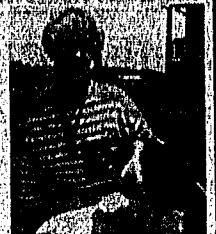


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February Start-Up For Atlas

The newest addition to Mooresville's industrial family plans to begin production by February of next year.

Atlas Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Brazil-based Petropar S.A., will begin construction on its Mooresville Business Park plant this summer. The company expects to have the 30,000-square-foot facility, located on a 10-acre industrial park tract, completed by December.

At start-up, the plant will have approximately 40 employees. Eventually, the employee total will expand to 60 or more.

Atlas, which represents Petropar's first venture in the United States, will produce spun-bonded polypropylene, a non-woven material used in furniture lining, disposable fabrics and other similar products.

The parent company, headquartered in Porta Alegre, Brazil, is among the world leaders in the production of nonwoven materials.

The company, which has already been reviewed and approved by the Iredell County industrial bonds commission, is currently seeking \$10 million to finance its local project. Atlas officials expect to have all financing in place by August of this year.

Petropar considered several locations — including a site in Rowan County — before opting

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Animal Hospital Adds Vet

Dr. Lindy A. Landron, who received her doctorate of veterinary medicine from the University of Georgia in May, has joined the staff of the Mooresville Animal Hospital.

Landron, 29, is a graduate of Coral Springs High School in Coral Springs, Fla. She holds a degree in biology from St. Leo College in St. Leo, Fla., and a degree in veterinary technology from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Ga.

A native of Anderson, S.C., Landron is the daughter of Linda Hartman of Valdosta, Ga., and Pete Landron of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Landron lived in Puerto Rico for several years and is fluent in Spanish.

Landron's interests include pet birds and exotic pets. She enjoys water sports, music and the outdoors.

Landron is engaged to be married.



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Sharon Childers exhibits new promotional logo

Mooresville Revving Up 'Winning You Over' Drive

The race for customers is on, and Mooresville area merchants are determined to win their share.

So with that goal in mind, the merchants division of the Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce has adopted "Winning You Over" as the new slogan for businesses in the Mooresville-Lake Norman area.

Tuesday morning, area business people filled the grandstand as the promotion committee dropped the green flag on the campaign plans.

Ron Johnson, chairman of the merchants promotion committee division, manned the driver's seat at the presentation. Johnson unveiled the slogan and the double checkered-flag logo designed to sell the Mooresville-Lake Norman area to regional consumers.

The goal of the committee's campaign is to spread the word about all businesses in the Mooresville-Lake Norman area

— including downtown Mooresville, properties around Interstate 77 and in other locations.

The slogan and the logo were adopted to tie-in with the community's rapidly-growing fame as a hotbed of professional racing.

While the slogan and campaign have been adopted, it will take another 90 days to finalize the strategy and put the finished product through its time trials.

But on Sept. 19, "Winning You Over" will be the Chamber's — and the local merchants' — primary goal.

In addition to Johnson, who works at Amity Finance, other committee members working on the promotional campaign, listed with their businesses, were Jeff Shoe, Mooresville Ford-Mercury; Dewain Bradley, Wal-Mart; Ray Boone, Belk department store; Dennis Spry, Classic Jewelers; and Wayne Frick, Mooresville Downtown Commission.

Changes Coming In Local Drivers' Ed. Operations

Drivers' training, 12 hours of "in-car" training offered to ninth graders in many schools across the state, is in jeopardy, according to Dr. Sam Houston, Mooresville's school superintendent.

The N.C. Board of Education recently mandated that all public school systems must take drivers' training out of the regular school day beginning with the 1991-92 school year.

The ruling came after the N.C. General Assembly shifted the funding for drivers' training from the state's public education fund to the state's highway fund.

Drivers' training is one part of a two-part drivers' education course meant to prepare 15-year-olds for their drivers' licenses.

Until now, Mooresville's ninth graders took the 12-hour, in-car segment of drivers' education during their physical education courses, like many other N.C. students. The classroom portion of drivers' education was held in the afternoons, after school.

But, the state Board of Education ruled that in-car training distracted from general education.

Mooresville's 150 to 190 ninth graders who annually take drivers' training benefitted from taking in-car training during the school day, Houston said.

The time students saved by taking the in-car portion of the course at school allowed them to obtain their learners' permits often a full year before they were eligible for their licenses, Houston said, allowing them some valuable "practice time."

"I'm afraid this is going to slow down several kids," Houston said.

Now, Houston and other N.C. school administrators are scrambling for a solution.

"We (the Mooresville school system) aren't going to be able to continue training 15-year-olds in time to give them a full year of driving on their learner's permits, and everyone is going to blame us," Houston told the Mooresville Board of Education Monday night.

