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Daybreak

Valdosta should see partly sunny skies with a chance of a thundershower. Today's high should be in the upper 90s. Complete weather details on page 2-A.

Locally

Homerville Trial Set

HOMERVILLE—The trial of an elderly Clinch County business owner charged with murder was set Monday for the week of July 16, said the area's district attorney.

Leland Smith, 70, of Route 2, Homerville, was arrested in December in connection with the shooting of brothers Wade and Paul McCain, both of Route 1, Homerville, during an argument at L&M Beer and Wine, which Smith owns.

Paul McCain was found dead at the scene.

Smith's trial was originally set for April 9, but was postponed because Smith was hospitalized.

Smith pleaded not guilty at his March arraignment to charges of murder, aggravated assault and possession of a firearm in the commission of a crime before Superior Court Judge W.D. "Jack" Knight. "A judicial Circuit Court Judge, Attorney Robert B. Ellis Jr. has said the state is not seeking the death penalty."

— Charlie Gay

Jasper Death

JASPER, Fla.—A man here turned himself in to authorities Saturday in connection with Friday's stabbing death of a Jasper man at a city trailer park, police say.

Calvin Glarity, 38, of Jasper turned himself in to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department on Saturday morning and is free after posting a \$10,000 bond, said Jasper Police Chief J. Frank Osborn.

Malachi Briggs, 36, also of Jasper, died after being stabbed in the lower left side of his chest with a small pocket knife, Osborn said.

The chief said the stabbing occurred at about 9 p.m. Friday in the trailer park behind United Super Food Store in west Jasper.

Briggs was transported to Hamilton County Memorial Hospital's emergency room, where he died 20-30 minutes later, Osborn said.

Glarity initially was charged with murder and transported to the county jail. The charge then was reduced to second-degree murder, and Osborn referred to it as "a homicide."

— Charlie Gay

Clinch Man Injured

A Homerville man is in fair condition in St. George Medical Center's intensive care unit after being thrown from his truck in a Clinch County wreck early Sunday, authorities say.

Harold W. Lloyd Jr., 22, of 203 Green St., lost control of the vehicle rounding a curve on the Cogdell Highway, about 10 miles north of Homerville at about 10 p.m. Sunday, said Jimmy Ridgion, Clinch County deputy sheriff.

He said the truck struck two ditches and overturned, throwing Lloyd. The vehicle was a 1987 Buick Wildcat.

It was the second accident within six weeks on the twisting Cogdell Road. On May 4, a 1987 Buick Wildcat was killed when the pickup truck in which he was riding crashed into a bridge six miles north of Homerville.

— Charlie Gay

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Berrien Zoning Axed

By DEAN POLING
Times Staff Writer

NASHVILLE — After months of work and preliminary planning, Berrien County commissioners Monday rejected a zoning plan 2-1, opening the way for a much-opposed "chicken-gate factory" to locate in the area.

Commissioners Dazelle Roberts, chairman, and E.R. Gaskins voted 2-1 in a motion instating the zoning plan. Commissioner Lamar Jones supported the proposal.

Ms. Roberts said, "The majority of people in Berrien County do not want zoning, and so I must vote against it." Gaskins said he was against zoning from the start.

Earlier this year, the commission voted to contract the South Georgia Regional Development Center to develop a zoning plan. David Sutton of the RDC, along with a citizens advisory committee, drafted the zoning plan.

Sutton told the Valdosta Daily Times it was regrettable the commission didn't accept the plan, but he understands "they (commissioners) are facing several major issues right now — but we look forward to working with them in the future on a comprehensive planning process."

However, residents at the meeting were less understanding.

For more than eight months, east Berrien residents have been trying to block a proposed chicken-rendering plant proposed by the Proteus Group.

Mildred Nobles, who has been involved in both opposing the plant and developing the zoning plan, asked the commission to wait two more weeks before deciding.

But Ms. Roberts said her mind was made up. Zoning could have stopped the plant, she said.

She argued that only 60 counties in Georgia have zoning and that most do not enforce it.

"Both Joher and Ms. Roberts said they had contacted the state's Environmental Protection Division, which said zoning probably would stop approval of the rendering plant's air and water control permits.

However, plant developers could appeal and take the matter to court, commissioners said.

Ms. Roberts said the commission would consider another method of stopping the plant. When asked about that, she said she didn't yet know.

