

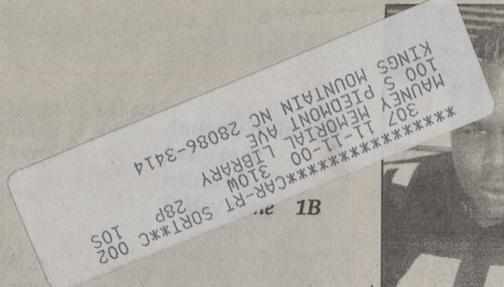
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## Weapon found at KMHS

A pellet gun was taken from a student's car Tuesday afternoon in the parking lot at Kings Mountain High School.

According to Supt. Bob McRae, the incident is still under investigation but it doesn't appear the students intended to use the gun to cause any harm.

But from a "legally defined perspective," McRae said the pellet gun is still considered a weapon and comes under school policy for possible suspension.

Principal Phil Weathers is evaluating the circumstances and will make a recommendation to the Board of Education. The students could be suspended from 10 days to the remainder of the school year.

## KM man faces multiple charges in store incident

BY ALAN HODGE  
Staff Writer

A Kings Mountain man who allegedly went on a rampage in Falls Superette store last Thursday has been charged with several crimes in connection with the attempted robbery. Still in Cleveland Memorial Hospital with a bullet wound in the stomach he received from store owner Bill Cashion, 18-year-old David Allen Glover has been charged with assault and injury, simple assault, attempted common law robbery, and attempted second degree murder.

The action began when Glover allegedly entered the store at the corner of Lake Montonia Drive and N.C. 161, and attacked former Cleveland County Commissioner Joyce Cashion. Attempting to aid his wife, Bill Cashion came out from behind the deli counter and joined the fray. After fighting with Glover, Bill Cashion broke free and grabbed a .38 caliber pistol. Seconds later, Glover took a bullet to the stomach and ran out the door.

"He came in with a net over his head and screaming he was going to take everything and kill us," Joyce Cashion said. "He was acting real crazy."

After being shot, Glover made his way to 124 Hillway Drive, where he was found by officers.

"We had seen him in the store before," Cashion said. "He had been living around here for a couple of months."

Glover has been arrested before on charges ranging from breaking and entering in 1997, to possession of marijuana and resisting arrest.

"My husband and I are alright, except for a few bumps," Cashion said as she nursed a very badly bruised arm. "You like to think that things like this don't happen, but they do. We're lucky it wasn't any worse."

## Veterans Day service set at Mountain Rest

The city will sponsor a Veterans Day service November 11 at 11 a.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mayor Scott Neisler will lead the service, assisted by members of the American Legion and VFW.

The public is invited.

# Deregulation could be costly

## Buy back would add \$2-\$3 to bill

By GARY STEWART  
Editor of The Herald

A proposal by Duke Power and Carolina Power & Light to buy back power plant shares they sold to 51 cities more than two decades ago and purchase the cities' electricity distribution

systems could cost Kings Mountain electrical customers over \$3 million over the next 17 years.

The debt of those 51 cities - of which Kings Mountain is not a part - has ballooned to over \$6 billion.

The cities bought into "generation" of power when the Catawba Nuclear Plant was constructed. Over the years a myriad of situations, including a lack of expected growth, construction costs, and the Three Mile Island catastrophe, contributed to the debt. Since bond money was used to build the fa-

ilities, the cities had to look to the state to resolve the problem.

Selling the assets of the Municipal Power Agencies would come to about \$3 billion, leaving another \$3 billion to be passed along to customers over a 17-year period. Based on estimates, the fee would range from \$2 to \$3 on a typical residential bill and a 4% to 5% for industrial customers.

While forcing rate payers to help pay off the debt would be unpopular, CP&L spokesman Keith Poston said "it's inevitable that there will have to be some sharing of this debt."

Duke and CP&L pointed out that electrical customers in the 51-city MPA have higher rates than other cities in North Carolina and propose that those customers' rates be frozen for a three-year period. After that time, their rates would drop to the level of other Duke and CP&L customers in North Carolina.

According to Kings Mountain City Manager Jimmy Maney, the proposal would not affect Kings Mountain customers as far as the sale of the shares, but the \$2 to \$3 monthly transition charge would be mandated by

the state and the city would have no choice but to pass along the fee.

"The position of the non-power agency cities, along with their customers, is why should we be just as responsible for the debt when we didn't have anything to do with this?" said Maney.

Maney said Kings Mountain has about 5,000 electric customers. Based on a \$3 monthly increase over a 17-year period, Maney said Kings Mountain customers would pay about

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## ELECTION '99



New Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey gets a hug from wife Sandra after win in Tuesday election

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## Murphrey elected KM Mayor,

By ELIZABETH STEWART

Ward 5 city councilman Rick Murphrey beat four other challengers Tuesday as Kings Mountain voters elected him mayor, ousted incumbents Phil Hager and Jerry Mullinax, reelected three and seated four new councilmen.

