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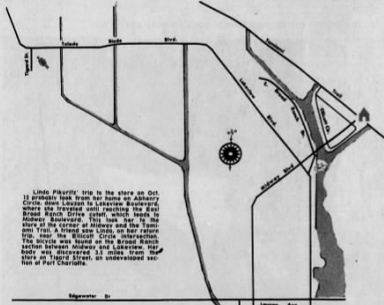
The Weather

Fair skies; high in the 60s, low in the 40s. Details on Page 2A.

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Burned Charlotte girl warned to avoid strangers

The burned body of 12-year-old Linda Pikaritz was discovered around midnight Thursday, Oct. 12, in a wooded area in Fort Charlotte. Police and medical authorities say the seventh grader had been abducted and burned alive. In this story, Staff Writer Joe Janos interviews the slain girl's family and friends and retraces her steps before she was killed.

By JOE JUNOD News-Press Staff Writer

PORT CHARLOTTE — Linda Pikaritz did not go gently into that good night. She did not go gently because

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promises of Florida and the chance to spend more time with her children. Linda Pikaritz did not go gently because she would have fought the killer. She was a tough little scrapper, say her friends, neighbors, teachers and parents.

Political prisoners set free by Castro greeted in Miami

MIAMI — Enrique Fernandez, a Bay of Pigs veteran and a political prisoner in Cuba for 13 years, gave his wife and one of his daughters the happiest birthday present of their lives Saturday — he came home.

Theft brings boom

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The theft of a little red box from a court's room at a Kenyan game lodge has led to a sudden increase in the country's baboon population.

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TONY CUESTA WAVES HIS ARTIFICIAL ARM LEAVING HAVANA AIRPORT ... commands him right and left arms to best rival against Cuba in 1968

Gambling business dominates everything in north Nevada

With the broad interest in gaming generated by the upcoming referendum in Florida, Gannett News Service has prepared a series of articles on the gaming capital of the country — Nevada. The following article is the first in this series.

By BOB SCHWARTZMAN Gannett News Service

Rhodesian raiders kill 1,500 guerrillas

By MAUREN JOHNSON Associated Press Writer

LALIBABERY, Rhodesia — Airborne Rhodesian raiders blasted 12 black nationalist guerrilla camps and killed an estimated 1,500 guerrillas deep inside Zambia last week, the military announced Saturday.

The reported death toll made it the bloodiest cross-border operation by the Rhodesians in the six-year-old guerrilla war.

Rhodesian forces also struck bases in Mozambique, the military said, but casualties there were not announced. It said that during the raids into Zambia the Rhodesians clashed briefly with Zambian troops.

The communique said that the raiders reported 300 guerrillas killed during the strikes Thursday on three major insurgent bases and nine satellite camps in Zambia, but that Zambian estimates put the toll at more than 1,500.

Previously, the highest reported death toll was in a raid last November against insurgent camps in Mozambique, where the Rhodesian military reported killing 1,200 persons.

The military said all Rhodesian troops and warplanes had been pulled out of both countries.

Prime Minister Ian Smith, in Johannesburg, South Africa, as a stopover on his way home from the United States, said he was not advised in advance of the attacks.

"We have an arrangement with the security forces that they must do the country and the people, and, whenever it is necessary, to indulge in defensive raids against terrorist camps. We believe this is a sound policy," he said.

The white prime minister has accepted a U.S.-British proposal to convene talks involving all parties to the Rhodesian dispute, but Joshua Nkomo, head of the Zimbabwe African People's Union guerrillas, said reporters at a news conference Saturday in Lusaka,

Warplanes bomb first; paratroopers mop up

AP Special Correspondent Eddie Adams was flown by the Rhodesian military to the site of one of its attacks guerrillas. It was the first time since the start of the guerrilla war six years ago that foreign correspondents accompanied Rhodesian troops to a base hit in a cross-border raid. Rhodesian military censors made minor changes in the story.

By EDDIE ADAMS AP Special Correspondent

MKUSHI, Zambia — Rhodesian warplanes blasted a black nationalist guerrilla base here, then dropped in paratroopers to finish the job, killing many guerrillas, destroying buildings and blowing up ammunition supplies.

A Rhodesian security force spokesman said hundreds of insurgents were killed in Mkushi.

The attack Thursday was one of 12 made against Joshua Nkomo's Zimbabwe African People's Union bases in Zambia. Rhodesian says it killed an estimated 1,200 or more black guerrillas, members of the Patriotic Front alliance that is fighting to topple the Rhodesian government in Rhodesia.

"Twenty-four hours after the raid started on Mkushi, Rhodesian troops were still burning and blowing up the low-lying clay buildings, mud huts and squat-tan gray tents that survived the initial bombing raid."

About 30 unarmored bodies were scattered around the one-square-mile camp. Most were men but two were young women. Many of the bodies were bullet-riddled. A few were blown to pieces. Almost all the dead clutched Soviet-made assault rifles. Some of the bodies were crumpled in fashions where they apparently had fallen.

Zambia, that such talks are now out of the question.

"The all-party conference is on the back burner," Nkomo said. "It is not on."

"We are told to come and talk to the military chiefs to make sure the whole problem has been accepted. A U.S.-British proposal to convene talks involving all parties to the Rhodesian dispute, but Joshua Nkomo, head of the Zimbabwe African People's Union guerrillas, said reporters at a news conference Saturday in Lusaka,

happier if they weren't at the conference." Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere, meanwhile, said Sunday talks "with no pre-condition" are expected by Smith are "non-sensical." He said an all-party meeting would be held in Lusaka in the near future, but he would not encourage the guerrillas to accept it.

Nyerere, who spoke in an interview with the Newswatch Broadside magazine last week, said he would prevent the guerrilla leaders from attending the all-party talks, Smith said. "We'd be

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Oops!

Well, we said it was magic — but the trick didn't come off exactly as planned in many copies of Antenna, the TV magazine inside today's paper. A computerized story titled "It's Magic," on Magician David Copperfield's television special to be broadcast Friday, was meant to be accompanied by a color photo of Copperfield and his two assistants. But there appeared instead a bright yellow spot which, we were sorry to say, is not likely to materialize into much of anything else. The error occurred when the negatives for the photo were accidentally scanned from the page.

Casino Gambling

industry in Miami Beach, they wouldn't be vying on it now," Dyer said. The two executives came to power by vastly different paths. Dyer, 48, began as a cashier at Harrar's 21 years ago, out of the University of Utah with a degree in banking and finance. He rose

profitable Harrar's Inc., which operates casinos in Reno and Lake Tahoe. Piper heads the spectacular new MGM Grand casino-hotel here. Back took pragmatically at the question of legalized casino gambling in Florida. They consider it a foregone conclusion that gambling, as it is called in Nevada, would help Miami Beach. "Face it, if they had a real viable tourist