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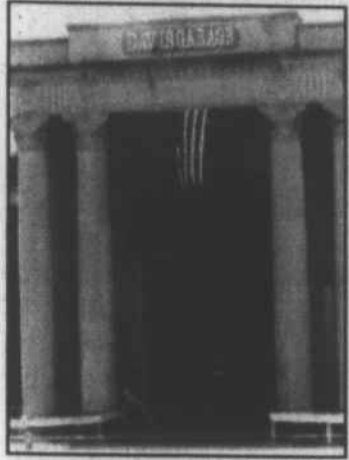
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Davis Garage was once the city's train station.

## Full Steam Ahead?

Council hears pros and cons of transit hub

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

A mass e-mail addressed to many community leaders has given rise to considerable confusion and controversy over the use of the historic Davis Garage. "Friends, this is an urgent call to all of you to please come to the public hearing on Tuesday, July 15 at 5:30, on the possible move of the Clark Campbell Transportation Center to Davis Garage on Martin Luther King Drive, Winston-Salem." the e-mail begins, "We need to pay very close attention to all of the things that the city is doing..."

Other community members weighed in as the email circulated, all expressing concern about the purported removal of the bus station - which was recently named for a black man - from the downtown location where it currently stands.

City Council Public Works Committee members Joycelyn Johnson, Evelyn Terry, Robert Clark and Dan Besse were quick to set the record straight.

"We would not sacrifice and create something new or create something to replace something that is so critical and vital to our citizens," Vice Chair Terry said of the Clark Campbell Center. "I just want to be extremely clear about the fact that we are all proud of it and there is no intention by anyone to shut it down."

As a result of the e-mail, Tuesday's Public Works

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## NAACP president is bowing out

Hairston won't seek another term as leader of local chapter

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Stephen Hairston is in the last few months of his presidency of the Winston-Salem chapter of the NAACP.

The retired police sergeant and longtime chapter member says that his name will not be on the ballot in November, when local members elect the next president to a two-year term.

Hairston has served as the organization's president since 2000. He vowed then that he would not make the presidency a second career. "I've learned some valuable lessons, but I feel ... we're at a point now where it's time for some new blood to take over," he said.

The Hairston name has long-standing ties to the local NAACP. Stephen's uncle, Patrick Hairston, served as

president of the chapter for years and got the entire Hairston clan involved with the organization.

Hairston joined the Winston-Salem police department and only had periphery involvement with NAACP until the late 1990s, when he and two other African-American officers were involved in a highly-publicized demotion.

The officers were demoted

by then-Police Chief Linda Davis, who said that the officers did not properly patrol a rowdy rap concert at Joel Coliseum. All three officers were off duty at the time and were working security at the concert as freelancers.

"We felt that (our demotions) were not justified and we fought it: The NAACP, as well as the whole community,

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Stephen Hairston



Amber Canty stands outside the Mayor's Office.

Photos by Todd Luck

## Teenagers trade their textbooks for timecards

Summer jobs program puts 175 young people to work

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

Right now 175 teenagers are working throughout the city as part of the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Demand was great for the program, but space was not. More than 650 applications were turned in to the program, which is run by the Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments. Those who were selected are placed for four weeks with an employer that matches his or her interests. Before they began work, most of the teens attended a three-day job readiness program.

Reginald McCaskill, who oversees the program, said that he was impressed with the profes-

sionalism and dedication of participants.

"Some of the comments I've gotten from some of the work sites have been remarkable," said McCaskill. "They're like 'I don't know what you all did with these people in this time period but their whole presentation is just very, very good.'"

The teens - who range in age from 15-17 and come from low and middle income families - work 20 hours a week for minimum wage. That may not sound like much, but work for young people has become so scarce that participants are happy with whatever they can get. McCaskill said he received a flood of applications from teens wanting to make money to help their families in these tight economic times. The young workers are paid through the Summer Youth Employment Program, which is funded by the city, the Work Force Development Board and corporate sponsors. In past years, the Winston-Salem Urban League has administered the pro-

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McCaskill

## SUMMER & SOMMERVILLE

Photo by Kevin Walker

Trumpeter Joey Sommerville entertains a huge crowd last Friday in Corpening Plaza during one of the Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership's weekly music events. The talented jazzman, whose latest CD is "Like You Mean It," has become a popular attraction during the city's Summer Music Series. Sommerville's appearance last year set an attendance record for the 11-year-old music series.



Photos by Kevin Walker

## KEEPIN' THEM ON TRACK

Statesville racing family spreading their love of the sport

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

In the world of sports heroes - a world dominated by Kobe, Shaq and others who need no last names - Dap Morrison is an unlikely figure. But when the 49-year-old grandfather gets behind the wheel of his race car, straps in and starts the boisterous engine, he becomes every young boy's idol.

"I am just like those guys," Morrison said of big name sports stars. "We all worked hard to get where we are, and we enjoy what we do."

That joy was evident Sunday as Morrison and members of his tight-knit Statesville family arrived in Winston-Salem to give local young people an up close and personal look at the world of professional racing. The '57 Chevy Bel Air that



See Racing on A11 Kevin Springs enjoys his time in the driver's seat.



The removeable door of the race car is seen here as Dap Morrison talks to LaShun Huntley.

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