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Daybreak

Valdosta should see partly cloudy skies with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. The high should be in the lower 90s. Complete weather details on page 2-A.

Locally

VPD Gets Classroom

The Valdosta School Board is giving a used, portable classroom to the Valdosta Police Department for a shelter at its shooting range.

Vickie Burt, director of personnel and instruction for the city school system, said the portable classroom at Valdosta High has not been used for classes since 1985. Until now, it has been used for storage, she said.

—Laura Johns

BOE To Meet

The Valdosta School Board has announced its meeting dates for the next fiscal year.

"All meetings are held on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the superintendent's office at 120 Williams St."

Meeting dates for the remainder of 1990 are July 9, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17.

—Laura Johns

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By DEAN POLING
Times Staff Writer

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A Rising Snowy Locality

By DEAN POLING
Times Staff Writer

AIDS cases in South Georgia have risen slightly this year, say most local health officials. While two northern Florida hospitals report their number of AIDS-related cases are about the same as last year.

Coretta Roberts, AIDS health educator at the Lowndes County Health Department, said Friday about 100 cases were reported within the past year in two units of Georgia's Health District 8 — which is up slightly from a year ago, she said.

She also said more heterosexuals are testing positive for AIDS, while the homosexual rate of cases has stabilized regionally.

County-by-county figures of reported AIDS cases were not available. District 8 Unit 1 includes Lowndes, Brooks, Bertin, Cook, Lanier, Echols, TER, Turner, Ben Hill and Irwin counties. District 8, Unit 2, headquartered in Albany, handles a six- to seven-county area.

Though no regional estimates of AIDS-related deaths were available at the health department, two local hospitals reported at least four in the past year.

Dr. Russell Acree of the Memorial Hospital of Adel reported two AIDS-related deaths. He said he was dealing with eight to 10 AIDS patients in the local area.

Acree said everyone should be tested for the disease. "It's very difficult to get an estimate of how many people in the region may have the AIDS virus because so many people have been tested," he said.

Brooks County Hospital reported three AIDS cases with two resulting in deaths, said Joann Moore, director of medical records and utilization services.

Though Brooks County Hospital handles AIDS cases on a "walk-in bed system" with other area medical facilities, Ms. Moore said the hospital had no AIDS patients previous to last year.

Briefly

'Robin Hood'

ALTIMORE — "Robin Hood," the former real estate agent who claimed she stole about \$2 million from HUD to help the poor, was sentenced Friday to the maximum prison term of nearly four years.

U.S. District Judge Herbert Murray lasted the 46-month sentence at the request of the agent, Marilyn Harrell, who federal officials said stole more from the government than any individual.

"I will ask you for the maximum term because I deserve it," Harrell told the judge. "I have never said what I did was right. In fact, if a person steals 5 cents from you, it should be done with whatever the court sees fit."

Murray also sentenced Harrell to three years' probation and 624 hours of community service and ordered her to pay \$600,000 in restitution. She was also ordered to serve a concurrent one-year sentence on the tax charge.

Prosecutors asked Murray to refigure the federal sentencing guideline formula used to determine her sentence, moving the limits from 30 to 37 months. She had 37 months on a base of aggravating factors.

— The Associated Press

Moody Getting NEXRAD System

By MARIO CRISTALDI
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — Moody Air Force Base is scheduled to get a sophisticated \$2 million storm-tracking radar system as part of a nationwide overhaul of the National Weather Service's radar network.

The radar, scheduled for delivery to Moody in October 1993, is touted for its ability to detect dangerous weather systems as they are developing.

Spurred on the intensity we can issue a warning right away, and you

Rain Lily

A day lily soaks up rain after a small shower. The day lily is in the gardens at The Crescent in Valdosta and enjoyed its brief rain showers that hit the city Friday afternoon — Times Photo by Paul Leavy.

LHS Student Gets Intensive Probation

By KELLI BOWMAN
Times Staff Writer

A Lowndes High School student, accused of raping another student, was given a maximum sentence Friday of 12 months intensive probation after pleading guilty to fornication.

