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Weather Monday: high 80, low 46, hum. 62%, precipitation .05.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein boasted on Monday that he has acquired advanced chemical weapons and threatened to annihilate "half of Israel" if it moved against his country.

Republican National Committee Chairman Lee Atwater has entered Montefiore Medical Center in New York City for treatment to fight a life-threatening brain tumor.

UNLV ended the NCAA basketball tournament of thrills and close finishes with the largest margin of victory in the championship games with a 103-73 win over Duke on Monday night. The Running' Rebels became the first team to score more than 100 points in the championship game. They are also the first preseason No. 1 to win the title since North Carolina in 1982.

Polk County golf team was 2nd in 7 team match Monday at Holly Forest/Sapphire Valley with 334. It was won by Roberson with 328. Travis Dotson was the low man for Polk County with a 78. Kevin McCallister of West Henderson

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Block House Field Shaping Up

With the Dixie Steeplechase Circuit now into its third week of the season, indications are that the Block House race meeting will again draw top horses to Tryon for the 44th running on April 21.

Several owners and trainers, contacted at the early outings at Aiken and Camden, have confirmed that they are pointing for the Block House and will be shipping here after the Stoneybrook Races at Southern Pines.

The Aiken meeting belonged to veteran trainer W.B. "Burley" Cocks, who had three winners, one place horse, and three horses for show. Of these, Rokeby Stables' Green Garden and Senator Brady, one-two in the Imperial Cup, and George Ohrstrom's Tizo, who broke its maiden at Aiken, are possibilities for Tryon. If ready, a probability for Tryon is Sharafa, owned by Block House co-chairman, Mrs. Jarrett Schmid.

Winings at Camden were well-spread, however Janet Elliot did as well as anyone and better than most with one win, two places, and a show to go with her victory and two second-place finishes at Aiken. Although it is too early for decision-time, it can be hoped that the winner of the Aiken Gold Cup, Marianna Crompton's French Hill, might find his way to the Block House.

One horse that did find his way to Tryon last year was Robert

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"When We Are Married" Shrew



Cindy Cornwell

Cindy Cornwell is cast as Clara Soppitt, a noisy, domineering shrewish character in "When We Are Married," the comedy that Tryon Little Theater will present at the Fine Arts Center May 3-6. With this production, Cindy is making her TLT stage debut.

As Mrs. Soppitt, she is married to Herbert, a prominent individual in the Yorkshire town of Cleckleywycke. The Soppitts, together with their friends the Helliwells and the Parkers, consider themselves among the social elders of the community.

Clara looks down her nose at members of the working class and speaks disparagingly of them. A cleaning woman she described as, "One o' them idle drinking pieces o' nothing from back o' t' mill." Another member

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Landscaping Will Be Topic At Habitat Homeowners Meeting

The Thermal Belt Habitat for Humanity Homeowners' Association will meet April 10 at the 4-H Center in Columbus, it was announced by Tim Brown, Association president.

The meeting will feature discussions and talks about landscaping and gardening. The main speaker will be Chuck Doster who will talk on basic landscaping principles. He will be assisted by Billy Littlejohn, a Habitat homeowner. Doster, an expert organic gardener, is manager of the Habitat Resale Store.

Tim Brown indicated that plants and shrubs and trees for landscaping will be distributed at the meeting. He said that the landscaping theme of the meeting ties in with Earth Day which will be celebrated this April. Anyone wishing to donate a plant, shrub or tree should call Habitat at 457-2666 or drop plants off at the Habitat Resale Store in Landrum.

Brown said the purpose of this meeting will be to help the Habitat homeowners learn more about how to beautify their homes with plantings. Eloise Johnson, Polk County Home Economics Extension Agent, who has worked closely with the Habitat Homeowners' Association, will distribute helpful literature to the homeowners.