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Valdosta's May Rise

By LAURA JOHNS
Times Staff Writer

Valdosta residents will see an increase of 1.25 mills in their property taxes in the upcoming fiscal year if City Council votes to fund the \$53.1 million recommended budget.

"This budget has been more difficult for me to prepare than any previous budget that I have participated in the preparation of over the past 18 years," said City Manager Mike Cason.

"This recommended budget pro-

vides essentially the same level of services that was provided last year, yet the operating costs of the three main operating budgets—General Fund, Sanitation Fund and Water/Sewer Fund—are recommended to increase by 8 percent when the Consumer Price Index increased at a rate of 5 percent this past year," he said.

Cason said the cause of the problem is that the city has now fully implemented a pay study recom-

and adopted by mayor/council two years ago.

During that two-year period, salaries and fringe benefits have increased by about 27 percent, Cason said.

The only increases in the level of services in the recommended budget—prepared also by Finance Director Richard Hamlin and other employees of the Finance Department—are in the fire and police departments.

Nine new positions are recommended for the Fire Department

and four new positions for the Police Department.

To fund the increased operating cost, a property tax of 1.25 mills and an increase in the residential sanitation fee of \$1 per month as well as the recently increased water and sewer rates are needed, Cason said.

A 5 percent increase is recommended in the city's General Capital Projects Funds, which are significantly different from last fiscal year, he said.

Last year more than \$500,000 was budgeted for parks improvements

compared to \$400,000 this year. Last year only \$350,000 was budgeted for buildings, drainage, paving, equipment and site improvements compared to \$250,000 this year.

All of all of the recommended capital improvements have matching state or federal grants.

Council will hold a budget hearing Thursday after its regular meeting and a public hearing will be held June 27 in council chambers at 5:30 p.m. Council will adopt the 1990-91 budget on July 2.

Daybreak

Valdosta should see partly sunny skies with continued hot temperatures. The high today should be in the upper 90s. Complete weather details on page 2-A.

Locally

Gas Tax OK'd

JASPER, Fla. — The Hamilton County Commission voted Tuesday night to renew the county's three-cent gas sales tax for another year after no opposition was expressed at a public hearing. Commission Clerk Elaine Rozier said.

The tax was set to expire August 31. Commissioners' action renews it for the next 365 days.

Tax money is earmarked primarily for road and bridge construction, Rozier said.

Hamilton County receives 82 percent of the funds, while the municipalities of Jennings, Jasper and White Springs receive 4 percent each.

Jasper City Council is expected to adopt an interlocal agreement at its regular meeting next month concerning the tax in the city, City Clerk Johnnie Soule said.

The tax was increased in 1988, the tax was increased a penny effective September 1, 1989.

— Charlie Gay

Briefly

Steamroller Deaths

BOURBON BRESSÉ, France. A steamroller fell off a flatbed truck that ran out of control Wednesday, smashing into a school bus and killing six bus driver and a 12-year-old girl, police said.

Three other young girls were seriously injured in the morning accident. It occurred when the driver of the flatbed lost control of his vehicle as it rounded a sharp corner in the town of Coustouren, in southeast France.

The 4-ton steamroller fell off the truck bed and smashed into the school bus, according to police.

Angry Lover

NICOSIA, Cyprus — A male donkey separated from its mate by its master bit the man to death Wednesday, Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the donkey was so enraged when its master, Bahar Khehdmat, separated him from his female companion that it went for Khehdmat's throat. The animal was clubbed to death by farm workers, the agency said.

— The Associated Press

Correction

Quote Wrong

An article in Saturday's edition of *The Valdosta Daily Times* erroneously attributed a quotation to the wrong person. The quote was from a woman who may have two or three wives, should have said that her female companion, Spencer said her husband once threw their marital marriage license on the floor.

Today's Tips

● Madison County Board of Commissioners meets 7 a.m. at the courthouse in Madison, Ga.
● Homeville City Council meets, 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in Homeville.

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Madison Waste Ban OK'd

By CHARLIE GAY
Times Staff Writer

MADISON, Fla. — The Madison County Commission voted to ban hazardous waste incineration in the county Wednesday in the wake of a popular movement against an Anco-owned firm considering the county as an incinerator site.

County Commission vice chairman W. Pat Poppel said commissioners voted 4-0 in favor of the ban in an emergency ordinance. Commissioner Robert Andrews was absent from the regular meeting. Commissioners also set up a July 9 public hearing on a follow-up ordinance "forbidding 'hazardous waste incineration in the county's recommended zoning plan."

As "an insurance policy," commissioners are interviewing five environmental consultants July 2 in case Waste-Tech does pursue a Madison County site, Poppel said. Golden, Colo.-based Waste-Tech Services, Inc. has expressed interest in Madison County as an incinerator site for months but has not approved the County Commission nor applied for construction or air permits.

"We wanted to stop the division in the county," Poppel said. "It was polarizing the whole community, and there's nothing that important." Roy Milliron, president of Save Our Counties (SOC), a county group organized to fight Waste-Tech, applauded the move, but said more work may be ahead.

