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The weather Tuesday: high 79, low 51, hum. 50 percent. And by 7 a.m. Tuesday, .31 inches of rain had fallen.

Quote for the day: "It will be a great day when the schools have all the money they need and the Air Force has to hold a bake sale in order to buy another bomber." From The International Women's Movement for Peace and Freedom.

That's one of those quintessential "peace and love" kind of sayings. I mean, it's certainly true. But somehow it just doesn't sit right. And, of course, it's publishing medium is - t-shirts.

As for school funding, the more I think about it, the more I believe we as a society are pretty foolish. We're going to pay one way or another. People who don't want to spend any more money on schools should be asked whether they prefer spending the same money instead on jails, unemployment benefits, drug rehabilitation programs, and expensive security systems for their homes.

Hugh Moltzau, who lives off Country Club Road, reports that

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Sales Tax Levied On School Construction

It was a nice thought.

Polk County Schools Supt. Dr. James F. Causby thought he'd found over \$200,000 in savings from a technicality.

He told the Polk County Board of Commissioners Monday that if all construction contracts for Polk County Schools building programs were paid by the county, the sales tax would be refunded by the state.

If, however, the checks were cut by the schools, the tax would be levied.

Causby said the schools' construction management firm, GMK Associates, had pointed out that Burke County was handling its school construction payments to save paying sales tax and had received the state's blessing.

So Dr. Causby called around to Burke County and to the N.C. Department of Revenue regional office in Morganton. He was told the same thing.

Hooray. Just pay the bills, he told the commissioners, and Polk will receive all its sales taxes in a rebate from the state, since counties do not pay sales taxes.

But, before the champagne lost its fizz, the N.C. Department of Revenue officer in Morganton was back on the phone.

Hey, remember that conversation we had yesterday, he told Causby. Well, I thought I'd better check it out and, well,

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Gordon Cosby

'Inward', 'Outward' Disciplines Taught By Ecumenical Speaker

Gordon Cosby, the Founder and Minister of the ecumenical and non-denominational Church of the Saviour in Washington, D.C., will be the speaker at the Ecumenical Lectures, sponsored by the Tryon Ministerial Association, on Sunday, April 28, and Monday, April 29.

Under Dr. Cosby's leadership, members of the Church of the Saviour commit themselves to "inward" and "outward" disciplines: inward toward a deep relationship with Jesus, and outward in service to others, especially the poor, the homeless, those who are on the fringes of the city's life.

The influence of the Church of the Saviour has literally spread world-wide, through

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Sheriff Gives Drug Fundraiser Accounting

Polk County Sheriff Boyce Carswell said Tuesday that the telephone fundraising drug education program run on his behalf recently raised \$6,595.

At least, that's the amount before accounting for stopped checks from disgruntled donors.

A couple of independent contractors working for Benefit Shows of Nashville, Tenn. were working in Polk County recently raising money for "The Sheriff's Annual Drug Education Program" by calling people on the phone and then sending out collection agents.

As they described it, the education program consisted of mailing video cassettes and "drug education manuals" to area churches, schools, and libraries on behalf of sponsoring donors.

However, the Polk County Board of Education had not agreed to use any such materials, and had not even been contacted.

Several area residents raised questions about the program, and after newspaper reports about the program began appearing, the sheriff said he asked the fundraisers to quit their operation.

"They began on a Monday, and I asked them to stop on Friday," Carswell said. "When I got to thinking about it, I didn't think that much of it. There was nothing illegal about it, but it didn't look good for that much

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