Walker said. "You don't have to have a name, leader or symbol to be a gang." he added.
All graffit is not gang graffit, Walker asid. Some is tagging (art) or simple vandalism.
"When I got in the elevator tonight, at the hotel I'm staying at that symbol (a pitchfork used by a gang known as The Folk) was in both elevators." Walker said.

said. The gang problem will not be solved by The White House, he said. "It will be solved by you. Weakington, D.C., is one of the most dangerous places to live. If they (the government) cannot protect the city, how will they protect the nation?"

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Walker spoke of Scottabluf,
Neb., a small city of about
13,000 which had several driveby shootings last year. "No
Afro-Americans live there, no
Puerto-Rican Americans, just
white Nebraskans," Walker

Seven percent of kids are responsible for gang violence which involves ages 13-25, Walker said.

Recruit in schools
Gangs recruit in schools,

Walker said.
On another subject, Walker said that young people often resent the iderly because they have taken the jobs once held by those under 18 — fast food and bagging groceries.
Also, portray crimes for want they are, he insists. "Instead of calling it a carjacking, call it an armed robbery of a motor vehicle. A home invasion is a breaking and entering. A drive-by shooting is attempted murder. "Stop glamorizing crime. Call it what it is."

Ellack people are angry, he said, because one out of every 27 black men are being murdered compared to one in 205 white mates. "The only other country which comes close is Scotland," Walker said.

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which comes close is Sociana, Walker said.

Watch for symbolism like a shaved 88 on the head, he add-ed. The letter 'H' is the eighth letter in the alphabet and stands for Adolf Hitler, denoting

a noo-Nazi.

Sharks, skinheads with strong racial projudice, want to relocate all blacks to Alabama and Mississippi, Walker said.

"Jews get Florida and New York," he said. "Mexicans get New Mexico and gays get Cali-fornia."

Another neo-Nazi faction is Straight Edge, a group whose members don't drink or smoke,

but are dangerous.
"We take care of perpetrators and victims, but not witnesse who are equally vulnerable, Walker said.

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sions.

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B Arts Commission — Fern Barber, Kathryn Briggs, Janies Samoray-Haddad.

B Besutification Commission — Lincoln Avery (reappointment).

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B Board of Review — Barbara Dutton, Dorothy Jeffres, Joan Lennis (one-year term), Barbara Megerian (two-year term).

B Building Authority — William Costick (reappointment, two-year term).

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B Cable Access Committee — Bruce Garelik (reappointment).

Commission on Children, Youth & Families — Elizabeth

Borghi (one year), Richard Dagu-anno, William Dwyer (respoint-ment), Gerry Gilhuly (respoint-ment), Debra Kendzerski (resp-pointment), Maryjane Peck (two-year term), Mark Sommers.

Historic District Commission

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Steve Olsor (resppointment).

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B Housing Rahabilitation Loan Board — Harris Katzman (respontence) they occupate the same of the sa

pointment).

Planning Commission — Glen Fleishchhacker, Carol Freedman and Jeri VanHouten.

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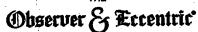
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