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We have weather again. The weather since last Wednesday: Wednesday, high 68, low 47; Thursday, high 80, low 48; Friday, high 79, low 60; Saturday, high 70, low 54; Sunday, high 83, low 62; and Monday, high 83, low 58, hum. 73 percent and 1.89 inches of rain fell. By 7 a.m. Tuesday, another 1.08 inches of rain had fallen.

The *Charlotte Observer* reported Friday on "drug education" fund raising programs operating in North Carolina.

The *Observer* reports that Benefit Shows Inc. of Nashville, the firm which contracted with Polk County Sheriff Boyce Carswell recently to run a fundraiser in Polk County, raised more than \$770,000 in 13 N.C. counties last year. And Benefit Shows was only sixth among the various fund-raising companies ranked by the N.C. Department of Human Resources Solicitation Licensing Branch.

Altogether, professional solicitors raised \$16.2 million in North Carolina last year and gave their sponsors \$3.8 million, the state regulators reported.

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Shuttle To Be Visible Over Upstate

This past Sunday morning at 7:33 a.m., the Space Shuttle Discovery was launched on an unclassified military mission. Normally the shuttles are launched into orbits with inclinations of 28.5 degrees which means they do not cross over any part of the earth any farther north than 28.5 degrees north latitude or 28.5 degrees south latitude. However, for this mission, the shuttle orbital inclination is 57 degrees, which means it will pass over all of the contiguous United States, as well as a large portion of the rest of the world at one time or another during its eight-day mission.

Discovery will pass over the upstate of South Carolina several times during its mission. Most of these passes will occur during the daylight hours of late morning and early afternoon. However, this weekend the Shuttle will be passing overhead during the pre-dawn hours for three consecutive mornings and should be easily visible to upstate shuttle-watchers.

In order for the Shuttle or any satellite to be visible from the ground, it must pass over an area within two hours after sunset or two hours before sunrise. It is during these observing "windows" that the ground below is already in semi-darkness while the spacecraft

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Watercolor Exhibit Isothermal Tour

Landscape watercolors make "A jolly good show in Raleigh," says the *Charlotte Observer* of "Nature Into Art," an English landscape watercolors exhibit from the British Museum. The exhibit is now showing in Raleigh and will be open until June 2. It is the best show to come to North Carolina since "Ramesses" at the Mint Museum three years ago.

According to Richard Schneiderman, Director of the N.C. Museum of Art, "It has every major English watercolor artist in it and some of the best watercolors in the world."

This rare collection of 100 watercolors have never been displayed as a group in the U.S. The 18th and 19th century English landscapes include painting by such well-known British artists as Thomas Gainsborough, J.M.W. Turner, John Constable, and Paul Sandby, as well as several new acquisitions never exhibited before.

Of particular interest to North Carolinians are two works by John White, a participant in the Sir Walter Raleigh expedition to the New World in 1585 to an area now known as the Outer Banks.

Isothermal Community College has planned a tour to Raleigh to view the exhibit May 23-24. The tour will include a luncheon at the museum and a dinner theatre performance of

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New Art Class at Discovery House

Discovery House has a brand new art teacher whose innovative and useful workshop for young people, entitled, "Art Tee Stic," is scheduled to begin this week on Thursday, May 2, from 3:30-5 p.m.

Lori Pickering arrived just three weeks ago from Buffalo, New York, where she and her mother operated a studio known as "Arta Cloaks," specializing in "wearable art."

Her extensive artistic background, which includes a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from Purdue University in Indiana and four years on the faculty of Erie Community College in Buffalo, earned Pickering a prompt invitation to join the staff of Discovery House.

Children enrolled in the two "Art Tee Stic" workshops on May 2 and May 9 will learn how to create their own artistic "tee" shirts using fabric paints, plastic studs and assorted trimmings, all supplied in class. "Students have only to bring their own new 'tee' shirts," says Pickering, who believes that decorated "tee" shirts, as a popular trend, provide a very easy, creative way for people of all ages to express themselves.

The "Art Tee Stic" workshops on May 2 and 9 are open to youngsters age 6-8 at a tuition of \$12. "Even young children," says Pickering, whose five-year-old daughter, Ciara,

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