Houston and the school board discussed possible solutions to the ruling, meant to keep drivers' training in the schools, but the board took no action.

Included on Houston's list of proposals is a system of "contracts" with individual students, requiring them to repay class time lost to in-car training by staying after school.

Students must spend 12 hours in a drivers' training car, six behind the wheel and six observing another student driver as part of the drivers' education course. Under Houston's proposal, students would agree to spend 12 hours staying after school, one hour at a time, to make up for time spent in the car.

Another suggestion includes extending the school day at the high school, which now has six 55-minute instructional periods, Houston said.

Mooresville school administrators have been studying the possibility of extending the school day, Houston told the school board, not only to provide drivers' training, but to improve general education.

Administrators have investigated adding 15 to 30 minutes for elementary students and up to 55 additional minutes for high school students, Houston said.

"Building on the concept that

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Merged-System Supplement Victim Of Compromise Plan

The school-financing deal cut during a June 9 secret meeting of county commissioners and school board members eliminates all supplementary funds for the consolidated Iredell County /Statesville school system.

The funding proposal unveiled during a 4 p.m. Tuesday commissioners' meeting rejects County Manager Joel Mashburn's recommended 7.5-cent supplementary tax that would have generated \$2 million for the merged system during the 1991-92 budget year.

A majority of the five-member commission opposed Mashburn's suggested supplementary tax when he presented his proposed budget in late May. Giving the special tax a "nay" were Sara Haire, Frank Mitchell and Alice Stewart. The manager's plan got the support of Chairman R.B. Sloan and Douglas Madison.

The back-to-the-drawing-board action by the majority led to weeks of intense infighting as the board has attempted to hammer out a compromise school-funding position.

Sunday, Sloan and Mitchell met in secret with school board members James Ashburn and Alan Hix, and the plan presented Tuesday was the result.

The full board took no action on the plan Tuesday. It will meet and, apparently, continue its squabbling at 7 p.m. June 18 in the old courthouse in downtown

Burlington Experiences Mixed Year

Pryor Millner, vice president of manufacturing for Burlington Industries, discussed the effects of the recession and the Persian Gulf War on Mooresville's largest employer last week during Mooresville Mills' annual Community Leaders luncheon.

Burlington's Mooresville plant has added 75 new employees since mid-1990, increasing its total work force to 1,050 employees.

New equipment at the plant demanded more workers, Millner said. The plant has added dyeing equipment from the now-vacant Cooleemee plant, new weaving equipment and two new spinning machines.

But, the profits of Mooresville's denim manufacturing operation have reflected the nation's tough economic times.

"We've got some concerns about the fourth quarter of the year, which is the denim industry's slow quarter anyway," Millner said.

The Mooresville plant's profitability fell slightly during the 1990-91 business year, Millner said, although the plant did not operate at a loss. The mill cut prices to its consumers to combat the reduced demand, a strategy the plant commonly uses.

Millner said the Mooresville plant and the denim industry has fared better than the textile industry as a whole.

Denim manufacturers, including the Mooresville plant, have worked at full capacity since mid-1990, Millner said. The Mooresville plant closed for a week in July and a few days in December, for scheduled holidays.

Although the denim industry is working at full capacity, the entire textile industry is working at only 80 percent capacity.

Burlington Industries, thanks to poor profits in the corporation's knits division and losses in the carpet and home fabrics divisions, will experience a "down year" this fiscal year, Millner said. But, the corporation will meet the obligations of its debts.

Millner attributed Mooresville's full capacity year to the plant's workers and to the plant's 60 percent "product turnover."

The plant has adapted to its ever-changing market, "turning over" old products in favor of new, easier-to-sell products. Sixty percent of the goods the plant is now producing were not being produced in Mooresville only a year ago, Millner said.

Statesville.

In place of the supplementary tax, the latest plan uses \$400,000 of county government's capital reserve to raise per-pupil allocations for current expenses from Mashburn's proposed \$660.75 to \$686. Mashburn's suggestion was an increase from the current \$629.

Current-expense funds, however, must, by law, be appropriated equally to all public school children in the county. Mooresville schools, therefore, would receive the same current-expense per-child dollars assigned to the consolidated county/Statesville unit.

This means the basic funding inequity that has existed for generations in Iredell County public education would be unchanged. Mooresville still will levy its supplementary tax, and the county still will not have a

local financial supplement.

To compound the inequity, Statesville, which has had a school supplementary tax, will lose it.

Iredell commissioners adopted a lengthy resolution in April 1990 in which they acknowledged "the moral, but not legal commitment" to provide supplementary funding for the consolidated system. The compromise now before the board eliminates the former and accentuates the later.

Some members of the Statesville/county school board believe, however, a legal case can be made for forcing county government to meet its moral commitment. At this juncture, making a legal case of the board's moral lapse appears to be the new consolidated school system's only hope of promised support.

