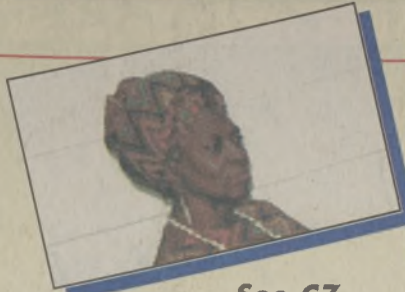


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Time is slowly ticking away for census 2000

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 running out and soon cen-
 go down in history as the
 t exhaustive effort ever to
 living man, woman and

counted.
 Officials with the local census
 office, which covers Forsyth and seven
 surrounding counties, say the hotline
 is the last resort for locals to be count-
 ed before the census machine shuts
 down until 2010.
 U.S. Sen. John Edwards made a
 stop at East Winston Primary School
 last Friday to address the urgency of
 the matter.
 "There are probably people who
 have still not been counted and we
 want to get the word out," Edwards
 said before giving out the toll-free

number.
 Edwards made his remarks in front
 of several dozen youngsters from the
 school's summer enrichment program
 and nearby Shiloan-St. Peter day care
 center. After the senator quizzed the
 children about the relevance of the
 census, he told them that an accurate
 census count could lead to more
 financial resources for schools.
 Historically, the census has under-
 counted the nation's children, espe-
 cially minority children.
 Edwards, U.S. Rep. Mel Watt and
 other politicians jumped on the census

bandwagon months ago, holding press
 conferences to promote the effort and
 making public service announcements
 for radio and television.
 Census officials said this year's all-
 out effort to make people aware of the
 census paid off.
 The local office wrapped up the
 door-to-door phase of this year's cen-
 sus operation last week. During that
 phase, nearly 1,700 enumerators
 attempted to complete census forms
 for those who did not return them.
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Sen. John Edwards, left, talks with Jimmie Bonham and Victor Johnson after a press conference.

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Members of the audience listen to a talk by businessman Joe Dudley.

Photos by Paul Collins

Spiritual Gathering

Mer Memorial hosts Western N.C. Zion Church Conference

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 just want to share with you
 God has done for me....He
 fully changed my life," busi-
 n Joe Dudley said as he
 ed a crowd of several hun-
 people Friday at Goler
 Memorial AME Zion Church, the
 the 110th session of the
 North Carolina Annual
 Conference of African Methodist
 Episcopal Zion Church. Dudley is
 president and chief executive
 of Dudley Products, a hair
 beauty products company in

Kernersville.
 "I have built my business on the
 trust of God and teachings of
 Jesus Christ. I want to tell you
 when you put your hands in the
 hands of the Man...you cannot
 help but succeed. He brought me
 from ... mentally retarded and told
 me that you could make it with
 the help of my mama. He said, 'Joe,
 I know that you are retarded but
 that's OK.'"
 Dudley later said, "Integrity is
 the doorway, gateway to wisdom,
 which is creativity."



Joe Dudley, president and chief executive officer of Dudley Products, gestures to make a point about how God has helped him overcome obstacles to success.

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Board amends GPA policy for athletes

BY SAM DAVIS
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A controversial measure
 passed late last year - designed to
 raise the standards for attendance
 and grades by students participat-
 ing in extracurricular activities in
 Forsyth County's public high
 schools - has been amended.
 Last Thursday the Winston-
 Salem/Forsyth County School
 Board voted to change the new
 guidelines before they could ever
 be implemented.
 Citing a need to stress academe-
 to student-athletes and others
 participating in extra-class activi-
 ties, the local School Board decid-
 ed last November to institute poli-
 cies more stringent than those
 imposed by the N.C. High School

Athletic Association (NCHSAA).
 It included mandating that stu-
 dents could not have more than 10
 days of absences during a semester
 and all students had to compile at
 least a 2.0 grade-point average in
 the quarter immediately preceding
 their participation in sports or
 other extracurricular activities.
 However, after much delibera-
 tion and debate among principals
 and coaches, the School Board
 decided to reconsider its position.
 According to several sources, one
 influential principal brought the
 attention back to the board after
 one particular student-athlete in
 the system failed to achieve a 2.0
 grade-point average and would
 have been ruled ineligible for the
 fall athletic season. That incident

