



Yankees post first win 5-1



FORT MYERS NEWS-PRESS Serving Southwest Florida Since 1884 • A Gannett Newspaper

94th Year Issue No. 327 Fort Myers, Florida, Saturday Morning, October 14, 1978 20c Daily, 90c Sunday

Body found in burning Charlotte field Girl abducted, burned to death



LINDA PIKRITZ ... she used to buy gum

Linda always smiled. ... PORT CHARLOTTE — A blond 12-year-old Port Charlotte girl who left her home on a bicycle for a short ride to buy chewing gum was abducted, thrown into a Port Charlotte field and burned to death, sheriff officials said Friday.

"It was a brutal, brutal murder, in my 10 years in law enforcement, never have I seen or slaying of this type nor has anyone on my staff." SHERIFF ALAN LeBAU

three other children who had been approached by a man Thursday afternoon. All three incidents occurred on the west side of U.S. 41, near Meadows Park Elementary School. Officials have no description of the man.

Lebau said the girl left her home on her bicycle at 4:30 p.m. to buy chewing gum at L.J. General store at the corner of U.S. 41 and Midway Boulevard.

Sad lawmen bury officer who died in line of duty

By KEVIN BLOOM News-Press Bureau PUNTA GORDA — Gritly vaquero, they came in patrol cars, unmarked cars, vans and motorcycles. They came to honor a cop — a good cop who lost his life in the line of duty.

Jack been under a heavy sky. They lined up two-deep, forming a corridor to the grave site. On command they came to attention. As the powder-thick gray casket was drawn from the hearse, they stepped to and saluted.



Richard Beecher's hat sits atop casket at his funeral

Energy program wins crucial test

WASHINGTON (AP) — By a one-vote margin, the House on Friday cleared the way for enactment of the energy program. President Carter has called his No. 1 domestic priority.

Civil Service bill signed 2A Three Congressmen reprimanded 4A Humphrey-Hawkins bill passes 5A Tax compromise sought 5A

Congressional leaders have claimed that a number of people opposing the natural gas section will vote for it in a package rather than jeopardize the entire energy plan.

Inside Today's NEWS-PRESS

- Soviets convicted of spying on U.S. Local ... FIREFIGHTERS STAGE ...

Voters want to elect PSC and Cabinet

Florida voters overwhelmingly wish to retain their power of electing a state cabinet and a public service commission, according to the Florida Survey.

Cunningham joins Senate drug probe

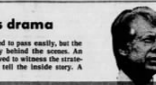
By KEN PALLSON News-Press Staff Writer The chief investigator for the Lee County state attorney's office has been assigned to the staff of a U.S. Senate permanent subcommittee investigating organized crime and narcotics in Florida.

"He's been working for them off and on for some time," D'Allesandro said. "Now, I'm giving him to them full time."

"It helps us in that he gets to know these people (on the committee) on a personal basis," he said. "They have much more power than we do in certain areas."

COMING SUNDAY

Behind-the-scenes drama President Carter's civil service bill seemed to pass easily, but the legislative vote didn't show the intense activity behind the scenes.



Your mind in a penstroke Handwriting analysts believe that in your cursive lies your character and that they can reveal the important secrets of your psyche by studying your cursive.