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The weather Monday: high 81, low 62, hum. 67 percent. By 11 a.m. Tuesday, the temperature had risen to 79 degrees, but the humidity was only 40 percent.

Neighbors on Melrose Avenue have asked us to remind everyone that the posted speed limit on Melrose is 25 m.p.h. There are many pedestrians - kids from the Tryon Day School, residents walking dogs, visitors to the Lanier Library and the Tryon Fine Arts Center - all on this one little street. Please observe the speed limit and keep one of Tryon's nicest neighborhoods safe.

Saw a sadly humorous political cartoon from Duffy of the *Des Moines Register* recently: Three donkeys gathered in the 1992 Democratic Party campaign headquarters. One is reading Paul Tsongas' application for the party's presidential nomination. "Here's the background on our first applicant for the nomination: He's Greek and he's from Massachusetts." One of the two donkeys listening has his foot-long chin flat out on the desk, next to a bubbling glass of Alka-Seltzer, and the other is leaning out the window,

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Tryon All School Art Show Thursday

Over 420 pieces of artwork will be on display Thursday night when the Tryon Elementary School PTA meets in the school cafeteria.

Every child in the school, in kindergarten through eighth grade, has at least one work on exhibit.

"All the students have worked hard and the results are great!" said Clara Rogers, the school art teacher.

Children have worked with crayon, tempera paints, oil pastels, chalk, paper mache, watercolors and clay.

"The art education curriculum has placed emphasis on painting this year," Rogers said, "so many of our art pieces are paintings."

Students have painted Georgia O'Keefe style flowers, jungle scenes in the Rousseau style, Grandma Moses landscapes, impressionistic clowns, birds, nature, and cityscapes among other things.

"I urge all parents, family, and friends to come the students' work," Rogers said. "When a parent values what a child does it is extremely important to that child."

"Since all our artists are first place winners, we will display their work without the need of ribbons. In art there are no wrong answers!"

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For Local News

Tryon Raises Fees, Will Consider Taxes

Tryon residents will pay at least \$3.95 more per month for water, sewer and trash collection services starting in June.

That much of Town Manager Matthew Dolge's emergency budget proposal was approved by the Town Council Monday night.

Still to be discussed in upcoming budget meetings is his recommendation that the town tax rate be increased by 15 cents, from 39 cents per \$100 valuation to 54 cents. This would raise an additional \$103,065 for the town.

"I realize what I'm asking," Dolge told the council. "This is a huge tax increase. But we are in a bad enough situation with our general fund that we will be operating hand-to-mouth for the next several months. In good conscience I couldn't say to you that things are rosy."

"I realize the council is elected to safeguard the public trust, and in large measure that means safeguarding the public pocket book. But we need to move decisively."

Mayor Bob Neely reminded the council that the state requires the town to maintain a substantial savings account in order to meet any emergency needs. He suggested that any tax increase might be reduced once the town's dwindling operating fund is replenished.

The council tabled any discussion of taxes, but did move

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Rowdiness On Trade Concerns Merchants

Six plate glass windows along one block of Trade Street have been broken, several in just the last few months.

People are drinking beer on the sidewalk. Others are spilling out of Preston's of Tryon into the warm summer night air like spring break revelers at Myrtle Beach each weekend night.

Intoxicated persons walked into the Village Restaurant and erased the menu board for a laugh.

People are fighting on the street. Some are even urinating on the sidewalk around the corner from Polk Insurance or in the doorway of Village Restaurant.

That's what several merchants told the Tryon Town Council Monday night.

"In recent months, there have been outbreaks of violent behavior resulting in damage to business properties," said Barbara McKenzie of Earthtones. "When the police arrive, the street is clear and nobody knows nothing."

McKenzie told the council her plate glass window has been broken twice, and had blood smeared across it. The Fox Horn and Village Restaurant also have had windows broken.

"We ask that solutions actively be sought," she said.

Mayor Bob Neely said the town council is aware of the problem. "We are as upset

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