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1998 CHEVROLET S10	37,812 mi.	$8,988	Green Truck	1999 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX	45,634 mi.	$14,988	Black 2-dr Cpe	2000 FORD TAURUS	26,682 mi.	$13,988	Blue 4-dr Wagon	2001 PONTIAC SUNFIRE	28,569 mi.	$11,788	Red 4-dr sdn
1998 CHEVROLET S10	24,361 mi.	$9,988	Blue Truck	1999 PONTIAC MONTANA	34,396 mi.	$16,488	Beige MINIVAN	2000 FORD WINDSTAR	54,372 mi.	$15,988	Beige MINIVAN				

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Schools 'need an answer,' hire firm

Board says it can't wait for N.C. decision

By JAIME GATTON and MICHAEL ROESSLER

The Iredell-Statesville Schools have agreed to hire an outside firm to conduct an audit of the system, six weeks after learning that the school district's finances are in disarray.

The school board voted Monday to extend the contract of its regular auditing firm, Dixon Odom PLLC of Charlotte, to conduct a thorough review of the system's books as a result of the district's financial troubles.

The district ran up a $1.8 million deficit last year and discovered that $3 million in previously approved expenditures would have to be cut this year to achieve a balanced budget.

At its August meeting, the school board asked that State Auditor Ralph Campbell undertake an audit of the system's finances. The board asked Campbell's office to respond to the request within two weeks.

But board member Ralph Staley, who heads the board's subcommittee responsible for guiding the system's auditing efforts, said Monday that he still had not heard from Campbell's office regarding the school district's request, four weeks after the request was made.

Because Campbell's office had not yet responded to the system's request, Staley recommended the board extend Dixon Odom's contract to include a more extensive audit than normally completed. The board unanimously approved extending the firm's contract.

Staley said Dixon Odom informed him the cost to the school district for the more extensive audit will not exceed $22,500. The audit is expected to be completed by Oct. 31, Staley said.

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The balloons are back!

28th National Balloon Rally lifts off Friday

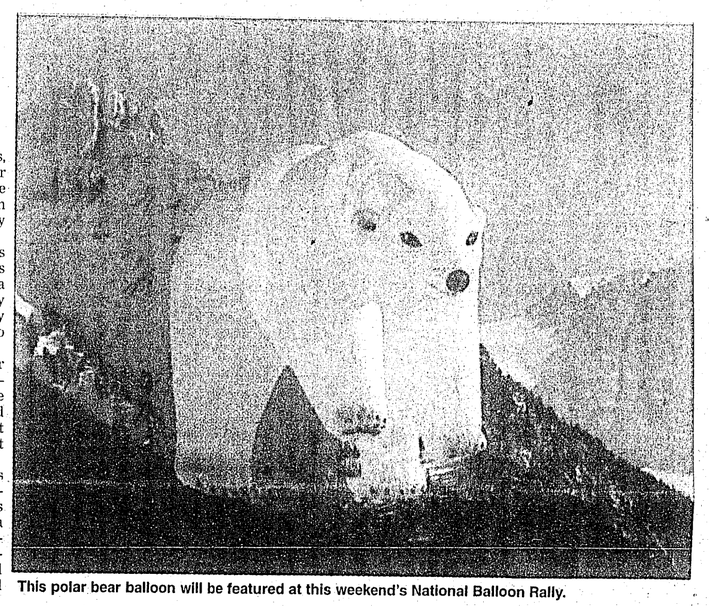
Animals — inflatable ones, at least — will fill the air this weekend during the 28th annual National Balloon Rally at the Iredell County Fairgrounds in Troutman.

Among the 40 hot-air balloons on hand for competitive launches Friday through Sunday will be a giant polar bear, along with Tony The Tiger, Dimples, Humpty Dumpty, Panda Bear and Cargo Lifter.

The appearance of another highly anticipated balloon — shaped like a huge space shuttle — was canceled after it suffered extensive damage during a fire at an Illinois balloon rally late last month.

Along with the hot-air balloons this weekend, the rally will feature arts and crafts, children's rides, food concessions, games, a free petting zoo, and tethered balloon rides for spectators. Two special "moon glow" inflations will also be made at Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Musical entertainment will feature the Embers on Friday at 6 p.m., while and the G-Men Saturday at 2 p.m. The O'Kaysions will play two shows Saturday at 3 and 6 p.m., with the Band of Oz performing Sunday at 3 p.m.



