

Cable television rates to be discussed

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PUNTA GORDA — City customers of the local cable television franchise will be able to address a proposed rate increase at a public hearing this morning.

except in cases aimed for commercial or industrial use for no longer than one hour each day.
The position does not apply to vehicles parked inside a garage or those used by personnel serving a homeowner on a temporary basis.

Personal use of county vehicles is banned

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PUNTA GORDA — In a move calculated to save 7,000 gallons of fuel annually, county commissioners Tuesday banned the use of county vehicles for transportation to and from work for employees.

prevention bureau, and entered into new programs such as congregate meals. Both involve several departments.
If forced to resort to the allocation schedule, Primm said, because allocations would not meet current demands.

Jury is chosen for Captain's Club owner's case

By KATE PHILLIPS
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A jury of five men and one woman was chosen Tuesday to judge the case of the Captain's Club owner who is charged with first-degree murder.

The sheriff's department had been called to the scene that morning, and both surrendered to them at the Punta Gorda Airport March 9 after a warrant was issued for their arrest.
Ruth, a self-employed pilot, has pleaded not guilty to all six charges. Circuit Judge Richard M. Stanley denied several motions filed by Ruth's defense attorney, Larry Boyd of Sarasota, including one to dismiss the charges against the pilot.

Suspect

Police in South Windsor, Conn., took Mauer into custody on Jan. 14, according to South Windsor Police Capt. Bill Ryan, after Mauer allegedly pointed a handgun toward his body. He was unable to locate the handgun.

South Windsor police have been unable to determine the exact origin of the handgun.
Shortly after the incident happened, the handgun was turned over to South Windsor police officer, Charles J. Jones.

Battle

Burrill objected to the bill because he had no many other local bills to worry about. He also said it did not seem necessary to introduce the bill in the House because Henderson had filed it in the Senate.

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Gasparilla

Charlottesville County commissioners vigorously opposed passage of the bill because they would be forced to award prizes that belong to them.
In addition, the commission's opposition to the bill because it was not proposed in a public hearing to the board of directors of Charlottesville County during legislative deliberations last spring.

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Hogg

Because he was held in the county jail on \$25,000 bond, the sheriff's department is being billed the cost of about \$100 per day for his medical expenses, which does not include additional physician charges, Sheriff Alan Lettsau said.

Lettsau received a medical bill Tuesday of \$2,000 and \$33,000, which will be paid by the taxpayers, he said.
"Thus far, the sheriff's department has not challenged that liability," Lettsau said.

Budget

budget officer, auditor of commission finances and activities clerk of the commission, responsibility for keeping records of board meetings.
Alexander said he did not expect any "funds" from the commission because it means to add more responsibilities imposed by the board.

With those objections in mind, commissioners authorized County Attorney R. William Thompson to work whether legal recourse might be available to block implementation of the bill.
Asked what approach he will use, Thompson said, "I haven't figured out how to attack the thing yet."

Motion

motion before. Shattuck was to stand trial.
Chief Judge L. Phil Bennett said Tuesday he did not believe any drugs given to Shattuck were mind-controlling, but did confirm that Shattuck had executed his arm in a suicide attempt.
Shattuck who claims that the trial court erred in not holding a sanity hearing.

He stated in the motion, filed through a Miami attorney, Stephen Goodman, that he was on opiates, barbiturates and pharmaceutical aids which severely hampered his judgment.

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