"We're very definitely on the right track," Milliron said. "Now we have to turn our attention to the state (the incinerator) could get in through."

Waste-Tech spokesman Roberta Anderson was not aware of the ban Wednesday evening. She said she could not comment on it at that time.

The actions completed the County Commission's change of heart on the issue begun last week.



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'Cool-Aid'

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County Workers Against Pay Cut

By KELLI BOWMAN
Times Staff Writer

Some employees from Lowndes County's road and sanitation department asked county commissioners to renege a recommended 4 percent cost-of-living raise the board has threatened to cut to 2 percent in the coming year's budget.

Commissioners spent the better part of a five hour meeting Wednesday night finalizing their review of the recommended 1990-91 fiscal year budget for Lowndes County.

Four employees and one spouse listened as the board conducted its regular meeting, which included a request from members of the Lowndes Valdosta Arts Commission for a donation of \$25,000 to fund his projects and facility for the coming year.

"The county employees should go before the Arts Commission and these buildings — they should come first," said Renee Waldron, wife of Roy Waldron, county grant operator who has worked for the county almost 13 years. "They're the ones that make Valdosta a better place to live in."

"We just live in the desert 4 percent over. We have to withstand 110-degree weather and breathe dust all day," said Jimmy Peters, a county road worker for two years.

County employees have received a 4 percent across-the-board raise for the past two years but commissioners are leaning toward a 2 percent raise for next year because of the \$31 million budget Commission Chairman Fred DeLoach Jr. has said is the most serious he's seen in his 27 years in office.

To this point, the board has tentatively cut more than \$60,000 from the recommended general fund budget it began reviewing two weeks ago.

The board has scheduled July 18 as the tentative date to adopt the final budget.



Kip McLeod, assistant coach for the Valdosta State College baseball team, gives a training exercise to youngsters to help gather in a fly ball in the correct

Here's How

manner during the Baseball Day Camp at Billy Grant Field Wednesday morning — Times Photo by Paul Leavy.

Residents: Watch Out For 'Scam Artists'

By DEAN POLING
Times Staff Writer

Although the men had no identification to support their claims of being inspectors, the woman allowed them inside.

They looked around and soon were flushed. They thanked the woman and left.

But the woman was suspicious; she reported the incident to the Lowndes County Sheriff's Department.

When someone comes to a house, as in the aforementioned instance, the sheriff's

department said that person may be "calling" the residence. When a home is called, it is usually for future burglaries or thefts. The offenders often work in pairs, allowing one to deal with the residents and the other to check out the place.

If anyone needs help in this matter or has any information about a crime, they are asked to call the Lowndes County Sheriff's Department at (912) 333-8138.

Gun Was Teacher's

By DEAN POLING

Times Staff Writer

A gun found beside the body of a Pine Grove Primary School fourth-grade teacher shot to death sometime late Sunday or early Monday belonged to the teacher, authorities said Wednesday.

Investigators are unsure how to rule the shooting death because of minor injuries found on Beverly K. Schappaugh's body.

An autopsy report released late Tuesday from the Georgia State Crime Lab in Atlanta said Ms. Schappaugh, 48, of Valdosta, died of internal bleeding resulting from a single gunshot wound to her left breast area.

The gun causing the wound belonged to her, said Detective Capt. Billy W. Selph of the Lowndes County Sheriff's Department.

When officials found Ms. Schappaugh dead at 6:45 a.m. Monday in her gray 1987 Nissan Sentra, a .38-caliber handgun was lying in the passenger seat beside her, sheriff's reports said. The car was parked in the eastern corner of Pine Grove Primary's playground on Bemiss Road, the school where she taught and worked for the past year.

After the death was reported Monday by a man walking his dog, Selph said, investigators noticed Ms. Schappaugh had several minor injuries resembling bruises. Early autopsy reports by Dr. Gerald Gowitt at the Atlanta crime lab confirmed minor injuries, he said.

Selph would not specify the location of Ms. Schappaugh's minor injuries, but said several more tests are being done at both the Atlanta and Moultrie state crime labs.

Anyone with any information is asked to call the sheriff's department at 333-5138.

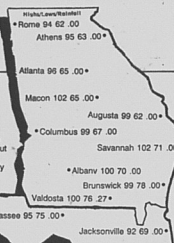
Ms. Schappaugh is believed to have been working at the school Sunday afternoon. Pine Grove Primary Principal Bernard Perry said it is not uncommon for teachers to work on Sundays, especially Ms. Schappaugh.

"She was a very dedicated teacher who was enjoyed by her students, their parents and her fellow teachers," he said. "Instead of going strictly by the books or curriculum, she had a different approach to teaching to get her students more involved."

Perry cited as an example when Ms. Schappaugh's class was studying a series of clown stories. Instead of merely reading the stories or assigning them, she dressed as a clown to make the content "life-like" for the students.

Ms. Schappaugh completed her first year of teaching at Pine Grove June 6, having taught at Hahira Elementary since the 1979-80 school year. She also taught a year in the Berrien County school system, Perry said.

Partly Sunny



● South Georgia should see partly sunny skies and hot temperatures with high in the upper 90s. Winds should be out of the southwest at 10 mph. Tonight should be partly cloudy with lows in the middle-70s.

