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Daybreak

Valdosta should see partly cloudy skies with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms in the middle '90s. Complete weather details on page 2-A.

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Pleads Not Guilty
Arraigned in U.S. District Court in Macon, Wednesday, a Fargo man who avoided murder charges in 1985 on a technicality pleaded not guilty to kidnapping and transferring stolen property.

Randolph Boone, currently serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery in North Carolina, was indicted by a federal grand jury in June. The charges are connected with the 1985 slaying of Jonathan Mark Wood, 33, who Boone said he met in Jacksonville, Fla. After Boone's trial, Boone reportedly slit Wood's throat and tied him to a tree behind Boone's father's house.

Boone was charged with murder in the second degree, but the indictment was dropped in 1989 because former Alapaha Circuit Judge James "Low Barrow" failed to respond to Boone's petition for a speedy trial.

The defendant arrived in Macon Aug. 6 from Central Carolina, N.C., and will be in the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service in Georgia until his trial tentatively scheduled for Oct. 9 in Macon.

The case was reopened at the request of the victim's family. Assistant U.S. Attorney P. McCommon said there is no murder charge applicable under federal law for the crime Boone of which Boone is accused. If convicted, Boone faces a possible life sentence with no chance of parole.

—Kelli Bowman

Briefly

Grape Prices
SAN FRANCISCO — Two grape growers have been charged with passing off inexpensive wine grapes as premium varieties.
Brothers Nick and Frank Bavaro, who own vineyards and a grape brokerage in Escalon in the San Joaquin Valley, are at the center of a statewide grape scandal.

An indictment charged them with conspiracy, mail and wire fraud and false statements to the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in connection to the sale of wine grapes to seven northern California wineries.

Sound of Music
LOS ANGELES — To celebrate the silver anniversary of "The Sound of Music," 20th Century Fox will re-release the Oscar-winning musical on Aug. 4, the studio announced Wednesday.

Winner of five Academy Awards, "The Sound of Music" made its debut in 1965 and was commercially grossing \$57 million over an unprecedented 14-year run.
The soundtrack album, featuring Julie Andrews, sold 10 million copies worldwide.

—The Associated Press

Today's Tips

The Valdosta AARP Chapter 129 meets at the Craig Center 12:20 p.m.

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Lowndes OKs Millage Hike

By KELLI BOWMAN
Times Staff Writer

Lowndes County Commissioners voted in a tax increase at their regular meeting Wednesday night — one slightly lower than expected.
Commissioners had anticipated raising the county millage rate by 1 mill to fund the \$90 million budgeted fiscal year 1991 they adopted last month. However, a healthy increase in the property tax digest offset that increase by about 25 percent. The digest is the total of all taxable

property value in the county. The 774 mills average increase raises the county's portion of property tax to 7.36 mills in incorporated areas and 4.77 in the county after sales tax and insurance credits.
The increase will amount to \$20 to \$30 more in property tax to Lowndes County landowners for every thousand dollars of taxable property value.

Growth in the county in addition to the reevaluation of certain areas contributed to a 7.63 percent increase in the digest in Lowndes

city and 8.19 percent countywide. The board had only anticipated 3 percent growth.

In other action, commissioners authorized the expenditure of approximately \$130,000 to repair the wastewater treatment plant at the Foxborough subdivision in north Lowndes County.

Foxborough residents filed a small meeting room at the Lowndes County Courthouse and the hallway outside, attending the meeting in hopes of encouraging the board to repair the plant that they say pro-

duces an atrocious stench. Additionally, spokesman Dan Jordan said water from the neighborhood's well system tastes and smells bad and pressure is very low.

Upgrading the 18-year-old plant is included in the county's five-year water and sewer master plan. However, because residents believe the system is in a state of crisis, the board decided to expedite the project.

Richard Thompson with McLaren/Hart Environmental Engineers from Jacksonville, Fla., said it's possible

the repairs, that he estimates will extend the plant's life five years, will take about six months.

Adopted a resolution to place the burden of obtaining an enhanced 911 emergency telephone system on county voters. Registered voters will be able to cast a "yes" or "no" vote in the Nov. 6 general election as to whether they're willing to pay an extra \$150 per month in telephone charges for the computer system that displays an caller's address to a dispatcher when an emergency call is made.

Elvis Presley's Life Recalled

By DEAN POLING
Times Staff Writer

To some folks Elvis Presley never departed this Earth. After all if you jumble the letters in his first name, it does spell "lives."

Nonetheless, 13 years ago today, the reputed king of rock and roll died at the age of 42. Whereas tabloid headlines blaring "Elvis Lays" marked the anniversary of his death during the past few years, this time the news is not so optimistic.

On the 18th anniversary, negative Elvis biographer Albert Goldman claims "the king" committed suicide, others claim he was murdered, and stories of a massive drug overdose have resurfaced.

