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The weekend and holiday weather report: Friday, high 50, low 40, hum. 88 percent, .30 precip.; Saturday, high 49, low 55, hum. 83 percent, .15 precip.; Sunday, high 64, low 54, hum. 85 percent, .25 precip.; Monday, high 65, low 42, hum. 82 percent, 1.51 precip.; and Christmas Day, high 42, low 20, hum. 70 percent.

Today the Curb Reporter continues with the second of three installments of the remarks made by Patrick Oliver-Kelley of First Biltmore Corp. Oliver-Kelley, an investment banker with extensive experience overseas, spoke about the Middle East crisis. In today's excerpts, his remarks were directed at which countries will be the losers should war break out.

The first loser is Iraq and Saddam Hussein. Iraq is a police state where dissent has been eliminated by years of Draconian rule. Iraq and its people are so isolated from the real world that they have virtually no idea what is happening — in the world, in the region, nor in their own country.

How did a thug and one-time torturer rise to the top of this country? Iraq is as much a

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HealthCall Owner Says Moratorium Has Been Handled Poorly

The moratorium on off-premise advertising signs passed by Polk County last summer should have been brought to public attention before passage, Carl Meroney said Friday.

Meroney owns the HealthCall Pharmacy in Columbus, and two signs which the county claims are in violation of its ordinance.

"There should have been public hearings," Meroney said. "This whole thing was handled very poorly."

Meroney said when he and his partner, Don Arledge, were considering reopening the downtown Columbus pharmacy, they decided signs would be an important part of their advertising.

Meroney said he spent about \$2,000 on the signs before he even heard that there would be a moratorium. At that point, he said he called up a county commissioner, Rachel Ramsey.

"She told me this (moratorium) was not pertaining to people in the county, that it was pertinent only to people out of the county who wanted to put up signs here," he said.

However, not long after erecting the signs, Meroney said he received a letter from interim County Mgr. Glenn Rhodes, informing him that the signs would have to come down.

No one, other than his wife, has

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New J.T.P.A. Coordinator



Kenneth Bowling is the new JTPA Coordinator for Polk County Schools. He brings both practical experience and professional expertise to his job of helping students prepare themselves for employment.

Born and raised in Miami, FL, Bowling completed high school in Greenville, SC. After a stint in the US Marines, he returned to Miami in 1970, where he married his wife, Janice, and worked as a surgical and emergency technician before entering the ministry in 1979.

By 1982, Rev. Bowling and Mrs. Bowling had begun working with young people throughout the US on such problems such as peer pressure, teen pregnancies, and drug abuse. The program they developed to help teenagers make better choices, "Image

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White Pines For Planting

The Polk County Rural Development Panel is again offering bare root white pine seedlings for planting. These seedlings will be shipped in mid-January and there are still some trees available.

Anyone desiring some white pines for planting may purchase some by placing an order with one of your local agricultural agencies. Please call the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, 894-8505, the Soil Conservation Service, 894-8823, or the Polk County Agricultural Extension Service, 894-8218 for more information on the white pine seedlings.

The Rural Development Panel is made up of personnel from the ASCS, Soil conservation Service, N.C. Forest Service, and the Extension Service. Earnings received from the white pine project have gone towards worthy projects like aid to Polk Central Soil Judging Team, Landscaping the agricultural building and sponsoring local agricultural contest participants.

On Dean's List

Barbara McKenzie of Tryon was named to the fall quarter dean's list at Haywood Community College in Clyde.

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