The new faces on the seven member city council are Jim Guyton, Ward 2, who defeated Mullinax 171-110; Rev. Howard Shipp, Ward 1, who defeated Hager; Carl DeVane, Ward 5; and former at-large councilman Dean Spears, unopposed in Ward 4.

Incumbent Clavon Kelly was unopposed in Ward 3, and incumbents Bob Hayes and Gene White were elected to at-large seats with Hayes the top votegetter leading a field of seven candidates.

"I've worked hard," said an elated Murphrey, who said he felt very humble and thankful for the support and vote of confidence.

"As we move forward we will work even harder to make Kings Mountain an even better place to live," said Murphrey who said he is excited about the potential to "sell" Kings Mountain as a growing community.

Former mayor Kyle Smith, who ran second with 629 votes to Murphrey's 769, and mayor protem Norma Bridges, who placed third with 455 votes, said they were disappointed with Tuesday's voter turnout.

Mrs. Bridges, the only woman on the council, acknowledged the support of citizens during her long tenure on the board.

"At 72 I think it's time for me to retire," said Smith. Placing fourth and fifth were Pee Wee Hamrick and Ted Chandler.

While congratulating Guyton, Mullinax said he credited his loss to several negative votes he cast on major issues. "Jim Guyton is hard to beat, he was fair and treated me right," said Mullinax.

The Ward 2 race was a replay of an unusual election in 1998. Mullinax defeated challenger Guyton by one

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## Putnam, Miller elected to Board of Education

Stella Neisler Putnam swept all precincts as the top vote-getter in Tuesday's Kings Mountain Board of Education race, leading two challengers as voters ousted veteran board member B. S. Peeler and reelected incumbent Shearra Miller.

By their vote on Tuesday District School patrons at the polls gave the majority on the school board to women. Other members of the board are Ronnie Hawkins, chairman; Dr. Larry Allen and Melony Bolin.

"I am very humbled by the overwhelming support I received at the polls Tuesday," said an excited Putnam, who sees her new position as "a whole different perspective."

A political newcomer, Putnam received 1,926 votes. Incumbent Shearra Miller kept her seat with 1,293 votes. Peeler finished third with 1,207 votes in the race for two inside city seats on the board.

The school board race was comparatively low-key, with each candidate citing the need to find classroom space for Kings Mountain's growing school population.

Putnam has been a frequent participant at school board meetings over the years and has been active in school events. She and her husband, Gerald, have a seventh grader Russ who is a student at the Middle School. Their daughter, Lee, graduated last year from Kings Mountain High School and is a student at UNC in Charlotte.

"This is something I have always wanted to do and I am so happy for the opportunity," said Putnam.

Putnam has served on the Character Education Task Force and the Task Force on Student Behavior and has been a leader in the effort to build a children's wing at Mauney Memorial Library.

She campaigned to "focus on our children, support our teachers and staff and listen to our community."

## Senior Center to be named for Patrick

BY ALAN HODGE  
Staff Writer

The new \$1.2 million Kings Mountain Senior Center will be named the "H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life & Conference Center," it was announced Friday at a meeting of the Senior Center fund-raising committee. The meeting at Mauney Memorial Library also saw Mary Helen Patrick, become the campaign's largest private contributor when she presented Senior Center Director Monty Thornburg with a check for \$150,000.

"This is a wonderful gift," Thornburg said of Patrick's contribution. "It happened so quickly. We appreciate this contribution that will benefit the whole community."

The contribution was made in honor of the late H. Lawrence Patrick, CEO and founder of Patrick Yarn Mills, Inc., an international textile manufacturing firm headquartered in Kings Mountain. Patrick was a Marine Corps officer in WWII and the Korean War. He was a graduate of Davidson College with a bachelor of science degree in physics and a master's degree in industrial engineering from Georgia Tech University. Patrick passed away in 1997 at the age of 75.

"We have watched the present Senior Center and the good work that goes on there," Mary Helen Patrick said. "We wanted to help the new facility with a contribution in memory of my husband."

In addition to the Patrick gift, Cleveland County Commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday night to give the new Senior Center \$150,000.

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## Bill Favell elected new Grover mayor

GROVER - A light turnout of voters Tuesday elected a new mayor and three council members.

Councilman Bill Favell received 88 votes to Robbie Side's 58 to win election as Grover mayor. Bill Willis announced last week he was withdrawing from the race. Willis received four votes.

Incumbent councilman Jack Herndon easily won reelection and was the top votegetter with 114 votes. Robert Hunt, also running for a full term council seat, garnered 109 votes.

Current mayor Max Rollins, who received 74 votes, and Chuck Potts, who received 66 votes, were elected to fill unexpired terms which end December 1, 2001.

In Waco, Horace Lutz was elected mayor with 57 votes. Hill Carpenter placed second with 30 votes. Larry Klemm, with 55 votes, and Charles Ross, with 54 votes, were elected aldermen. Alesia W. Sauls placed third in this race with 32 votes.



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