But to some Valdosta-area folks that doesn't matter. Here are some of their memories of Elvis:

Elvis Yow of Valdosta remembered the night the Roxy Theater opened. The show was Elvis "Blue Hawaii."

"I was right there on the front row," he said craning his neck upward.

He also remembers working as a salesman at Langdale Ford when he heard the news Elvis died on Aug. 16, 1977.

"This woman we worked with just sat in her chair and cried her eyes out," he said.

Clyde Plair is a big Elvis fan, she says.

She was at home watching television when she heard Elvis died. "It was very upsetting."

What made Elvis stand out was his music, his style," she said while working behind the counter at the Men's Shop. "There was and is no one like him."



ELVIS PRESLEY

Excusing herself for just a minute, she went into the store's backroom to return with a musical Elvis' hound dog stuffed animal and a mounted Elvis doll.

The doll stands on a stage which lights up while playing Elvis tunes. "Bonnie Rickerson said she was an Elvis fan from the time he first started rockin' and rollin' back in the 50s."

While living in Alabama, I almost got to see him in concert but we couldn't make it. So we thought we'd see him next time, but there was no next time."

She said his music, style, looks and personality are what made him stand out. Even her seven-year-old granddaughter, Dianna Little, thinks "he's a hunk," she said.

My Reynolds was 10 years old when Elvis died but it didn't affect me. See ELVIS, Page 2-A



Marchin' Cats

Valdosta High Marchin' Cats band members Maura Miller, Ginny Ferrell and Angela Moore keep time during Wednesday morning's practice at Valdosta High. Both the Mar-

chins' Cats and The Georgia Bridgemen of Valdosta City are gearing up for their upcoming season. B—Times Photo by Mike Tanner.

Crimebusters/A Weekly Look At Unsolved Crimes In Lowndes County

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Negotiators Reach PSC Deal

Staff, Wire Reports

ATLANTA — Negotiators have reached a proposed settlement on a rate dispute between Southern Bell and the Public Service Commission in which the telephone company would cut its profits by \$149 million a year while earning some profit in seven other previously authorized limit.

The settlement was expected to be filed with the PSC today. If approved, the proposal would end a court challenge of the PSC decision in June to lower phone company rates.

Ken Cooper, of Southern Bell's Valdosta office, told The Valdosta Daily Times Wednesday afternoon it was too early to tell if this will be the final solution.

"Every single item has not been

agreed to," said Michael Bradley, a special assistant attorney general who helped work out the deal between attorneys for Southern Bell and the PSC's consumer advocate staff and who outlined the package for the PSC Tuesday.

The PSC in June ordered Southern Bell to cut its rates to achieve a \$188 million revenue reduction after return. The company's profits had exceeded its authorized rate of \$40 million that in reduced long distance rates.

Under the proposed agreement, Southern Bell would agree to a \$149 million profit reduction for the current year, Bradley said, with up to \$40 million that in reduced long distance rates.

The PSC staff presented four possible plans for free countywide calls, free calls within a 22-mile radius of slight variations. The greatest effect would be on Southern Bell which would be about \$43 million for eliminating intra-county tolls, according to the PSC staff.

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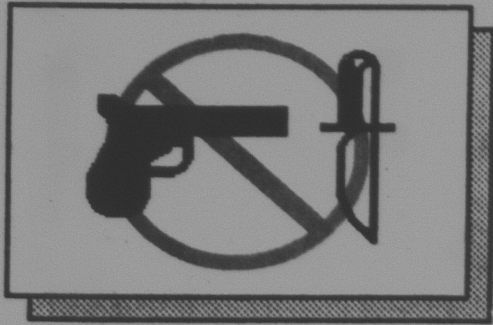
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room, a few miles north of the Valdosta city limits off Bemiss Road.

Pine Grove Principal Bernard



Perry said Ms. Schappaugh was probably working at the school on Sunday afternoon, June 17.

The next day when a man, while walking his dog, passed by the school at about 6:45 a.m., Ms. Schappaugh, 48, was lying in her gray 1987 Nissan Sentra. There was a bullet

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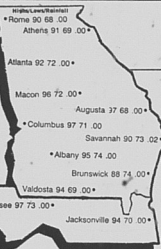
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See CRIMEBUSTERS, Page 2-A

Partly Cloudy

Georgia

● South Georgia should see partly cloudy skies with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs should be in the middle 80s. Winds should be out of the southwest at 5 to 10 mph. Tonight should be a partly cloudy with lows in the 70s.



Local Weather

Wednesday's High 94
Wednesday's Low 69
Rain Past 24 Hours 0.00
Partly Cloudy 1992 21.69
Rainfall Total 1989 47.45
Sunset Friday 8:15 p.m.
Sunrise Today 7:00 a.m.

