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## City to put dent in homelessness

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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The city is working on a plan to take a bite out of homelessness.

Last spring Winston-Salem received a \$500,000 U.S. Housing and Urban Development grant to use to develop a 10-year plan to eliminate so-called chronic homelessness. A Blue Ribbon Task Force on Homelessness appointed by Mayor Allen Joiner took the first steps last week toward developing that plan, which will likely draw from programs that have worked in



Malloy

other cities and initiatives that are currently successful here.

"The work we will be doing over the next three months or so is going to be intense," said City Council member Nelson Malloy, chairman of the task force. "We are not going to take this lightly."

Cities across the country are answering an urgent call from the Bush administration to develop programs to end chronic homelessness, a term coined by the federal government to

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KRT Photo

About 400 to 500 people in the city on any given night are homeless.



Photo courtesy of Kensington Books

Brenda Stone Browder is the ex-wife of J.L. King, who outed the "down-low" lifestyle.

## 'DL' HELL

Ex-wife of J.L. King has her say in book of her own

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD  
THE CHRONICLE

There are two sides to every story, and no one knows that better than Brenda Stone Browder. She's sharing her side of a story that has made national headlines, been the subject of an "Oprah Winfrey Show" segment and the scuttlebutt in beauty salons and barbershops throughout the country.

Browder was disturbed last year when J.L. King was featured on a CNN special about men living on the down low. Browder is King's ex-wife and the mother of his two children.

King has been in the national spotlight as a result of his best-selling book, "Life on the Down Low: A Journey into the Lives of 'Straight' Black Men Who Sleep with Men." The book chronicles the lifestyle of what King says is a very large fraternity of black men throughout the country.

"I knew I wanted to tell my story, but I didn't think that I could because it's not just my story. It involves some other people - my ex-husband and my children," said Browder, who has penned "On the Up and Up: A Survival Guide for Women Living with Men on the Down Low." The book hit stores on Tuesday.

"After J.L. said he was writing the book, I felt like OK, now is the time, especially after the reactions of people, knowing that there's two sides to every story and that the other side needed to be

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Photos by Kevin Walker

Left: Billy Rich, a member of the Society for the Study of Afro-American History, stands next to some of the many portraits of local black history-makers that his organization has managed to archive over the years.

Below: Thelma Morgan Hines, whose uncle was president of the Safe Bus Co., looks at a picture of one of the old jitneys.

## SNAPSHOTS OF HISTORY

SSAAH opens its vaults for exhibit

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD  
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A framed stock certificate from the Safe Bus Co. is one of the first images you'll see anchored on the wall of the Milton Rhodes Gallery at the Sawtooth Building. Through the month of February, the Society for the Study of Afro-American History in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County is displaying around 50 photographs and images from its archives that chronicle 40

years of black history in Winston-Salem.

Thelma Morgan Hines donated a copy of the share that has been in her family to the exhibit. Her uncle, Harvey Hines, was the first black president of Safe Bus Co., the African-American-owned bus company that was the precursor to the Winston-Salem Transit Authority. Morgan Hines has many fond memories riding the Safe Bus that her father drove for many

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## HAWS makes the grade with HUD

Agency is named high performer

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

If the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem (HAWS) were a student and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) were the teacher, HAWS would have gotten a big red smiley face on its latest report card.

HAWS learned last month that it had earned a score of 90



Lawrence

on HUD's annual assessment of public housing authorities throughout the country. The score has made HAWS a "high performer," the highest distinction level possible.

"We have come a long, long way," said J. Reid Lawrence, HAWS executive director. "Me and the staff are very excited about this."

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A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND



Photo by Kevin Walker

Dontayshia Grooms picks up a piece of jewelry that caught her eye Saturday during a clothes giveaway and outreach event in Piedmont Park. New World Cappadocia Outreach Center put on the event. To read more, see page C1.

## Panel: Images are important for blacks

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

When Americans turn on their televisions or pick up a newspaper, far too often the images they see of African-American men are unflattering. A panel of four black men said Tuesday that racism is only part of the reason why that is true. The men said many blacks, especially men, have fed into stereotypes through their irresponsibility or sheer buffoonery.

"Your good time is tak-

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Photo by Kevin Walker

Radio personality Busta Brawn says blacks should concentrate more on what is inside.



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