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## A new day for television

*Push is on to inform locals about impending death of analog sets*

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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In less than a year, analog television will be a thing of the past.

On Feb. 17, 2009, it will fade into history, taking its rightful place alongside 8-track tapes and corded remote controls.

As the standard of broadcasting TV signals since television was invented, analog has had a remarkably long run. Analog sets transmit sound and images differently than newer, digital sets, which have become a less clumsy and more efficient method of transmitting.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has mandated that the old signals be put to rest. All full-power television stations nationwide must be broadcasting exclusively in digital after the February deadline.

In order to access television in its new format, viewers with older televisions that do not have digital tuners must purchase a digital-to-analog converter box. Nearly half a million American viewers fall into this category. Those who utilize cable, satellite or other paid TV services don't have anything to worry about.

The cost of the box is about \$40- \$70. The U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has allotted two, \$40 coupons per household to offset the cost of the boxes.

Digital picture boasts improved color and clarity and is by all accounts superior to its predecessor - good news for consumers, says Michael Pulitzer, station manager for WXII television, which has already started to broadcast

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## Drivers forced to think creatively

*Web site helps resident form driving pools*

BY TODD LÜCK  
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For nearly 11 years, Edna Barker has been commuting from her home in Elkin to her job in Winston-Salem. That's a round-trip of 100 miles that has her driving for two hours a day.

Fed up with high gas costs and traffic congestion, Barker has formed a van pool. She will pick up fellow commuters in Elkin, dropping them off at their job sites in Winston-Salem before she goes to work. All those who take part will share in gas costs. Barker found her fellow com-



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muters at [www.SharetheRideNC.org](http://www.SharetheRideNC.org), a Web site that lets people search for other commuters looking to carpool or van pool.

"It's going to be economical; it's good for the environment; it will be good for parking," said Barker. "It's going to be good all the way around."

Barker, like many with long commutes, felt the pain at the pump as gas prices increased. Her trips had become increasingly costly. She had to fill up twice a



Photo by Todd Luck

See Drivers on A11 Edna Barker is starting a van pool.

## CHEERS FOR THE CHIEF



WSSU Photo by Garrett Garms

Winston-Salem State University Police Chief Willie Bell takes part in a toast with friends, relatives and colleagues last week during a farewell celebration held in his honor. Bell is retiring from WSSU after a decades-long career in law enforcement. Read more about last week's celebration on page A9 of this week's Chronicle.

## Partnership opens city's first Safe Haven site

*Program aims to aid communities in need*

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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The Center for Community Safety of Winston-Salem State University cut the ribbon yesterday to open the city's first Safe Haven location.

Housed in the Sarah Y. Austin Building at 2050 Big House Gaines Boulevard, the site is adjacent to the Rolling Hills community that it will serve. Rolling Hills, a low-income apartment complex, has had its share of crime and other problems.

"We see nothing but opportunity here," commented Bill McClain of Communities In Schools, one of the



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partners in the project. "The children here are vibrant, intelligent ... with the added resources ... it's going to allow our volunteers and staff an opportunity to make a difference in this community."

The Safe Haven is one of several the Center for Community Safety (CCS) and others in the Twin City East-West Partnership plan to open in the coming months.

"Twin City East-West Partnership's goal is that at least three Safe Havens are opened," said CCS Director Alvin Atkinson. "This is offi-

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Photo by Layla Farmer

Bill McClain, from right, stands with Howard Venable and Alicia Malone. All three will play a vital role with the Safe Haven project.

Photos by Kevin Walker

Dozens of people toured the new Kensington Village over the weekend, including Aleshia Archie, who is being handed a brochure by Robin Carpenter in the photo to the far right.



## SELLING A VISION

*Kensington Village tries to bury Forest Ridge legacy*

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

Walls that once provided refuge for roaches and rats have been torn down; the tattered sidewalks where drug dealers once made their living and petty thieves plotted their next targets have been yanked up; and permanent retirement has been given to the old sign that sat at the entrance and welcomed (or warned) people that they were entering one of the city's most infamous apartment communities.

To say that the former Forest Ridge Apartments on Old Greensboro Road have made a turn-around is an understatement. A multi-million dollar facelift of the complex

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