Michael G. Robinson, 18, indicted on two counts of rape in February, pleaded guilty to one count of the misdemeanor on May 22.

Robinson is one of two students in another Lowndes student in the school grounds during 1989.

Robinson, a 17-year-old victim, who attended special education classes, reported being raped in May and in September of last year. He identified Robinson as his attacker until after the second incident.

The victim was taken to South Georgia Medical Center in Americus, and physical examinations indicated she was forced to have sex, prosecutor Catherine Helms said.

Deleane lawyer Jim Jarvis said he boy told the May incident, but that Robinson and the victim had consented to sex at school in September. Jarvis said Friday he felt the sentence was reasonable.

"It's a good family, and it is a good boy," the lawyer said.

As a condition of probation, Robinson will not be allowed to return to Lowndes High School or attend classes there. Judge H. Arthur Robinson said he has no contact with the girl.

Lottery

MIAMI — Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Florida Lottery.

Cash 5
6-3
Fantasy 5
12-35-13-14

Moody Getting NEXRAD System

get the extra 20 or 30 minutes to take cover or organize emergency forces," said Don Sarraels, a Weather Service meteorologist involved in coordinating the project.

"It allows you to gear up for anything — before it's too late," he said. There are plans to install 178 of the NEXRAD — Next Generation Weather Radars — at sites in the United States and worldwide during the next few years.

A visitor to the NEXRAD site at Moody would see a small fenced compound and steel tower, topped by a 35-foot diameter ball housing a 28-foot radar antenna.

The installations are to be part of an estimated \$20 billion Weather Service modernization program aimed at replacing outmoded technology with a high-tech arsenal of radars, computers and satellites. Along with early warning, the new equipment is expected to cut down on false alarms.

Rep. James Scheuer, D-N.Y., who chairs a House panel studying the Weather Service's capability, has called the current weather forecasting system "a national shame" that is "overseeing in the Paleolithic Age."

Frazier: Looking For Another 100

By LAURA JOHNS
Times Staff Writer

"In 1984, I was 100 years old," said Valdosta Eljah Frazier. "I recall, I'll make it another hundred."

Frazier, a resident of Crestwood Nursing Home, celebrated his 106th birthday Friday. Other attendees of the morning hours and some of his relatives sang "Happy Birthday" to him and helped him eat the bumper-cake cake.

Frazier's three nieces, Georgia Myrtice and Vera Hadden of Valdosta and Dina King of Plant City, Fla., and his great nephew John Fleming all helped him at the party.

"It's not everyday that someone turns 106," said Gwyn Hooper, Crestwood's activities director. "When I went into his room this morning, he said 'I'm 6 years old today.' — I've started over."

Frazier: Looking For Another 100

The oldest man in world, Jackson Pollock, 123, lives in Milledgeville, but Valdosta's 106-year-old could be the oldest living person to run for his money.

Frazier has trouble hearing, but he is very alert and talkative. In fact, he often asks residence workers why he can't go home since nothing is wrong with him, Mrs. Hooper said.

"If he could see and hear better, he'd be a good lawyer," Frazier said. "I'm feeling plum good."

The DuPont native said Valdosta is his home, although he lived much of his life in Florida working in the timber business. He also ran barber shops in Tampa and Orlando, Fla., and in Valdosta for many years.

After he retired, he worked as a gardener. Frazier said he was one man's partner for 51 years.

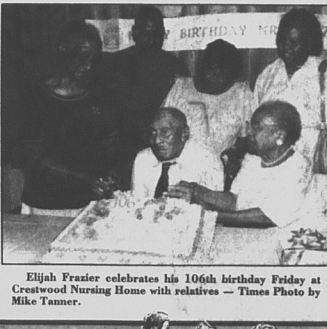
"I haven't done a nickel's worth of

Today's Tips

The Knights of Columbus has its annual Red, White and Blue Dinner-Dance at 7 p.m. at 306 S. Augusta Road with proceeds earmarked for local charities.

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Eljah Frazier celebrates his 106th birthday Friday at Crestwood Nursing Home with relatives — Times Photo by Mike Tamer.

Tasty Reading

22nd Annual Book

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