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By DEAN POLING
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Tai Chi Exhibition

Sean Dethison, Luana Goodwin and Ellen Bruns, members of the Taolist Tai Chi Group of Georgia, practice Tai Chi, an ancient Chinese exercise for health, at the old gymnasium at

Valdosta State College Friday afternoon. The exercise is a slow-motion exercise of gentle, relaxing movements that relax and strengthen the body. — Times Photo by Paul Leavy.

Deadline Passes; Iraq Moves Missiles

The Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Iraq defiantly rejected an allied ultimatum Friday to remove missiles from southern Iraq, then later reportedly began moving the missiles.

A senior Pentagon official in Washington said Iraq moved missiles that were threatening allied jets near the "no-fly" zone, and removed jets from the Al Jarrah air base near the 32nd parallel. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

It was not clear, however, whether the missiles were being moved to meet U.S.-led demands, or simply repositioned. "We're watching the situation very closely," said the Pentagon official.

White House Press Secretary Martin Fitzwiler said the administration was trying to find out whether Iraq was complying with the demand.

Iraq was given a 48-hour deadline on Wednesday by the United States, Britain, France and Russia to remove surface-to-air missiles from southern Iraq, where the

United States had banned use of Iraqi warplanes.

The "no-fly" order was imposed by Washington in August to protect Iraq's rebellious Shiite Muslims from attacks by government forces.

Baghdad's earlier defiance seemed to had increased the possibility the U.S.-led forces might strike Iraq for the first time since the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Edward Perkins, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said Friday that the deadline for Iraq to set was 5:15 p.m. EST Friday, although the U.S. State Department put it at 5:30 p.m.

The official Iraq News Agency, which generally closes at 11 p.m. (4 p.m. EST) stayed open until 12:15 a.m. on 6:15 p.m. EST Friday, and then closed down without communicating on the deadline.

U.S. pilots on the USS Kitty Hawk, deployed in the Persian Gulf, reported no Iraqi activity when they patrolled the zone early Friday.

Later in the day, a patrol of 33

planes — nearly double the usual force — made a sweep over southern Iraq, but returned without firing any shots, pilots said, adding that allies were clear over the region.

In Baghdad earlier Friday, Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz told an emergency Cabinet session that "Iraq will not heed the West's ultimatum and will uphold its right to keep its air defense bases where they are."

"Should these bases be attacked, Iraq will certainly respond in kind to the aggression," he said, according to the state-run Iraq News Agency, monitored in Nicotia.

In recent days, Iraq moved mobile Soviet-made SA-2 and SA-3 surface-to-air missiles into the no-fly zone.

Aziz was quoted as saying the missile batteries were "purely defensive" and had been in place since August.

Iraq's 250-member National Assembly on Friday unanimously approved the Cabinet's decision to

deny the allies' demand, INA reported.

The assembly generally acts as a rubber stamp for government policies.

In another act of defiance, Iraq banned all flights by U.N. weapons inspectors on U.N. aircraft within Iraq, according to an announcement in New York on Friday.

U.N. spokesman Tim Trevan called it a serious breach of Persian Gulf War cease-fire agreements, which require Iraq to permit international inspection of its weapons facilities.

The Security Council Friday prepared a statement condemning the action, according to a draft released by U.N. diplomats.

The European Community, in a statement from Brussels, Belgium, said the Iraqi government "bears the full responsibility for the present unacceptable situation."

Iraq and the West have been at odds since the U.S.-led force pushed Iraqi troops from Kuwait in February 1991.

Police are looking in and about the area. "It's still under investigation," said Capt. Johnny Browning of the Valdosta Police Department, "but to my knowledge we don't have any leads."

— Doug Boyd

Correction

MLK Day: An article in Thursday's edition of The Valdosta Daily Times about Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities contained some errors.

The program at Valdosta's Mathis Auditorium with U.S. Sen. Bill Blount, D-Columbus, will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17; the program in Whitehall Auditorium at Valdosta State College will be at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 18.

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Elvis Sighting

Deloras Carson, window clerk with the U.S. Post Office in Lark Park, sells sheets of Elvis stamps to customers. Approximately



3,500 stamps in the first five minutes they were on sale. See related story, page 3-A — Times Photo by Jeff Allen.

Adult Club Looking At Valdosta

By DEAN POLING
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A strip club representative said Friday his company is interested in two Valdosta-area sites for a possible nude-dance site for a possible nude-dance site.

However, Jack Chambers of Southern Kitchens Inc., which owns the Cafe Erotica near Byron and two similar strip clubs, would reportedly make Valdosta an attractive site for an adult-entertainment establishment.

He also told The Valdosta Daily Times that recent adult-entertainment establishments in Valdosta, Lake Park, Habira and Lowndes County are profitable for his company's possible plans.

"Valdosta is a good site and has real potential for adult-entertainment possibilities," he said. "The establishments here, which are well as the city's location off Interstate 75, make Valdosta an attractive site for an adult-entertainment establishment."

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"By the end of 1992, the company intends to have two more establishments open," he said.

The establishments offer nude dancing with the dancers in lingerie. Chambers said. Patrons can give the dancers money but are unable to touch them.

Food is served at the establishments and the only alcoholic beverage served is beer, Chambers said. If a person is driving, they are allowed only two beers. If a person is not driving they are allowed only five beers, he said.

Ken Garren, Greater Lowndes County Planning Commission director, said he hasn't heard from Cafe Erotica officials since they told him they were no longer operating in the Valdosta area last month.

On Wednesday, Chambers said his company had given up.

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Agencies Receive Drug Seizure \$\$\$

By DEAN POLING
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Valdosta and Lowndes County law-enforcement agencies were awarded \$18,000 Friday as part of a federal drug seizure and redistribution program.

Federal Drug Enforcement Agency agent Johnny Thornton of Columbus presented the check, for equal distribution, to Lowndes Sheriff Ashley Paulk and Valdosta Police Chief Charlie Sims.

On Nov. 7, a Lowndes County deputy stopped an automobile heading southbound near Interstate 75's Exit 6.

The driver was carrying a revoked driver's license and the vehicle's occupants were acting "suspiciously," Thornton said during Friday's press conference.

The deputy found \$2,250 in cash hidden in the vehicle following a search.

A Metro Drug Task Force agent was called to the scene and the money was seized.

A subsequent investigation showed the money was to be used for the "probable cause" of buying drugs and the money was legally seized.

As part of the redistribution program, about 85 percent of drug money is given to law-enforcement agencies who have assisted or worked a drug investigation.

Spray said the Valdosta Police Department's share of the money is going to pay for its officers' recently acquired semi-automatic weapons.

Paulk said the Lowndes County Sheriff's Department's share of money is going to purchase portable radio units for deputies and the replacement or repair of some of their equipment.

The \$18,000 is in addition and unrelated to money allotted each year to these agencies.

In this case, "the bad guys are making the kill," the deputies, Spray said during the press conference.

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