



### Lake Norman Lions install new officers

William Bitters (third from right) was installed as new president of the Lake Norman Lions Club recently, leading a slate of new 2001-02 officers. Also pictured are (from left) past district governors Jerry Austin and Willie Hudson, 1st vice president Helen Hudson, 1-year director Wayne Farley, 1-year director Clarence McGee, Tail Twister Gene Norris, Treasurer Mike Sabagh, Secretary Duncan McDuffie and 2nd vice president Jim Telford. Not pictured are Lion Tamer Don Smith, and 2-year directors Henry Deal and JoAnn Deal. The club meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Lions hut on McKendree Road. Details: Call William Bitters at 704-660-1958.

### Business in brief

#### Architects chosen

Construction has begun on phase one of the Design Center of Lake Norman, in the former Troutman Shirt Factory building on Mooresville's north side. The Center is planned as a collection of businesses to provide one-stop shopping in all phases of new and renovation home construction from exterior products and services to interior finishing goods, such as flooring and fixtures. As part of the renovation of the old 84,000-square-foot warehouse, the Town of Mooresville is widening Patterson Street.

wide speed-of-service contest among Burger King sites — particularly at the drive-through windows. Vasquez's store recorded an average transaction time of 62.67 seconds during the contest period, which ran from last August through April 2001.

#### Investment on air

Timothy Portelance, a Mooresville investment representative for Edward Jones, plans to offer free informational broadcasts on investment-related topics via Jones' private satellite network. Details: Visit [www.edwardjones.com](http://www.edwardjones.com)

#### Burger King queen

Linda Vasquez, manager of Mooresville's Burger King restaurant at 303 E. Plaza Dr., has been named one of Burger King's top 40 managers in the U.S. The honor followed a nation-



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## Capital roll call

Look at how our area's state legislators voted in Raleigh during the past week:

#### N.C. House

SB11 — Elections Changes (House Version). Amends the state elections laws to include procedures for filling vacancies among party nominees, procedures for providing notice of precinct and voting place changes, a date by which absentee ballots must be available for voting and procedures for mandatory recounts. Introduced by Sen. Wib Gulley, D-Durham. Adopted 103-6. Sent back to the Senate for concurrence. YES: Mitchell Setzer, Frank Mitchell.

SB34 — Continuing Budget Authority (House Version). Provides that the present level of state spending shall continue until Aug. 29 unless a new budget is enacted. Introduced by Sen. Aaron Plyler, D-Union. Adopted 113-1. Sent back to the Senate for concurrence. YES: Mitchell Setzer, Frank Mitchell.

SB144 — Streamlined Sales and Use Tax (House Version). Enables North Carolina to enter the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax agreement in order to establish uniform sales tax definitions and to collect sales tax from out-of-state merchants who sell products to citizens of North Carolina. Introduced by Sen. John Kerr, D-Wayne. Adopted 86-20. Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Frank Mitchell, NO: Mitchell Setzer.

SB157 — Dietetics/Nutrition Fees: Authorizes the Board of Dietetics/Nutrition to increase fees for initial application up to \$100, license renewal up to \$125, issuance of a license up to \$200 and for a provisional license up to \$100. Introduced by Sen. Aaron Plyler, D-Union. Adopted 96-13. Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Mitchell Setzer, Frank Mitchell, NO: Mitchell Setzer.

SB278 — Tiered Gasoline/License Suspension: Provides that persons convicted of a second or subsequent offense involving the theft of motor fuel shall have their driver's license revoked. Introduced by Sen. Kay Hagan, D-Guilford. Adopted 95-17. Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Mitchell Setzer, Frank Mitchell.

SB817 — Building Code (House Version). Exempts businesses that sell firearms or ammunition from part of the State Building Code if the business is in a building that is contained on one floor and is less than 10,000 square feet and the building is equipped with approved smoke, fire and intrusion alarm systems. Introduced by Sen. Tony Rand, D-Cumberland. Adopted 110-0. Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Mitchell Setzer, Frank Mitchell.

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#### N.C. Senate

SB34 — Continuing Budget Authority: Provides that the present level of state spending shall continue until Aug. 29 unless a new budget is enacted. Introduced by Sen. Aaron Plyler, D-Union. Adopted 44-0. Sent to the House for consideration. YES: Cal Cunningham, Jim Forrester.

HB570 — Tar-Pamlico Agricultural Rule (Senate Version): Authorizes the Environmental Management Commission to enact the nutrient sensitive waters management plan and directs the Soil and Water Conservation Commission to approve best management practices and a nutrient loading point system for pasture-based production and management of livestock. Introduced by Rep. Gordon Allen, D-Person. Adopted 47-0. Sent back to the House for concurrence. YES: Cal Cunningham, Jim Forrester.

HB977 — Early Voting: Removes the excuse requirement from absentee voting. Introduced by Rep. Martin Nesbitt, D-Buncombe. Adopted 47-0.

Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Cal Cunningham, Jim Forrester.

HB1052 — Low-speed Vehicles (Senate Version). Adds golf carts that do not exceed 20 miles per hour and utility vehicles that are used for maintenance, security, recreational and landscaping purposes to the list of low-speed vehicles. Introduced by Rep. Rex Baker, R-Stokes. Adopted 47-0. Sent back to the House for concurrence. YES: Cal Cunningham, Jim Forrester.

HB1084 — Equitable Distribution (Senate Version). Clarifies that an action for equitable distribution does not abate upon the death of a party. Introduced by Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange. Adopted 46-1. Sent back to the House for concurrence. YES: Cal Cunningham, Jim Forrester.

HB1157 — Enforce Tax Compliance: Establishes that taxes on trademark income and franchise taxes apply equally across corporate assets and conforms the corporate dividend treatment to generally accepted formula used in other states. Adopted 39-8.

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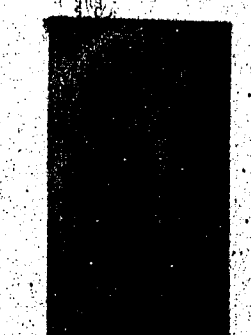
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