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# Planning group reviews development on Boca Grande

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A side presentation on Gasparilla Island and its particular development problems was shown to five members of the bi-county planning group from Charlotte and Lee counties Thursday at the Lee County Courthouse.

Because Gasparilla Island is split by the Lee-Charlotte county line, an informal planning group was set up with officials of both counties concerning future development practices to be followed on the island. A proposed development plan was issued

which they were built — the early 1900s. Some development now being carried out on the island does not seem to reflect that theme, Farr said, and ultra-modern condominiums are going up near the old-style Florida homes.

Other areas of the island, particularly Charlotte County's northern half, already have been subdivided and cleared. "The plan's goal is to maintain the kind of place the island is today," Farr said.

"There are two counties involved and there will be two teams of thought about the best things to do concerning development and protection of the environment. The proposed plan recommends a limit of 2,500 dwelling units, he said. If that number is exceeded, the population will attract "commercial-type mass tourism," Trigiani said.

He said that if a development authority is mentioned around the county court house, "you get a refrigerated feeling." It would be more positively supported by the people's taste, he said.

Trigiani's suggestion, Thompson said, he would meet with Charlotte County planner Terry Brown and set up a similar presentation for the Charlotte Commission. A joint meeting between both counties' commissions was suggested but nothing definite was set.

## Causeway

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cars use the roads paid for by the bond issue, even though total traffic is 18,000 cars per day. Hundreds answered affirmatively.

Seals, however, saw things differently. He said that the main beneficiaries of the new roads would be persons going in and out from South Fort Myers and Fort Myers Beach.

Seals argued that the \$1 causeway tolls are excessive because the bridge is already paid for. He said that the toll works out to 18.36 per mile compared to only two cents per mile for the Florida Turnpike.

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## Paper, hospital argue over hearing secrecy

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Lee Memorial Hospital's claim of an obligation to protect medical records is being argued Oct. 19 just minutes before a scheduled hearing on the hospital's Sunshine Law attorney representing the News-Press argued Thursday in circuit court.

The hospital's attorney, Robert McCarty, countered that a planned news declaration by Lee Memorial's board of directors of an appeal by surgeon Dr. Donald Malloff of his suspension, requires disclosure of confidential medical records and that records should be exempt from the Sunshine Law under state privacy statutes.

Hospital President John Cadd testified at the hearing before Circuit Judge Hugh Starnes, that he personally objected to opening the final report of Malloff's case just to please the press, the public or go through a star chamber exercise.

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## Insurance post candidate wants mandatory coverage

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Jeffrey Latham of Davis, the Republican candidate for state treasurer-insurance commissioner, thinks Florida motorists shouldn't gamble on automobile insurance when they take to the highway.

Latham says uninsured motorists are a burden on the state's insurance industry, that the real culprit, he adds, is the insurance policies with higher price tags that adequate coverage carries.

Latham, who was in Fort Myers Thursday during a campaign swing through Southwest Florida, considered a news conference in front of the Lee County Courthouse.

The 35-year-old candidate, who won Democratic incumbent Bill Gutter in the high Nov. 7 election, only insured motorists should be insured, he said. Insurers' policies should be broken up into insurance premiums.

One of his proposals would be to offer rebates to motorists with good driving records of four years. "If you've demonstrated that you're a good driver and a responsible citizen, it's a way of giving you a break," he says.

## Charlotte airport expansion rejected

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A proposed runway expansion at the Charlotte County Airport was rejected by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council Thursday.

While another Charlotte County project, Maple Leaf Estates, passed the board's approval.

Action taken by the planning council is advisory and has no binding effect. Final decisions on the projects will be made by the county commission.

The Charlotte County Development Authority had asked for a runway extension of 1,500 feet, making the runway 4,500 feet long.

Objections to the runway extension came mostly from Charlotte County members, who said they feared the enlargement would lead to more and bigger plants coming into the area.

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PUNTA GORDA — The Charlotte County Sheriff's Department has obtained a psychological profile of the type of person who could have killed Linda Plauritz.