St. Marks Tide

Date High Low
16 3:07A 9:22A 5:30P
17 2:16A 8:40A 10:50A 6:29P
18 1:00A 8:50A 12:07P 7:16P
19 1:04A 9:47A 12:50P 7:46P
20 2:07A 7:35A 1:43P 8:27P

30-Day Record

Table with columns for Date, High, Low, and New High/Low. Rows include dates from 10/30 to 8/30.

Farm & Future

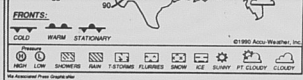
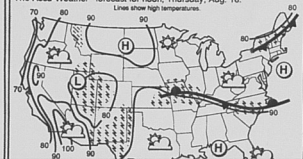
● Farmers can expect scattered thunderstorms today through Thursday with amounts less than a quarter-inch. There should be eight to 10 hours of sunshine on both days.

● Georgia should see hot and muggy days through Monday with highs in the high 80s and lows in the low 70s.

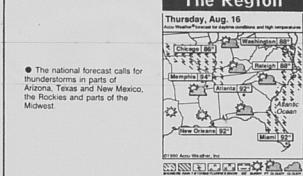
Rainfall For Month 3.56 inches
Rainfall For Year 21.69

The Nation

The Accu-Weather® forecast for north, Thursday, Aug. 16. Lites show High Temperature, 90-100.



The Region



● The national forecast calls for thunderstorms in parts of Arizona, Texas and New Mexico. The Rockies and parts of the Midwest.
● Coastal Georgia should see partly cloudy skies with highs in the lower 90s and lows in the lower 70s.
● Inland Georgia should see mostly cloudy skies with scattered thunderstorms. Highs should be in the 90s with lows in the low 70s.

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Anyone with information about the death of Ms. Schappagh is asked to contact local law enforcement authorities.

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McLane Funeral Home
Clark Memorials
Riverview Memorial Gardens

Yardostans Use Water Conservation

By LAURA JOHNS
Times Staff Writer
Some Valdostans are beating the city's emergency water restrictions. The more we help that less dire the situation will become," said Valdosta Mayor Marvin Garner, who has been in the city since water restrictions were implemented.
When Mrs. Garner fills her sink with wash dishes, she catches the water, before it goes hot, in a container and uses it to water her plants. By using a mild soap to wash the dishes, she also saves the water to quench dry flower pots.
"God's law says any water that doesn't go down the drain," Mrs. Garner said.
Valdosta Becky Cavan also is doing her share.

my outside watering." Mrs. Cavan said.
A water hose has pinpoint holes and lies on the ground to prevent water from spraying like it does with sprinklers.
"I use a lot less water than a sprinkler," she said.
Valdosta State College students Kirk Henderson and Jim Garner are conserving water by taking shorter showers and cutting off the water faucet instead of letting it run, while they brushing their teeth.
"Most teenagers, this could really add up," Mrs. Garner said.
● Wash larger loads of laundry.
● Put a brick or two in the tank of

toilet to unspool water so that less is used with each flush.
● Cut back the time of sprinkler systems.
● Check for water leaks both inside and outside.
● Keep a bucket in the shower to catch water that would otherwise go down the drain.
Mrs. Garner's children have learned that water will be wasted by the city for her green outside plants because it appears she has a leaky faucet.
"if that happens, I'll take them to court," she said.
Mrs. Cavan said she would like to see the city show them the bucket in my shower," she said, chuckling.

Coop Works On Insurance Plan

By DEAN POLING
Times Staff Writer
ADEL — Health insurance for county employees was the focus of two proposals presented during a meeting of the Cook County Commission Wednesday and officials of the state's self-insurance plans will give them more control over the premiums and rates in the future.
Commissioner William "Smuffy" Smith said Monday, Wednesday's regular session the county commission hopes to choose one plan after months of insurance hunting.
He said proposals offered were not full self-insured plans but rather agreements between the county and an insurance company.
Smith said the self-insurance proposals offered, an insurance

company creates a management plan while the county collects premiums from employees and places the money in a reserve-fund pool.
When an employee files a claim, the county pays up to \$5,000 out of the pool, Smith said.
If a claim is more than \$5,000 then the county adds to the pool and the underwriter company covers the rest of the amount. The underwriter provided by the insurance company as part of the management plan.
Smith said the management plans are designed for smooth transfer of funds and employees will never notice a difference in insurance their claims.
The County Commission began searching for new insurance plans after their current health-care insurance rates skyrocketed 46 percent

higher than last year's.
Even after commissioners set aside \$118,000 for employee insurance, it still wasn't enough. After the commissioners heard nearly a dozen proposals in the past two months, Smith said the self-insurance plans' premiums won't cost much less than the current rates.
However, savings should be seen in the long run.
"It's not going to cut rates much," he said. "But we won't have to charge companies every year either. We can work problems out on our own and we learn more about our plan it should cost us less in the long run."
However, savings have caused the county commission to switch insurance companies several times in the past few years. This year's 46 percent increase came on top of last year's 39 percent increase.

