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The weather Monday, high 56, low 23, hum. 50 percent.

People talk about the individual's rights to do as he wishes with his property. Does that right extend to private exploitation of public investments?

That's what billboard companies are doing. They are exploiting our public investment in roadways, says University of Georgia professor Dr. Charles Floyd.

"Turn the signs around facing away from the roadway and see what they're worth," he says.

Not only are billboard companies and private landowners who place billboards on their land tapping a public resource for private gain, but they are doing it by *polluting*. Billboards are visual pollution, plain and simple.

Ed McMahon, president of Scenic America, suggests that South Carolina highways be renamed the Nagle (outdoor advertising company) Memorial Highways. Who can see South Carolina for all the gross, double decker billboards?

"We are making industry all over America clean up its pollution, but we protect the bill-

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McMillian Protests 'Irregularities' In Columbus Election

The results of Tuesday's election in Columbus will not be certified for five days, Board of Elections chairman Kathleen Culbreth said Thursday.

"There were just too many discrepancies," she said. "They were just glaring."

Incumbent Mayor Paul Smith was reelected, defeating Kathleen McMillian by one vote. McMillian has filed a protest with the town's Board of Elections.

Culbreth said McMillian's protest lists several voting irregularities.

McMillian charges that town resident Charlie Feagan was harassing people as they attempted to enter the polling place, almost barring the door while giving people counsel on how to vote. State law prohibits any campaigning within 50 feet of the entrance to a polling place.

Culbreth also questioned the propriety of Feagan helping disabled people to vote, although this is something the law allows.

"Originally, I thought people had voiced their choice and so be it," McMillian said. "Then I was made aware of several voting irregularities. Someone needed to make a protest, and I decided to do it as a candidate, a taxpayer and a voter."

McMillian said when she

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Mrs. Mattie Gwinn Effler

Celebrates 90th Birthday Sat. 9th

Mrs. Mattie Gwinn Effler will celebrate her 90th birthday at a drop-in reception on November 9th between 2 and 4 p.m. at the Highwood Apartments' Community Center. She is a member of the Peniel Baptist Church.

—Community Reporter

A Tie Is A Loss

The tie vote in Landrum's referendum on a council/manager represents a defeat of the measure, South Carolina election officials say.

Exactly 240 votes were cast for and 240 against the measure in Tuesday's election.

If it had been approved, the measure would have changed the town's form of government. A town manager would have been hired to run the town's departments, personnel and daily operations, and the council would have set policy.

Begin Season

The Tryon Middle School girls basketball team begins preparation this week for their season opener against Flat Rock on Nov. 25.

Returning players from last years team are Kristi Bond, Stephanie Bundschuh, Allison Burns, Alex Rutledge, Sherry Smith and Sekina Tyson.

Newcomers to the team are Stephanie Hudson, Nicole Makins, Katrina Wilkins, Dawn Newsome, Kristie Johnson and Carole Morton.

Tryon competes in the Foothills Conference along with Polk Central, Landrum, Chesnee, Campobello-Gramling and Pacolet. In addition, the fourteen game schedule includes non-conference contests against Flat Rock, Rugby and Saluda.

All home games tip off at 4:30. Come support the Tigers.

The schedule is as follows:
NOV.

25, Flat Rock, 5 p.m.
27, Rugby, 4:30

DEC.

5, Saluda, 4:30
9, Campobello-Gramling, 4:30

12, Landrum, 6:00
16, Polk Central, 4:30

19, Pacolet, 4:30
JAN.

6, Saluda, 4:30
9, Chesnee, 4:30
13, Campobello-Gramling, 4:30

16, Landrum, 4:30
20, Polk Central, 4:30
23, Pacolet, 4:30
27, Chesnee, 4:30