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The weather Thursday, high 46, low 39, hum. 75 percent, and by Friday at 7 a.m. 2.3 inches!!! of rain had fallen. Yuch.

On Friday, we commented on Millard Fuller's austere lifestyle. You may recall he is the president of Habitat for Humanity, and for many years took only a \$7,000 a year salary. He is up to \$38,000 now, which places him near the bottom in compensation of leaders of the United States' top 100 charities. The top ten make an average of \$277,000.

We suggested that Fuller is probably the most contented of the top 100 leaders, just because he makes less. Obviously, he chooses to devote his time not to fulfilling his own "wants" but to working for the noble purpose of seeing that others have proper shelter.

Fuller has evidently learned to be satisfied within himself. Find me five millionaires who are deeply satisfied.

The idea of simplicity and lack of desire for material wealth runs through all the world's major religions - although a few American televangelists have missed the

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School Board Trims Its Planned Budget Request By \$46,958

The Polk County Board of Education cut an additional \$46,958 from its draft budget before presenting its request to the county Thursday night.

In a budget work session with Supt. James Causby, the Polk County Board of Commissioners discussed the specifics of the schools' request for \$2,127,645 in local money.

That figure represents a 9.77 percent increase, or \$206,156, over this year's local school budget appropriation of \$1,921,489.

Most of the projected increase comes in areas the school board feels are necessary to run the schools, Causby said in an interview Friday morning.

The largest projected increase in costs is \$101,501 for heating and air-conditioning energy costs, Causby said. The county is losing \$32,000 as the state cuts back its support for local energy costs, and the remainder of the increase will be needed to heat and cool the additional space the new high school represents, he explained.

The commissioners asked Causby to check why the projected savings from energy costs at the soon-to-be-closed Mill Spring and Green Creek schools were not as large as the Duke Power bills.

"I believe the Duke Power figures included costs for run-

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Brian Daubney and Nancy Dunn, directors of *Trial by Jury*.

Discovery House Sponsors Theatre In Courthouse

We have all heard of "courthouse drama," and attorneys are often known for their shameless theatrics. But how often has the courthouse in the Polk County Courthouse been used as a legitimate theatre stage?

Never before!

Audiences will pack the courtroom on Friday and Saturday nights, May 15 and 16, for performances of the Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera *Trial By Jury*. Tickets for the 8 p.m. Saturday performance are still on sale at Discovery House of the Arts, Inc. Reservations may be arranged by phone, 859-7691.

Tickets will also be sold at NationsBank in Tryon and at the Polk County Public Library in Columbus next week.

The production is sponsored

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Columbus Hearing Set On Annexation Of Park Gas Station

Columbus Town Council members disagreed Thursday night on whether they should annex a gas station/convenience store near the new high school.

They did agree, however, to hear what the public thinks in a public hearing scheduled May 27.

Harold Burrell has asked Columbus to annex his property on Hwy. 108 at the entrance to the Industrial Park into the Columbus Town Limits.

Burrell is presently constructing a gas station/service garage/convenience store similar to the Lanier Quik Shop BP station at the entrance to Lake Lanier in Tryon. He has requested annexation as well as rezoning from Industrial to Highway Commercial.

"The only reason I see that he wants to be in town is to sell beer and alcohol and it's too close to the high school," said Dr. Thomas Bolling.

However, Mayor Paul Smith pointed to the property tax at \$675 a year, plus sales tax, plus business and privilege license fees which would benefit the town.

"The Columbus City Limit distance is too small and we've got to get a program to get them in," said Mayor Smith of the high school side of Hwy. 108 as well as the other side of Columbus: Peake St., Houston

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