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BARBERS TO THE RESCUE

Program gets men to think about their health while getting hair cuts

BY LAYLA FARMER
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In this city, getting a hair cut could potentially save a man's life. Cancer Services Inc. — a United Way agency that provides education — outreach and support to cancer patients and their families, recently announced the launch of its newest program, BAP CAP (Brothers Against Prostate Cancer Awareness Program). The creative initiative allows barbers to become their clients' health advocates.

BAP CAP is designed to increase awareness within the black community about the importance of being screened for prostate cancer, which



Robinson



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See Barbers on A5 Barber Thomas Warren of Mirror Images cuts Eric Norris's hair.

Volunteers hit the streets in search of the hidden homeless

BY TODD LUCK
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Seventy-five volunteers took to the street last week looking for unsheltered homeless people.

The Winston-Salem Forsyth County Homeless Council relies on volunteers to help it conduct so-called "Point-in-Time" counts, which aim to gauge the number of homeless people in the community on one particular night. Two Point-in-Time counts are conducted annually — one in the summer and one in the winter. The counts help officials to gauge the scope of the city's homeless problem.

The counts don't merely tally those who live in the local shelters and visit the Samaritan Soup Kitchen. For various reasons, many homeless people choose to live on the streets instead of at shelters. The volunteers spent several hours on the night of July 28 looking for



Photo by Todd Luck

Andrea Kurtz, Gary Pace and DeShanna Johnson search an area along a railroad track.

these men and women. When volunteers found them, they were asked to take part in an anonymous survey; offered a ride to a shelter and bags

filled with food, toiletries, a Bible and information about available services.

Volunteers of all ages, races and backgrounds gath-

ered at the Bethesda Center for the Homeless prior to the beginning of the count.

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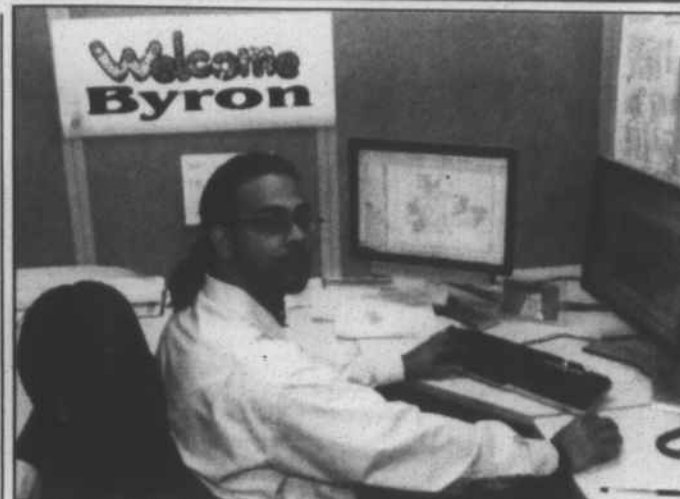


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City Project Planner Byron Brown.

'We're Hiring,' City of W-S states joyfully

Despite hiring freeze, essential jobs are still being filled

BY TODD LUCK
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Despite a hiring freeze, the City of Winston-Salem is still in search of a few good men and women.

The City halted most hirings in late 2008 in response to falling tax revenues and a looming recession, but positions deemed essential to providing services were exempted.

Even these days, more than 20 city jobs are typically posted at any one time, and the City gets hundreds of applications in response to them, according to Melissa Hasty Taylor, the city's Human Resources director.

"We're the seventh largest employer in the city," said Taylor. "We're an employer of choice. We have excellent benefits (and salaries and wonderful atmosphere in which to work."

Before the hiring freeze, the City posted 80 to 100 openings at any given time. The City is finding creative ways to put residents to work.

A construction training trainee position that just closed on Tuesday received

more than 100 applications. The opening is actually for 20 slots in a construction class, which is followed by onsite job experience. The program, which pays \$7.25 an hour, is aimed at low income residents and is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Upon completion of the program, most participants are placed in full time jobs in various City departments.

"Some of those individuals don't have anything else; and they rely on this program, and they really put everything they have into it and they've been successful," said Renay Caldwell, a Human Resources recruiter for the City.

One of the City's newest employees is Byron Brown, who now works in the Planning Department. Brown was working at the Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments' last year when he decided he wanted to do something different. He said he wasn't completely optimistic about his prospects because of the rocky state of the economy.

He'd unsuccessfully applied for a job with the

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Taylor

U.S. Rep Watt listens to veterans vent

BY LAYLA FARMER
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U.S. Rep. Mel Watt spent the day interacting with residents of his 12th Congressional District earlier this week, as part of his 14th Annual Trading Places event.

Watt uses the events to walk in the shoes of his constituents by visiting them at their places of employment and working alongside them. In the past, Watt has bagged groceries at area super markets and even spent an hour maneuvering in a wheelchair at a Winston-



Photo by Layla Farmer

Several veterans and local residents voice their concerns on Monday.

Salem agency that helps the disabled.

On Monday, Watt got to know some of Winston-

Salem's veterans as he spent an hour in conversation with them at HARRY Veterans Community

Service, Inc., a nonprofit based in the Hewitt Business Center that works

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COMMUNITY CUTIES



Photo by Layla Farmer

Kimara Sutton, 2 (left), and her little sister Kimaya, 1, were among the dozens of youngsters who enjoyed National Night Out festivities at Harambee Park on Tuesday evening. Look for more about the event in the Aug. 12 issue.

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