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Reports From Staff Writers, Bureaus And Wire Services

Hypnosis used in murder investigation

By KAREN FELDMAN News-Press Bureau

PUNTA GORDA — The sheriff's department has begun using hypnosis in an attempt to identify the man who killed 12-year-old Linda Pikaris Thursday night...

Investigators will not say what leads, if any, they have in their hunt for a suspect in last week's abduction-killing of the 12-year-old Port Charlotte girl...

was used in the abduction because of the distance between the convenience store and the location of the body. Asked if investigators had a description of the vehicle, Clement said...

Reward fund established

PORT CHARLOTTE — A reward fund was established at a local bank Monday for information leading to the arrest of the person who killed Linda Pikaris Thursday...

until the last pupil has gone home, he said. If a child is going home to an empty house, he must notify a school official before leaving school grounds...

Testimony heard in drug probe

By KAREN FELDMAN News-Press Bureau

PUNTA GORDA — Four people testified briefly Monday before a Charlotte County grand jury investigating drug smuggling in the county...

The 15-member jury met behind closed doors at 11 a.m. with Assistant State Attorney Gene Berry but did not hear testimony until the afternoon...

Fourteen people have been subpoenaed to testify during the investigation which, according to Berry, will be conducted over a period of about six weeks...

17-year old girl is still missing

By KAREN FELDMAN News-Press Bureau

PUNTA GORDA — The sheriff's office still is searching for a 17-year-old Punta Gorda girl who went for a walk Friday evening and did not return home...

handing and appeared to be happy. Police radio reports said Miss Gudeña's parents informed authorities the girl had very few friends...



Drink Schneider, 1, enjoys an early morning snack while sharing a snack with the gulls at Charlotte Harbor.

Stone claims energy measures significant

By KEVIN BLOOM News-Press Bureau

PUNTA GORDA — A last minute energy package will go down in the most historic piece of legislation since the 19th session of the U.S. Congress...

has no natural gas in Florida as "essential" to the state. "It will keep us from returning to Venezuelan OPEC oil, which is critical from a supply point of view," he said.

No accomplices sought in escape

By KEVIN BLOOM News-Press Bureau

PUNTA GORDA — No one helped a man indicted for murder escape from the Charlotte County jail last week, Assistant State Attorney Eugene Berry said Monday...

The sheriff's department had their own investigation," Berry said. "That is an internal matter."

Final encephalitis tests to be conducted this week

By KEVIN BLOOM News-Press Bureau

PUNTA GORDA — Southern Florida health departments will be conducting final tests for St. Louis Encephalitis this week...

people," Tomas said. "where the St. Louis strain is usually found in older persons."

Grand jury may investigate policeman's death

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PUNTA GORDA — A grand jury might be asked in December if charges will be brought in connection with a traffic fatality involving Lt. Richard Beecher.

Assistant State Attorney Eugene Berry said Monday he will want for a report from Florida Highway Patrol medical investigators before making a decision.

ened," Berry said. "It is fair to say that a grand jury is one consideration."

After taking samples Friday health officials will await the results from state laboratories in Tampa. If all the samples prove negative the program will be discontinued Oct. 23.

Naples Airlines wins approval from the Public Service Commission to suspend service between Punta Gorda-Port Charlotte and Miami after averaging only one passenger per flight. Story on page 15A.