Farm & Future

● Farmers should see widely scattered afternoon thunderstorms today, with amounts near a quarter-inch. Drying potential should be high with eight to 10 hours of sunshine.

● Georgia should see partly cloudy skies through Monday with high in the upper 90s and lows in the mid-70s.

Rainfall For Month 5.16 inches
Rainfall For Year 17.65

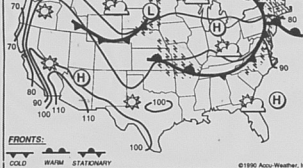
Local Weather table with columns for Wednesday's High, Low, Rain Past 24 Hours, Rainfall Total, and other weather metrics.

30-Day Record table with columns for Date, High, Low, and other weather data.

Table with columns for Date, High, Low, and other weather data for the month.

The Nation

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Thursday, June 21. Lines show high temperatures.



FRONTS: COLD, WARM, STATIONARY. Other weather symbols like sun, clouds, rain, etc.

The Region

● The national forecast calls for thunderstorms in the eastern Dakotas and the south central states, as well as showers in the Northeast.



Coast - To - Coast

● Coastal Georgia should see partly cloudy skies with high near 100 and lows in the middle 70s.

Advertisement for Lenora's Boutique featuring a 30% off Storewide sale and details about the store's location and offerings.

Woman Reports Being Abducted

A Valdosta woman reported being abducted in the 700 block of Old Lake Park Road Wednesday night...

Man Arrested On Drug Charges

A Valdosta man is charged with possession of cocaine after being stopped by a Lowndes County Sheriff's Department officer...

Police Beat

YMCA earlier this week. The police report stated that alleged sexual misconduct involving a younger boy was reported on Monday...

Lawmower Taken From Saw Shop

A riding lawnmower was stolen from Goble's Saw Shop, 2111 Mad...

Buckle Up Drivers - It's A Georgia Law

ison Highway, between 5:45 p.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Thursday, according to a Lowndes County Sheriff's Department report...

Advertisement for The Tunison Company offering 25% to 50% off new office furniture.

Advertisement for Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society.

Advertisement for Winn-Dixie Marketplace Florist Shop.

Advertisement for Boutonniere's offering wedding bouquets and corsages.

Advertisement for McLane Funeral Services.

Advertisement for Tiji Flowers.

Obituaries

MRS. NAT L. BREDLOWE Mrs. Louise Quillian Bredlowe, 66, of Brookwood Dr., passed away Wednesday afternoon after a lengthy illness...

BEVERLY K. SCHAPPAUGH Beverly Kay Schappaugh, 48, of Valdosta, died Sunday...

She is survived by two sons, Paul Schappaugh of Valdosta and Andrew Schappaugh of Atlanta, a daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Kenneth Margolis of Rota, Spain...

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JACK W. SMITH ADEL - Mr. Jack W. Smith, 66, of Route 3, died Tuesday evening at the V.A. Hospital in Lake City, Fla., following a long illness.

Beverly Kay Schappaugh Vernon Deivest

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Vera M. Smith, of Adel; one son, Stanley Smith of Perry, Fla., two stepdaughters, Billy Jack Cook of Atlanta and John Livingston of Barney, one stepdaughter, Mrs. Carolyn Simmons of Adel; three brothers, William Smith of Old Town, Fla., D.B. Smith of Macon and Lennie Smith of Jay, Fla.; two sisters, Mary Ann O'Steen of Old Town and Mary O'Steen of Irwin, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Advertisement for McLane Funeral Services.

Funeral services will be held today at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Boone Funeral Home, Highway 41 South, with the Rev. Roscoe Bennett officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens...

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Large advertisement for Fresh Food Store listing various products and prices, including meat department specials.

Advertisement for The Valdosta Daily Times, including subscription rates and contact information.

Advertisement for Buckle Up Drivers - It's A Georgia Law.

BEVERLY K. SCHAPPAUGH

Beverly Kay Schappaugh, 48, of Valdosta, died Sunday.

She was born in Roaring Springs, Penn., on Aug. 25, 1941, to John and Dorcas "Dee" Dexter. Ms. Schappaugh had lived in Lowndes County since 1973, was a fourth grade school teacher at Pine Grove Elementary School and was a volunteer worker for the Soup Kitchen.

She is survived by two sons, Paul Schappaugh of Valdosta and Mark Schappaugh of Atlanta; a daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Kenneth Marquis of Rota, Spain; her parents, John and Dorcas "Dee" Dexter of Crestview, Fla.; grandmother, Kathryn Helsel of Roaring Springs; and sisters, Johnna Smith of Chattanooga, Tenn., Elizabeth Williamson of Raleigh, N.C., and Karen Baker of Minneapolis, Minn.

Funeral services for Ms. Schappaugh will be held Friday at 4 p.m. in the chapel of the Carson McLane Funeral Home with Dr. Clyde Stokes, pastor of Greenwood Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will be at McLane's Riverview Memorial Gardens.

The family will be receiving friends at the funeral home from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday.

Carson McLane Funeral Home is serving the Schappaugh family.



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