Major R. E. Nierberg, of the sheriff's department, said Thursday the profile had been compiled through consultations with the FBI and a number of psychiatrists. He declined to comment on the contents of the profile.

Linda, a 13-year-old Fort Charlotte girl, was abducted and burned to death Oct. 12.

Nierberg said his office will soon release information on the status of the investigation until an arrest has been made.

Source close to the investigation, however, said Thursday the department is operating on the assumption that a local resident committed the crime. If the killer is a transient, he said, "we might as well go home."

## Fish fry planned for Dist. 91 candidate

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A fish fry for Isaac Anderson, Democratic candidate for the 91st Florida House seat, will be held Saturday.

The event will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dunbar Recreation Center on Edison Avenue, just east of the Farmer's Market.

Anderson is 55 and all proceeds will go to the Isaac "The Anderson" Jr. campaign fund.

Anderson's opponent in the Nov. 7 general election is incumbent Republican Paul Nickolls.

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A federal grant of more than \$70,000 to the Dunbar Heights Opinions Club adds a new twist to Florida's state assessment tests by paying as many as 200 students to attend remedial training sessions.

The grant will pay youth ages 14 through 21 for four hours of remedial training each week for one hour, according to Riverside High School Principal Jim Middlebrooks.

The grant was made through the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) youth employment training program.

Students who qualify will attend the sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 10 weeks to hone up on employability skills, mathematics and language arts. Middlebrooks said.

## Pine Island to receive once-a-week bus service

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Lee County will begin weekly bus service to Pine Island starting Saturday, according to Tom Broadbent, the county's transit director.

The first route, which will be the first county bus service to the island, will start Saturday from Pine Island Center at the Eastern Mall, Broadbent said Thursday.

"What we're doing is meeting the needs," Broadbent said. "It's not just about the bus service, it's about the attitude of the community's restaurants and fishing area."

Round-trip bus fare from Pine Island Center to the mall will be \$1 or 50 cents for handicapped and senior citizens.

## Cape crime rate among lowest

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The bureau listed 62 cities nationwide as having the lowest crime figures in the 19,000 to 2,000 population range. Cape Coral was the 27th on that list.

The FBI's report also ranks the Cape as 63rd in crime rate on its list of cities with a population of more than 10,000.

"You can still take a walk at night here without fear, and that's more than you can say about many other cities," Det. L. Roger Butler said Thursday.

## Tests

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Kahn said that he recalled one instance in the past three and a half years — the exact date of which he couldn't determine — when the test was discontinued briefly because the laboratory had run out of outside gold solution. Kahn said monthly laboratory reports indicate there was never a large break in the availability of the test in the hospital and that the majority, if not all, of the 171 men ordered at Lee Memorial were performed in the hospital laboratory.

All tests which are done in this laboratory, which is under my direct supervision, Bill Besser said, "I don't always perform the test myself. Memorial's laboratory performs more than 100 different types of tests. Kahn said.

When a physician orders any laboratory test for a hospitalized patient, according to Besser, copies of the order go to the hospital for billing purposes, Besser's private billing office, the laboratory or other physicians on request and the physician.

Gold said pathologists earn their income by spreading the cost of providing pathological services to a hospital over all patients who use the laboratory in the form of the professional component of a bill.

## Judge rules in shooting incident

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Circuit Judge Wallace Pack ruled Thursday that a Fort Myers Beach shopper knew the difference between "right and wrong" during a gun battle in which two men were shot in April 1977 on a boat at the beach.

Johny Johnson, 51, is charged with three counts of attempted murder, two counts of aggravated battery and resisting arrest with violence in connection with the April 4 shooting.

According to the booking report, Johnson is charged with violating Jeffrey Mathcock, 23, in the back and Jamie Gleason, 21, in the face with a .38-caliber pistol, both later recovered.

Pack is presiding in the non-jury trial. Johnson pleaded no contest to the charges, according to courtroom reporters.

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