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Weather Thursday: high 65,
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Iran-Contra middleman Albert Hakim was placed on two years probation and fined \$5,000 Thursday after giving up his claim on what prosecutors said was \$7.3 million in arms-deal profits now frozen in Swiss accounts. Richard Janis Hakim, lawyer, said his case was "a monument to the hypocrisy of a system that permits individuals" to face criminal charges after they "in good faith carry out the requests of their government."

The Cat Scan Unit is being put into place at St. Luke's Hospital.

Today from 2:30 to 6 p.m. the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Parish House of the Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Tryon.

Today at 12 noon is the final filing date for local offices.

Tonight at 7 o'clock the Polk County Board of Education meets in Executive session and at 7:30 will meet in open session at Stearns Education Center.

Tonight at 7:30 the Polk County Commissioners meet at the Commissioners Conference Room in the courthouse annex.

Some unusual and attractive note cards are now available. The

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Landrum Lions Meet Tuesday

The Landrum Lions Club will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Landrum Civic Center. Larry R. Swartz, CPA of Tryon and auditor for the City of Landrum will be the guest speaker.

Steal From Church

A thief or thieves broke into the First Baptist Church in Landrum during the night of Thurs. Jan. 25th. Entry was made by breaking a pane in the basement door and then used a hammer to break into the church office. The office was ransacked and taken was the petty cash, TV and VCR and a box of church keys.

The Landrum Police are investigating the breaking, entering and larceny.

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Joel Henson, of Landrum are parents of a son, Phillip Joel Henson, II, born Jan. 26 at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. He has a sister, Christin Danielle, age 2.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tucker of Landrum. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Marian Tucker of Landrum and Mrs. Kathleen Goodwin of Rockvale, Col.

Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Edith Gilbert of Tryon and John Earl Henson of Landrum. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Virgil Henson of Tryon.

Columbus Starts Work On Sign Ordinance

Columbus Town Councilman Dr. Thomas V. Bolling Thursday night continued his efforts to move the council towards adoption of a sign ordinance.

Since taking his seat on the board in November, Bolling has at each meeting raised the question. His efforts Thursday were rewarded with an assignment: "You come up with an ordinance that is acceptable to business and townspeople."

On a motion made by Councilman Robert E. Ormand, Bolling and Town Administrator Butch Smith were assigned to a committee to draft a sign ordinance for Columbus.

Bolling said rather than he and Smith working alone, he intends to consult business people, including the members of the merchant's association.

"Somewhere, somehow, we have to start saying what we want in the appearance of the town," Bolling said. He said he has reviewed ordinances from Raeford, Tryon, Biltmore and the ordinance considered by Columbus four years ago which was never acted upon.

Ormand, however, expressed some concern about adopting any ordinance.

"Anytime you read where a town has adopted a sign ordinance, you read where they've had problems," he said.

Town Attorney Chris Callahan, who also represents Lake Lure,

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Favorable Light Shed On Columbus

The Columbus Mayor and Town Council graciously accepted a bit of praise Thursday night after it was announced that old-timey streetlights were going up.

"I think the mayor and council ought to be commended for the initiative and good judgment you're showing in taking steps to show Columbus as the up and coming place it is," said Homer A. Jones during the public comment portion of the council meeting.

Mayor Paul T. Smith suggested that the town hold a "lamplighting" party sometime once the 16 lights are installed.

The lights look like antique gaslights, although they are electrically powered.

In other business:

The council asked Town Administrator Butch Smith to continue to work with the county to determine the town's role in the countywide recycling effort.

Smith said he anticipates signing only a three to six month contract with the county to try out the program.

The council began considering building a sidewalk from the First Baptist Church to the Food Lion shopping center.

Mayor Smith said, "We feel like it's a needed sidewalk. Something needs to be done in the near future if it doesn't cost too much."

The council talked about a regular sidewalk, versus a more

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