A Disney Fantasy Awaits Local Child

By CRAIG ALLEN

Aaron Faust is seven years old, and he loves Mickey Mouse and the Hollywood Squares. But, he doesn't like taking his medicine.

He doesn't mind the needles, which come less often now; he bears them quietly, with no protest.

He doesn't mind the permanent IV tube in his abdomen or the feeding tube in his nose. But, he doesn't like the pills.

So he will take them, his mother grinds the pills into a powder and mixes them with water and feeds the solution to Aaron through his feeding tube.

The tube also provides the additional nutrition he needs, nutrition he can not get from regular eating, according to Aaron's nurse.

Aaron suffers from chronic lung and liver disease and immune deficiency. He has been ill

since he was eight months old.

He is serious beyond his seven years, even stern. His mother, Lanore Faust, said he rarely shares jokes with anyone. "He's like a twenty-year-old trapped in a seven-year-old body."

But, while Aaron is at Walt Disney World later this month, he will not wear a feeding tube in his nose. And, he will not be sick. He will be a child in a child's fantasy land.

Thanks to Wish-I-Could of North Carolina, Inc., a non-profit organization in Charlotte, Aaron and his family will depart for Disney World June 19.

They will stay five days and six nights. They plan to keep a busy schedule.

"I think we are all going to need a vacation by the time the trip is

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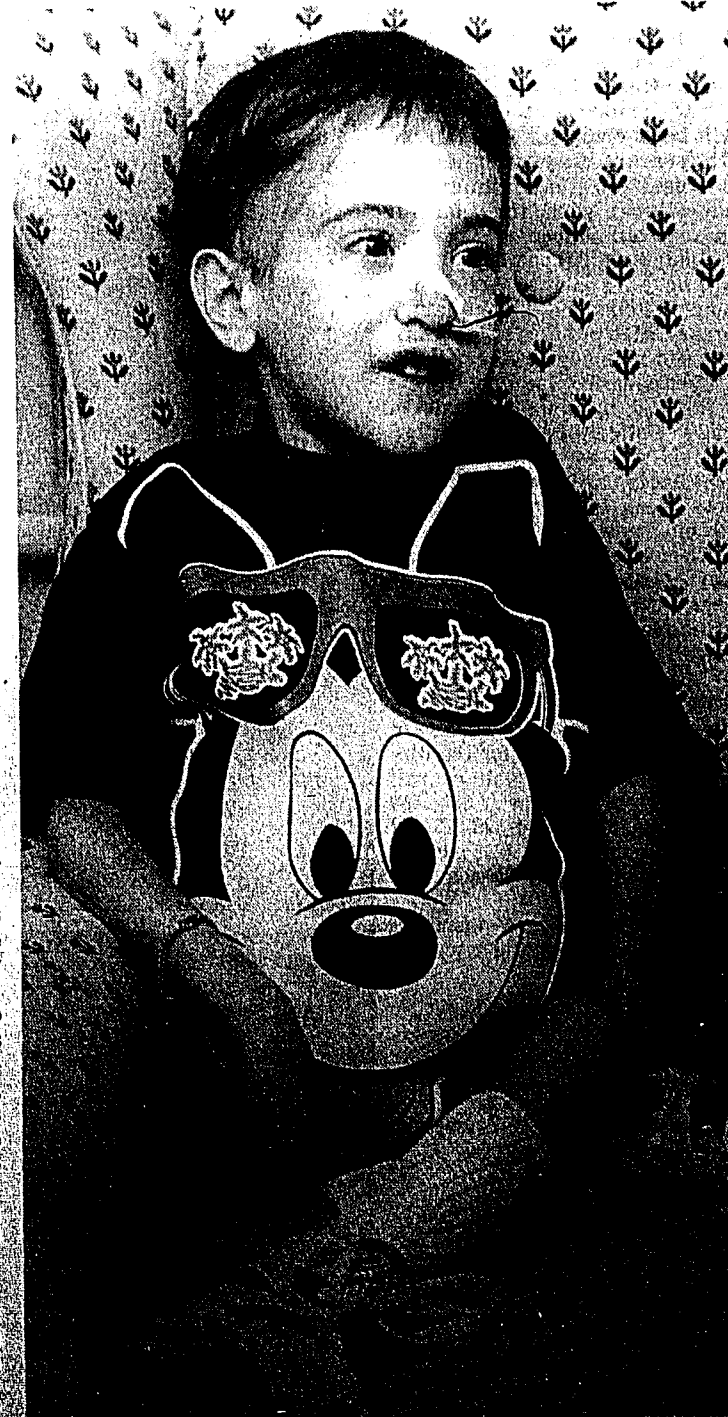


Photo by Tim Johnson

Aaron talks about meeting Mickey, other favorites