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Weather Monday: high 86, low 53, hum. 60%. Tuesday was another summer day. It seems strange to have the air conditioner going instead of the furnace.

The governorship in North Carolina is the third weakest in the nation, just ahead of Texas and Rhode Island, according to a study released Monday the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research.

Haitian disposed ruler Lt. Gen. Prosper Avril flew into exile in Florida on Monday and the army indicated he would be replaced by Supreme Court Justice Ertha Pascal-Trouillot. She will be the first woman president in Haiti's troubled 186-year history.

A former Food Lion employee filed a federal class action lawsuit against Food Lion Monday, alleging the company has illegally denied workers retirement and health benefits.

The N.C. State Parole Commission has denied parole for the third consecutive year for William Fred Constance, who is serving a life sentence for the 1976 murder of Saluda Police Chief Andrew Williams, according to William's daughter,

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Moratorium Placed On Lake Lanier

The relationship of cross-state-line neighbors has become a challenging one in Tryon in recent days.

It was tested further Monday night when the Tryon Board of Commissioners decided to place a moratorium on Lake Lanier building and cease fire protection in Greenville County by July 1991.

Recently the Polk County School Board considered another aspect of the relationship and decided to charge a modest tuition to South Carolina transfer students.

The moratorium on Lake Lanier building was effective Tuesday.

Mayor Robert M. Neely told the commissioners that he and Town Manager Barry G. Richards had met at Lake Lanier Tea House with Greenville County planning director and county attorney to discuss the town's concerns with protecting the quality of its drinking water source, Lake Lanier.

The town has for some time been concerned about small lot owners taking liberties with their boat houses by building on party rooms and installing portable toilets.

The lake bed is owned by the Town of Tryon, and the town might take control of the situation by beginning to issue building permits, Richards told the commissioners.

However, he said Tryon and Greenville officials agreed at

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Polk County Spelling Champions



Zeke Graves, an eighth grader from Tryon Elementary School, won the Polk County Spelling Bee on March 7 by correctly spelling "volatile" and "lectern." He will compete against champions from school systems throughout the state on March 30 at the annual Charlotte Observer Spelling Bee at Discovery Place in Charlotte.

Seventh grader Hannah Rogers, winner of the Tryon Elementary Spelling Bee in February, came in second, missing the word, "volatile."

Third was Evalena Breedlove, the eighth grade Polk Central champion, who misspelled, "suffocate."

Other words missed by the contestants, all in grades four through eight, included, "selectivity," "genetic," "threaten," "governor," "belligerent," and "chalice."

The twelve contestants at the

Polk County Spelling Bee, champions and runners-up from spelling bees conducted at their own schools during the month of February, competed in the auditorium at Stearns Education Center before an audience composed of students and parents.

John Calure, managing editor of the "Thermal Belt News," was the caller. Judges were Elizabeth Correll, retired school administrator, Edna Michael, retired teacher, and Phyllis Rutledge, chairman of St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary. Polk Central librarian Tom Edwards served as recorder.

Each contestant was awarded a trophy from Charles Neff, representing the Tryon-Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce.

The champion received a plaque from Jeannie Martin,

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