

Job Search Activity

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Craig's List

Description: Part Time Head Lice Removal Technicians

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Observations:

I understand that Mitt Romney is telling people to demand jobs as an alternative to food stamps as part of his presidential campaign. I wonder how he would feel about my recent letter to the Office of the Governor of New York concerning shelter staff canvassing their charges for signatures on a petition. That was the sum of my complaint against the New York City shelter system, and all though a vexing moral issue not the least bit illegal. There was also some between the lines stuff about expressing an opinion at this same shelter was all necessary to get on the wrong side of the shelter staff.

I went to the Bowery Mission for lunch on Friday. I listened to testimony concerning a pilgrimage presented by a young man at the podium. God had provided a fabulously well suited bicycle for his odyssey. If not for having been sidelined by my employer when the Department of Homeless Services transferred me to Third Street I might have made my financial goal and then climbed on a Greyhound bus. Several friends were informed by me that I needed a vacation, and one friend was informed that I wanted to go to the Rose Bowl! The "Rose Bowl" is secret code for southern California.

Slow motion creeps into the picture now. A gentleman at the Bowery Mission asks I put the envelope with the request for business attire away. Presumably I'll guess for the duration of chapel, and I laugh to myself, notice that the place is packed, and put the envelope away for another day. This is the slow motion of homelessness that only becomes exacerbating when pushed against. My case manager wants to send my back to HRA, and from HRA to Back to Work. Have you ever tried to explain to a BTW case manager that you haven't any shoes to wear under that suite of clothing that only took hours and hours of waiting for on several occasions at several different clothing rooms over the course of several weeks perhaps?

I was planning on getting side lined I told the Governor's staff in my letter, and had timed it as best I could. I had not planned on the job leads I'd been nurturing going stale though. How negligent of me not to think that an employer way out on the *other side of the hood off of the L line* isn't going to want somebody at a shelter in Lower Manhattan as an employee.