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The weather Monday: high 86, low 57, hum. 48 percent.

The right to die belongs to the person, not to his family, the Supreme Court ruled Monday. If the person's wishes aren't clearly known, the family of a comatose person cannot make the choice for him.

The court also ruled that an Ohio law can stand which requires unmarried girls under 18 who are dependent on one or both parents to have the permission of a parent or a judge before having an abortion.

No North Carolina law now requires parental consent.

Of the 1.5 million legal abortions performed annually in the United States since 1973, about 12 percent, or 180,000 a year, have been for minors.

Nelson Mandela began bargaining with President Bush Monday to keep the pressure on South Africa.

Protestors from Iredell and Rowan counties bodily blocked state-hired engineers from entering farmland on the county line to keep a chemical waste plant out of their communities. Now a judge has issued a court order temporarily

## School Board Reduces Budget Request \$170,000

In separate meetings Monday armed to resolve the budget gap between the county's schools' needs and the county commissioner's budget, the Polk County Commissioners voted to put \$50,000 in a savings account for emergency education needs, and the Polk County Board of Education voted 5-1 to cut the proposed school budget by \$168,370.

"I don't think we can stand it (the proposed cuts)," said opposing school board member, Ralph H. Arledge. "It's going to hurt the kids."

Because no agreement was reached between the two boards, a joint meeting was to be held Tuesday evening for a last try at negotiating before the matter would be turned over to the Polk County Clerk of Court for a decision on the matter.

There was some question as to whether the county commissioners can raise the tax rate after formally adopting a budget. However, school board attorney Russ Burrell pointed out that the law says that the tax rate and the budget may be changed through legal procedures up until July 1.

The county commissioners voted to take \$50,000 from the contingency fund, which is made up of unappropriated funds from the state, and set this amount aside in a savings account for the schools for emergency use. But because this figure was not added

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Village Insurance announces the addition of Don Gruening as Life and Health related products specialist. Don is a native of Wisconsin, having been affiliated with The Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co. He has an extensive knowledge of Life and Disability Insurance, Group and Personal health insurance annuities and the utilization of these products on both the personal and business level.

## NCSU Honors

Bradley Dell of Saluda earned a perfect "A" record at North Carolina State University for the spring semester.

Dell is a freshman studying Spanish language and literature, with a teacher education option.

Carter Scott of Columbus, a sophomore, earned dean's list honors. Scott is studying aerospace engineering.

## Pony Club Rally

What is a Pony Club Rally? First of all, Pony Club is an international organization for children from 6 to 21 who are interested in bettering their skills with horses and achieving better ratings, much like Boy Scouts. Those who attain the highest rating, A, are thoroughly rounded horsemen, able to take over management of a stable, and training of horses for varied activities.

The Rally, to be held this weekend at FENCE, brings together teams from approximately 10 clubs scattered around the Carolinas. Some are beginners, D's, and some are as high as B members, but each competes at his/her own level of ability and experience. The competition this time is of the same variety as a Horse Trial, with Dressage, Cross Country and Stadium Jumping (besides the hated Stable management scores), but there are other Pony Club activities as Triathlon, Polo, Game Rallies, and other speciality rallies at other times. The Tryon area has had very active Pony Clubs in the past, and now are in the beginning stages of reactivation once again.

The children and horses (or ponies) will be deposited at FENCE on Thursday and after a little help carrying heavy articles and pounding some nails, will receive no further help from parents or coaches. In fact, the public is not allowed in the stable area at all until 4 p.m. on

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