Lowndes Teacher Discovered Dead

By DEAN POLING
Times Staff Writer

A local primary school teacher was shot to death outside of the school where she was employed late Sunday night or early Monday morning at Lowndes County sheriff's department official said.

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She was found in a gray 1987 Nissan Sentra by a man walking his dog around 6:45 a.m. Monday, Selph said. The car was parked on the east corner of a field by the Pine Grove Primary School where Ms. Schappagh was employed as a teacher for several years, he said.

A handgun, which appeared to be a .38 caliber pistol, was lying beside her in the passenger seat, Selph said.

The sheriff's department report ruled the incident as a shooting death, but Selph said Monday afternoon no final ruling has been made on the case.

"We don't know what we've got yet," he told The Valdosta Daily Times. "This may be a homicide. We'll have to wait for a complete autopsy report before making a classification."

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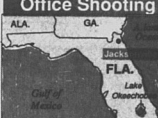
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Office Shooting



JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A gunman "loaded for war" stalked through an auto loan company Monday, firing at customers, shooting under desks at hiding employees and leaving eight dead before killing himself.

Five others were in critical condition after the 11 a.m. shootings by semiautomatic gunfire at General Motors Acceptance Corp.'s Baymeadows office complex.

Richard Langille, an employee, said workers lived under desks when the first of about 50 shots rang out.

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Flying High

As a setting sun sets the sky ablaze, Glen target off North Valdosta Road recently — Sturges of Sky Dive Valdosta approaches his Times Photo by Mike Tanner.

Profiles/A Weekly Feature About Local People

Lowndes Utility Engineer Has Love Of Environment

By CHARLIE GAY
Times Staff Writer

Karl W. Retzlaff worked in the private sector for 25 years, but he's glad to be back in government as Lowndes County's utilities engineer.

"I hope to finish my working days in government," said Retzlaff, 52. "I'd like to do as much for this community as I can."

A Michigan native, Retzlaff came on board the county team in January after doing private consulting work for more than a year for a Valdosta surveyor. He describes himself as a community-oriented man in his approach to his development.

"The private sector is basically money-making, and I've seen some very good things happen and some bad things," Retzlaff said. "Working in government, there's more I can do to help this environment. I just feel more at peace with this work."

Retzlaff's job keeps him juggling field work with administrative duties. Generally, he works with developers planning subdivisions, water and sewer facilities and other contractors, making sure they meet county regulations. He also does in-house design work.

In rapidly growing Lowndes, among Retzlaff's biggest projects are new water and wastewater treatment plants.

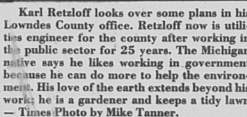
"The county is 'a busy place' — it's enough to keep the adrenaline on edge," Retzlaff said. "There's no chance to get rusty."

Back in Big Rapids, Mich., Retzlaff served as assistant and acting city engineer from 1959-1964, overseeing the design of streets, utilities and drainage for a city of 22,000. Prior to moving here, he was associate and senior designer for a Florida engineering firm.

Recent federal wetlands protection laws kept Retzlaff hopping from place to place before he came to Valdosta. Among his achievements are designing an Equestrian Center in the historic town of Snellville, located in an "environmentally sensitive" area of wooded New Jersey.

Retzlaff's love of designing and the Earth extends past his work day. He's also an avid gardener who keeps a tidy lawn.

Retzlaff also enjoys hunting and fishing, acknowledging he's in the right place for those activities. Currently, Retzlaff and his wife, Pat, are enjoying a summer visit from their grandson Shad Retzlaff, 10.



Karl Retzlaff looks over some plans in his Lowndes County office. Retzlaff now is utilities engineer for the county after working in the public sector for 25 years. The Michigan native says he likes working in government because he can do more to help the environment. His love of the earth extends beyond his work; he is a gardener and keeps a tidy lawn. — Times Photo by Mike Tanner.

Test Scores Mixed

By LAURA JOHNS

Both increases and decreases are reflected in the reading and math test scores for students in the Valdosta School System.

Overall, we're up, said Vicke Burt, director of personnel and instruction for the school system.

"Systemwide, we made gains in first, sixth and eighth grade reading."

Mrs. Burt shared state and national test results with Valdosta School Board members at their meeting Monday.

The testing program begins each year by giving Criterion-Reference Tests are administered to individual students in first, third, sixth, eighth and tenth grades to determine how well they are acquiring academic skills.

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