This polar bear balloon will be featured at this weekend's National Balloon Rally.

Advance tickets are still being sold at most area BB&T locations for $5. Tickets at the gate are $5 Friday and $10 Saturday and Sunday. There will be no refunds. Children under 6 are free.

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3 charged in phoning threat to high school

By JAIME GATTON

Three local teens have been arrested following a bomb threat phoned in to Mooresville High School.

Kristjan Michael Whiting, 17; Terry Mitchell Hammons, 18; and a 14-year-old whose name is being withheld because he is a minor, were arrested last week and charged in connection with the Aug. 29 crime, which began with a call placed from a Broad Street pay phone.

Whiting and the juvenile face felony charges in the bomb threat. The juvenile is a student in the Mooresville schools; the other two are not, said Mooresville Police Chief John Crone.

According to police reports, the threat was called into the high school coaches' office at 12:28 p.m. — and was likely the cause of a copy-cat bomb threat called into

• County schools take action, too.
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New downtown zoning code approved

By MICHAEL ROESSLER

Mooresville town commissioners approved a new downtown zoning code this week, despite promises from a mayoral candidate that he would go to the courts to get the new zoning declared illegal.

The Mooresville Town Board unanimously approved the Downtown Development Code at its Monday meeting. Commissioners Frank Owens and Gene Brannon were absent.

The new code, which covers the downtown area as well as the neighborhood around the former Lake Norman Regional Medical Center building, differs from traditional zoning. Traditional zoning designates certain areas of town appropriate for certain kinds of development, such as residential, commercial, and industrial. The new downtown code emphasizes design criteria — architectural requirements and orientation of buildings to each other, for instance — and encourages mixed development in areas.

Those at the meeting who voiced support for the new plan outnumbered those opposed by a 2-1 margin.

Dale Caudle, who lives in the affected area, said she supports the plan. "The changes that are being proposed are positive changes because they're thinking about the future," she said.

Margaret Patterson, who also lives in the area, agreed. "I'm pleased with the plan you've

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Bringing back '50s memories

Mooresville's Betty Lilley, 77, won Saturday's 1950s costume contest in downtown Mooresville, sponsored by Wise Florist, Whit Miller's Shoe Repair and Pegram Insurance. With Jean Miller (left) and Cansas Graham of Wise Florist.

Downtown merchants also dressed up in 1950s attire and rolled back the price of food and fun 5 decades

Nuisance tradition continues at MHS

By JAIME GATTON

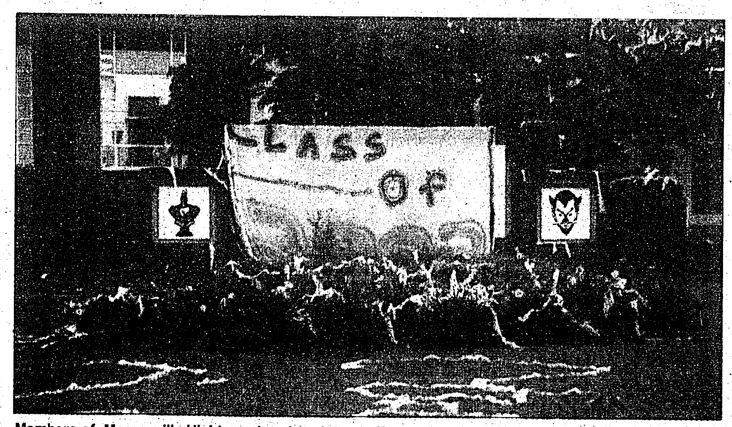
It's a little early in the school year, but last week senior pranksters continued what seems to be a tradition at Mooresville High.

When students arrived at school on Tuesday, they were greeted with flowing toilet paper blowing from bare tree limbs and streamed across bushes and the front lawn. And nobody had to guess who the perpetrators were, for they boldly left their evidence hung across the school's front-yard sign: A banner which proclaimed "Class of 2002."

But Tuesday's toilet paper just added to the mess that was still around from the previous week's roll.

John Streb, first-year principal at Mooresville High School, is taking it all in stride. "Well, it's just the students' exuberance," he said. "It's kind of become their rites of passage."

Though he agrees it's a little early in the year for the annual senior prank, he said, "From what I understand, it's gone on for a number of years, and it sort of becomes tradition. I think everybody has



Members of Mooresville High's senior class left a 'toilet paper' signature

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