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Weather Monday: high 71, low 42, hum. 50%. Tuesday at 7 a.m. the precipitation was .01. Monday night and Tuesday was windy.

The Soviet government sharply increased its pressure on Lithuania Monday, ordering its ministries to step up protection of vital Soviet installations in the republic and forbidding them "to enter into any negotiations whatsoever" with the Lithuanian Government about transferring control of Soviet enterprises to its authorities.

In the year since the tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground, experts estimate there have been approximately 10,000 accidents that have polluted land and water with 15 million gals. of oil. For every widely reported oil spill, there are 1,000 others that attract very little attention, the Wilderness Society said in a report Monday.

Sewage dumped at sea poses a significant health risk to seafood lovers and swimmers who can pick up bacteria and viruses, said Professor Alasdair McIntyre of the University of Aberdeen in Scotland, chairman of a 20 member panel.

A piece of jade weighing 260 tons was found in northeastern

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Mobile Homes Under Scrutiny

Polk County tax administrator Clarence Wilson told the county Board of Commissioners Monday that some mobile homes in the county are not being taxed.

Wilson told the board that most mobile homes were probably added to the tax records in 1985, when the county revaluation took place. But since then, he said he's not sure how many new mobile homes have been added to the tax records.

"132 of 240 we recently checked were not," Wilson said. He suggested that the county implement some policy that would require all new mobile homes to be checked in with the tax officer before utilities can be hooked up.

The board agreed. "We certainly want to see all property on the books," board chairman Jeannie Martin said.

Landrum Blanks Dixie 3-0

The Landrum Cardinals defeated Dixie 3 to 0 Monday afternoon at Landrum. Kevin Atkins had 13 strikeouts and didn't walk a batter in recording his third win for Landrum. Hitting for extra bases for the Cardinals were Atkins and Smith getting doubles and Gosnell a triple.

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Miller and Donaldson, Atkins and Gosnell.



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Swamped Inspector Plans To Hire

Polk County building inspector Jim Gordon on Monday won the county's permission to hire a new inspector for his office.

He said the office simply could not continue to function with just himself and one other inspector. The level of building activity in the county is up 48%, not including the Tryon Estates retirement village. Including Tryon Estates, he estimated building activity statistics this fiscal year would show a 340% increase over last year.

Once Tryon Estates building begins in earnest, about a month from now, Gordon said he will need to station an inspector on that site almost fulltime.

While the county Board of Commissioners sympathized, they did not give Gordon all that he wanted. He had asked for a parttime secretary as well, that was denied for now, even though the Tryon Estate building permit fees along will raise \$64,000 this spring.

County Manager Steven D. Wyatt, however, cautioned the board that the inspection fees may be needed to balance the budget in July due to shortfalls in other areas.

The board asked Gordon to wait until July for its decision on the secretary. Gordon lamented the fact that his office raised the money, but does not always benefit from the use of that money.