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The weather Monday: high 85, low 60, hum. 62 percent. A trace of precipitation was registered.

The news summary: The Supreme Court said Monday that public schools generally must allow student prayer groups to meet and worship if other student clubs are permitted at school.

In a speech at Stanford University Monday, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev implored scientists in both the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. to join in determining how nuclear weapons could be destroyed without harming people or the environment.

University of North Carolina at Asheville Chancellor David G. Brown announced Monday that he will resign his post to become provost of Wake Forest University.

Brown recently spoke in Tryon and a senior leadership program started during his tenure in Asheville is now being expanded to Tryon through the auspices of Isothermal Community College.

The Polk County Board of Education and the county Board of Commissioners are meeting this morning to discuss funding for the school system. The two boards are at least a few hundred

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Steps To Hope To Buy Building

Steps to Hope will be allowed to purchase the building it occupies near the sheriff's office in Columbus.

The building will be sold for \$30,000, with Steps to Hope paying \$10,000 and receiving a \$20,000 grant from the county for the remainder of the purchase price.

The issue was raised by area residents Bob Worsnop, who appealed to the Board of Commissioners for consideration of Steps to Hope's needs.

Worsnop asked the board to reconsider its decision to table the matter.

Board chairman Jeannie Martin, who had raised objections to the issue at the last meeting, explained her position.

Martin said that she supports Steps to Hope, and realizes that blocking the move to sell the building to the agency for battered women and children can be seen as hard-hearted.

But, she said she also has to consider her fiduciary responsibility to the county and public trust.

The state legislature has passed a bill allowing Polk County to sell the building to Steps to Hope, for the market value, she said. If the county appropriates \$20,000 of the \$30,000 price, she said, in effect, the county will be selling the building for \$10,000 and circumventing the law.

But County Attorney R. Jay Foster said such a move would

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Tryon High Honor Graduates



Valedictorian, Chad Lowry



Salutatorian, Robin McCall

Tryon High School honored its top five graduating seniors in commencement exercises at Eargle Stadium last Friday evening.

Valedictorian of the class of 1990 was Chadwick L. Lowry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lowry. He will be attending Duke University in the fall and will major in pre-law. He is a recipient of a Benjamin K. Duke scholarship.

Robin W. McCall, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C.W. McCall, Jr.

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Catering By Joan Breaks New Ground

Excitement is in the air as the bulldozer breaks ground for the new shop.

Joan Schairer, owner, says "The whole crew is anxiously awaiting larger quarters to be able to fulfill their cooking fantasies."

Catering by Joan was established four years ago in the Trade St. Mall. Growth of the business has been very steady and the ever increasing demands for new innovative and creative foods and services has caused the shop to "split their seams."

With a larger kitchen, more commercial equipment and a larger salesroom, the list of possible menus and items for sale will be endless.

Joan said "I will give you a progress report as the building goes up. Hopefully by late fall we will see a dream come true."

— Reporter

Communication

Dear Mr. Byrd,

I read with interest your recent editorial and wish to address some of the points raised, since I assume, perhaps wrongly, those points were directed at me.

On the subject of empire building, it is naive to suppose it doesn't exist here. It is both "officialdom" and business's "way of life." It exists because it is perceived that adding people below you protects your job, adds to your ego, prestige, promotes

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