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Weather Wednesday: high 69, low 38, hum. 72%.

Religious items sold by television evangelists through the mail or at crusade appearances may be taxed by states just like any other merchandise, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday. The court said such taxes do not violate religious freedom and unanimously upheld lower court rulings that forced the Louisiana based Jimmy Swaggart Ministries to pay \$183,000 in back taxes to California.

Superior Court in Media, Pa. has set Feb. 15 as the date to hear the appeal of Paul Patchel, a Media attorney facing 23 months to five years in jail for the 1988 hit and run deaths of Hazel B. Fox, 52, of Tryon and Ruth Wright, 60, of Union Mills. The two women were killed instantly when Patchel's car, going about 50 mph, hit them along Baltimore Pike in Delaware county, witnesses said.

The price of coffee will go up. A group of Michigan researchers has conducted a study which suggests coffee keeps sex drive perking into old age. In a study of nearly 800 people aged 60 and over who live in Washtenaw

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Taxpayers Association Meeting

The fourth general meeting of the newly organized Taxpayers Association of Polk County was held on Wednesday evening, January 17. Over 30 people were in attendance.

Chairman Walt Hamill suggested that in order to have an impact on Polk County government bodies who create and spend our tax dollars, that the Taxpayers Assoc. will need to expand to several hundred members. It was suggested that every member bring at least one new member to every meeting.

The agenda for the meeting included reports on the Polk County School Board, the County Commissioners, and the County Fire Districts.

Hamill reported on the Special School Board Meeting of January 16th when three Construction Management firms were interviewed. Hamill was favorably impressed in using this building approach which should reduce the costs of a general contractors fee of 8% to 15% to 3% to 4%.

As reported in the January 18th Bulletin, "They said experience has shown that most school systems take the savings and reinvest the money in the project, rather than returning the savings to the taxpayers." This is a concern of the Taxpayers Association. Another concern is the lack of attention given to other suggestions to reduce the

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Father Charged In 2-year-olds Death

The body of a small boy, believed to be two-year-old Nathan Adam Hill, was taken from the morgue at St. Luke's Hospital to Chapel Hill Thursday where the state's chief medical examiner was performing an autopsy.

Nathan's father, James Christopher Tucker, 28, was charged with second degree murder Wednesday evening after confessing to the crime during a long interview with State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) officers.

Second degree murder occurs when a person kills another with malice. It is unlike first degree murder in that premeditation does not have to be proved. Tucker was being held in Polk County Jail Thursday in lieu of \$500,000 bond.

Nathan Adam Hill, reportedly missing since the day before Thanksgiving, would have been three years old February 16. He was found Thursday at about 3 p.m. in a four-foot grave at the bottom of an embankment behind Tucker's mobile home on Howard Gap Road, Tryon.

Police found the burial site using Tucker's directions. "You couldn't see any earth had been moved," Polk County Sheriff Boyce Carswell said. "We would have never found it."

Police continued to gather evidence from Tucker's trailer and property on Thursday.

Although at presstime no

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FENCE Fund Drive Makes Goal

Clearing the final hurdle, the 1989 FENCE Fund Drive has reached its goal of \$25,000 to help meet operating expenses, according to Nancy Mahler and Carol Sauter, co-chairmen for this year's drive.

"Once again the people of this community have supported the annual Fund Drive for FENCE," said Nancy Mahler. "We have met our goal and we want to sincerely thank all who made this possible. We couldn't do it without you."

FENCE, a not-for-profit organization, is financed by private funds, supported by those who feel that it is a major asset to the community's quality of life.

"That this community supports all the worthy causes it does say a great deal about the people here," Nancy added. "Hooray for you! And hooray for the many volunteers who have made FENCE what it is today." Hooray for FENCE!"

Achieving the Fund Drive goal means that the nature education programs for both children and adults can be enlarged still further, as well as the wildlife preservation efforts and recreational facilities.

Spring will bring a full schedule of programming through the public is reminded that every day, all year long, FENCE is open free to the public. For further information, call FENCE, 859-9021. — Reporter