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660 West Fifth Street Top Winston-Salem, NC 27101 student poets compete

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A state grant paid for the new mobile testing unit.

STD fight will be fought on the streets

Health Department unveils new mobile unit

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Members of the Forsyth County Department of Public Health's POSSE (Preventing the Spread of STD's Everywhere) team introduced the community to their newest weapon in the war against the spread of sexually transmitted diseases on April 7.

HIV/STD Prevention Supervisor Patrice Toney led a ribbon cutting ceremony outside of the health department to cel-



Tim Monroe speaks at the ribbon-cutting.

ebrate a new custom-built mobile STD testing unit. The vehicle, paid for by a grant from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services. will be used to conduct off-site HIV and syphilis tests for people in the community, Toney

non-traditional testing locations for those who never come to the Health Department (for testing)," she explained. "We want to make it as easy for people as possi-

The unit contains a private Forsyth Health Director Dr. counseling area and a place where team members can draw blood for testing, an on-board refrigerator to safely store blood samples, and an external

television where those in line can watch educational videos while they wait to be seen.

"It'll be nice," Syphillis Elimination Effort Coordinator Jennifer Nall said of the unit, which among other things will spare the team from having to resort to coolers to keep samples at optimum temperatures. "It'll make the idea of outreach a lot

Health Department Director Tim Monroe believes the unit will help to slow HIV and syphilis infection rates in the area.

We have a challenge here in Forsyth County," Monroe said, referencing the high STD infection rates in the county. "Hopefully, this will add to our tools to address that. We really do think it'll make a difference in our community.'

The new unit will provide enhanced safety for the team -

have started a with their Original Tre4 Adult Skate Jams. The monthly parties drawing

Booto by Lanta Farme

Tarra

Longtime

Ellis (left) and Kitrinka Gordon

friends

hundreds attendees.

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'Grown and sexy' skate parties becoming local craze

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

As girls, longtime friends Kitrinka Gordon and Tarra Ellis say going to the local skating rink was one of the staples of their social lives.

"I lived to go to the (now defunct) Northside Family Skate Center in Winston-Salem every Saturday," said Ellis. "It was a place we could go that was just good, clean fun."

Now, the two women, both 37, are often involve a pair of four-wheeled we were younger, and I felt like people

Since last fall, Ellis and Gordon have hosted a series of "grown and sexy" get-togethers for the 25 and up crowd, known as the Original Tre4 Adult Skate Jam. The events have seen considerable success; more than 650 people flocked to Skate World in Kernersville to take part in a recent Jam. The parties run from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. and feature skating and "old school" dance contests, complete with a deejay and an emcee.

"I knew that this was something We plan to take the unit in finding that their social outings again that we really, really liked to do when

would still want to do it," Gordon said. "I felt like it was a really good idea ... but I didn't know it would get this big.

Gordon, a county employee, says the parties began when she and Ellis started finding old friends on the social networking site Facebook last year. They held several gatherings to re-connect with childhood friends, including a summertime reunion at Winston Lake. They began the skate parties in the fall as a nostalgic gathering where the group could get together and remi-

Local jobseekers plentiful at annual event



Annie Lawson (left) and Yvette Scales (far right) help See POSSE on A2 | jobseekers at the Arbor Acres booth.

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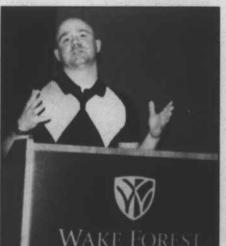
Princess Walden is among the thousands of people in the Triad

looking for work She was also among the throngs on hand Tuesday the 14th Annual Employment and Resource Fair at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum Annex hoping to find gainful employment - something that has eluded her for more than a year. Walden says not even experience - she worked in sales for three years - and education - she has a master's degree - are enough in this hellish economy. These days, Walden carries two resumes - a professional one and a watered-down version designed for the sort of jobs



Princess Walden

FROM VICTIM TO ADVOCATE



BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Jamie Nabozny spent much of his middle and high school years in Ashland, Wisc., dodging his classmates' spitballs and the myriad objects they hatefully hurled at him in the

Plaintiff in landmark school bullying case shares insight at Wake Law School

The abuse led him to contemplate suicide on several occasions, said Nabozny, who says he was teased and bullied because he is gay.

Today, that experience - and the actions Nabozny eventually took as a result - have made him a bona fide hero in the eyes of many, a beacon of personal strength for gay youth who face discrimination everywhere.

Nabozny was the plaintiff in the 1996 case, Nabozny



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A RAM THROW-DOWN

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WSSU's Red Sea of Sound marching band performs Tuesday at the Grand Opening pep rally for the BB&T Ballpark. See full story,

Jamie Nabozny speaks at WFU.