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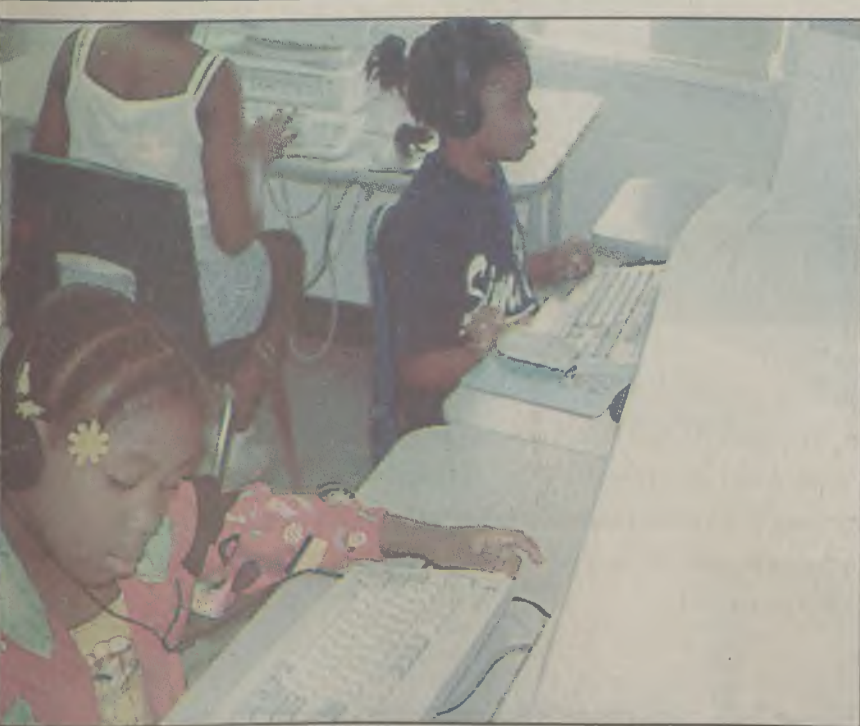
Activist group may set up branch in city

BY CHERIS HODGES
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The National People's Democ-
 ratic Uhuru Movement is a social
 organization that wants to change
 the system for poor and minority
 people across the globe.
 The group was founded in 1991
 in Chicago by the African People's
 Socialist Party. There are more
 than seven branches of the group
 across the country in cities like
 Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago
 and Tallahassee.
 Now there are plans to bring a
 branch to Winston-Salem.
 NPDUM is a group that mir-
 rors the ideology of the Black Pan-
 ther Party. The group's national
 platform includes "demands" for

community control of the police,
 democratic rights for African peo-
 ple in the United States, control
 over schools, mandatory African
 history in public schools, end to the
 court system and prison system,
 and other demands.
 The local branch of NPDUM
 will focus on problems unique to
 the city, said Storm Foreman,
 membership coordinator.
 The problems the group identifi-
 ed in Winston-Salem are police
 harassment and housing.
 According to Scimel Loyd, a
 member of NPDUM, the group
 gives a voice to the poor and
 minorities.
 "No one speaks for Africans.

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Work with SuccessMaker software at the Happy Hill Gardens computer lab. The first HAWS has opened so far.

HAWS wants to narrow digital divide

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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When it comes to people living in public housing, the so-called digital divide is more like the Grand Canyon.
 The divide has come to symbolize the growing schism between the haves and the have-nots in terms of access to computer technology. The term was first coined when it became apparent that access ramps to the Information Super Highway are too few in minority communities. The disparity is greatest for the nation's poorest citizens.
 The Winston-Salem Housing Authority is in the middle of an initiative to lessen the technology deficit for public housing residents here.
 HAWS recently opened its first computer lab in the Happy Hill Gardens community. Plans are to open a lab in the other three major public housing communities - Cleveland Avenue Homes, Kimberley Park and Piedmont Park - by year's

end.
 "Many residents do not have access to computers because they do not have transportation to get to the libraries," said Oscar Pilson, director of management information systems at HAWS.
 The lab has been a welcomed addition to the after-school tutoring program that HAWS has had in place in Happy Hill and other communities for years now.
 The lab caters to young people, though computer software is available to help adults prepare for the GED test. HAWS is hoping to expand its services for adults as the program matures, Pilson said.
 "We are starting first with the children, but this program is really in its infancy," he said.
 All the labs will offer SuccessMaker, innovative software that measures students' learning levels in math and reading and then prescribes exercises tailor-made for them.
 Pilson believes that HAWS is the first housing authority in the region to use Suc-

cessMaker. The Happy Hill lab has a computer instructor who leads the children in various applications. Three teachers are also available to the students.
 Pilson said once SuccessMaker pinpoints trouble spots for students, the teachers can "target teach." With the analysis reports from SuccessMaker, teachers can also group students together with similar difficulties.
 "(SuccessMaker) allows the teachers to move faster and the students have fewer questions," Pilson said.
 After completing a brief series of exercises, SuccessMaker can quickly determine at what grade level a student is functioning. Many of the young people who use the lab test below their grade level. Pilson pointed out several of these students as he scrolled through analysis information last week. Some students tested at several grade levels below their actual level.
 "We don't panic here," Pilson, who

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