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Suspect information sought

By KAREN FELDMAN News-Press Bureau
PUNTA GORDA — Police said Thursday that any one who might have seen Linda Fieritz...

when she was apparently abducted. Five hours later, firefighters dousing a fire in a room...

the car could have been a Ford, Plymouth or Chevrolet. Linda was wearing blue jeans, a yellow T-shirt...



COMPOSITE SKETCH... of murder suspect

Teen-ager gored by family bull

By TYWANA GREENE News-Press Staff Writer
A 15-year-old boy was gored in the side by the family bull Thursday afternoon as he was trying to return the animal to his pen.



Car rams bar

"It sounded like a bomb blast," the owner of the Surf Club said Wednesday night after a car plowed into his Fort Myers beach bar...

Sherriff's Department, a car driven by Jacquelin Taylor, 31, of 223 Nank...

Randy testified that he was growing the plant "to obtain a fresh section to be used for identification purposes."

Fired Lee deputy sues sheriff, agent for raid

By FRANCES D. WILLIAMS News-Press Staff Writer
Ron Ruddy, a former Lee County sheriff's deputy fired last year after he was arrested and charged with having a marijuana plant in his home...

Myers Villas and confiscated a marijuana plant. Officers said the plant, about one foot high, was growing in a front window and visible from the street.

Randy testified that he was growing the plant "to obtain a fresh section to be used for identification purposes."

Randy testified that she had not granted such permission. McIver noted that Grewer had entered the home without consent...

County ups acreage for homes in agricultural areas

By BRIAN E. CROWLEY News-Press Staff Writer
Admitting that existing zoning regulations are unfair to mobile home owners, the Lee County Commission has agreed to hold a special public hearing to require all types of homes in agricultural areas to occupy at least five acres.

Commissioner Barry Rodda said he could not go along with lowering the acreage requirement. Any changes that need to be made should involve increasing the acreage requirement to five acres for all types of homes, he said.

Then, "they are coming to the county asking for road improvements and sewer improvements and everything else," Rodda said.

Fire officials say that growth and development in the area is making it necessary to increase firefighting capabilities.

Sanibel seeks to acquire four county-owned parks

By SIBIAN DUFFORD News-Press Staff Writer
A proposal by the City of Sanibel to acquire four county-owned parks on the island could help relieve an overcrowded Lee County Department of Community Services and Parks, according to its director.

Hammond about the mini-parks because the county's salary was inflexible. But he added that it was unlikely the city would be willing to acquire the Casanova Road park...

Fire put out before reaching houses
A brush fire which raged over 13 acres of land in northern Lee County Thursday was put out before it could burn two houses in its path...

Two ECC graduates get scholarships

Two honors graduates of Edison Community College (ECC) will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships on Saturday at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton.

Michael Viscusi, 21, a marketing major, was named Undergraduate of the Year at Florida Atlantic and earned a 3.76 grade point average in his field...