NSC Hosting Officer Course

By LAURA JOHNS
Times Staff Writer
Valdosta State College Public Safety Institute is hosting for the first time a self-training officer course for 17 area law enforcement agencies.
The course, to be held Aug. 27-28, is designed to teach police officers how to train other officers after they complete training at the Georgia Police Academy, said Public Safety Director Joe Sencoff through the regional Police Academies in Tifton.

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field training officers need to be certified. This is the first time the college has sponsored it.
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Elvis

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her until a year later.
There was a show about him on the radio, which was his last, his death," she said. "It showed his entire life and when it ended I cried."

Though she says she's not a 'big Elvis fan,' Ms. Reynolds admits she's "the sexiest man ever" who died on television."
● Lynn Bull, manager of Starbuck Records and Tapes, said Elvis' records usually increase during

An Elvis anniversary, including the anniversary of his divorce, but this year Elvis sales have been slow.
Tracy Harrison and Dwyer McEady, both employees of Camelot Music, said Elvis sales have been slow this year.
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Obituaries

SARAH E. CONLEY
BONAIRE — Sarah Elizabeth Ganas, Conley, 56, died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 1990, at Warner Robins Hospital in Warner Robins after a lengthy illness.
Mrs. Conley, a native of Naylor, had lived in Bonaire since 1963, moving from Orlando, Fla. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bonaire, where she and her husband, James M. Conley, were active members. She was the daughter of the late Joel Newton and Irene Griffin Ganas. Mrs. Conley was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bonaire, where she and her husband, James M. Conley, were active members. She was the daughter of the late Joel Newton and Irene Griffin Ganas. Mrs. Conley was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bonaire, where she and her husband, James M. Conley, were active members.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Conley, and four daughters: Barbara Griffin, Jeanna Fowler, Beth Bonaire, Beth Brantley of Staff, and Janet Jennifer of Bonaire; two sons, Michael Conley of Bonaire and James M. Conley of Bonaire; and seven grandsons.
Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Bonaire. The Rev. Kenny R. Bennett, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Old Union Cemetery in Lakeland at 3 p.m.
McCallough Funeral Home of Warner Robins is in charge of arrangements.

RUBY K. SNELLGROVE
Ruby K. Snellgrove ("Little Mama") was born in Valdosta, Georgia, on August 16, 1912. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bonaire, where she and her husband, James M. Conley, were active members. She was the daughter of the late Joel Newton and Irene Griffin Ganas. Mrs. Conley was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bonaire, where she and her husband, James M. Conley, were active members. She was the daughter of the late Joel Newton and Irene Griffin Ganas. Mrs. Conley was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bonaire, where she and her husband, James M. Conley, were active members.

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Mr. Wyers was a native of Fayette County, Ga. He was a retired tin-gum employee at Jasper Textile Company.
Survivors include his wife, Sarah Rowell Wyers of Lakeland, four sons: James M. Wyers of Tallapoosa, Ala.; James Wyers, both of Stockton and Richard Wyers of Jasper, Fla.; one daughter, Faye Easters of Jasper; one brother, James M. Wyers of Edgewater, Ala.; six sisters: Anna McDonald of Sheffield, Ala.; Ethel Whitson, Adee E. Blalock, both of Winfield, Ala.; Arna Howell of Elderday, Mary Cagell and Gloriana Smith, both of Atlanta; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.
Gravestone services will be held at 4 p.m. today, Aug. 16, at the Lowndes County North Section. The Rev. Royce Bennett will officiate. Burial will be in the North Section of Jasper is in charge of arrangements.

Our Thanks To All...

The Family of Richard Lee Brantley would like to thank the doctors, nurses and all the staff at SGMC and at Smith Hospital in Ahirah for their patience, loving care during the illness of my husband and our dad. Also, we thank everyone who said a prayer, spoke a kind word or did any kind of good for our family. God bless everyone.

Myrtice Brantley & Children

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Lowndes 4-H Girl A Winner

By ELIZABETH BUTLER
Times Staff Writer
ATLANTA — A Lowndes County 4-H'er captured first place in the state in her project Wednesday at the 44th Annual 4-H Congress at the Downtown Radisson Hotel.
Laura Ledford, a Lowndes High senior, won top honors in the human development project with emphasis on teenage sexuality and AIDS awareness. She is the 16-year-old daughter of Pat and Nell Ledford of Naylor. Her many 4-H activities and honors include district winner in her project, cotton boll high individual member of the county junior judging team, delegate to the National Food Week in Washington Focus and 4-H Exchange Program.

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