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\$1 million cut from road repair plan

By KEVIN BLOOM News-Press Bureau

PUNTA GORDA — More than \$1 million in proposed road improvements were chipped from a preliminary 1979-80 budget for the Charlotte Street Unit Tuesday.

Chief contingency and reserve funds would have increased from this year's \$1.6 million to \$2.5 million next year.

Commissioners found the increase of some 180 percent over the current year's budget implausible.

The actual maintenance work William had proposed for the street district would have amounted to \$1,807,000, designed to maintain a specific number of streets in their current condition, as directed by the commission several weeks ago.

Commissioner Robert Shedd said the decision "is a question of fundamental political philosophy."

15 fingerprint sets don't match those at death scene

By KAREN FELDMAN News-Press Bureau

PUNTA GORDA — Fifteen sets of fingerprints yielded no matches when compared with a print lifted from the "victim" of Linda Pizarri's murder last October, a sheriff's official said Tuesday.



Fat chance James Wade of Fort Myers figures he's got a new car if Skylesh should fall on his 180 Pontiac, a car which...

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Handicapped school plans approved

By KAREN FELDMAN News-Press Bureau

PUNTA GORDA — Modified plans for the county's school for handicapped students were approved Tuesday evening by the Charlotte County School Board.

Inside Today's B-Sector
* THREE FEDERAL Under-Agents are wounded when a plan to buy illegal weapons explodes into a gun battle
* A JUROR with a summer cold brings a temporary halt to Theodore R. Bundy's trial on charges of killing two security sisters and beating three other women early last year in the Florida Panhandle
* A TAX REFORM panel orders its staff to determine what savings homeowners could expect if the law were changed to allow them to pay a different rate of property taxes depending on the value of their homes

Fast work saves trapped man

By PETER G. JOHNSON Charlotte Bureau Chief

PUNTA GORDA — Fast work by two construction workers saved the life of a Cape Coral man whose truck had overturned and caught on fire east of Fort Charlotte Tuesday.

which is working on Interstate 75 construction. He was lucky he was working there because he'd have burned up otherwise," Gilliam said.

\$2 million sheriff's budget gets commissioners' OK

By KEVIN BLOOM News-Press Bureau

PUNTA GORDA — A \$2 million sheriff's budget for 1979-80 was the unanimous acceptance of county commissioners Tuesday.

The system transmits a patient's vital signs to the physician who can then instruct the technician how to stabilize the patient's condition while en route to a hospital.

Figure of \$28,113, Rose said the projected cost at the end of the 1980 fiscal year would be \$21,183.

appear we have taken action in contravention to the public interest," said Commissioner Arnold Schade.

Hurricane talk for area planned

News-Press Bureau

FORT CHARLOTTE — A hurricane seminar is scheduled for 7:30 tonight at the Fort Charlotte Cultural Center.

Arcadia police chief's trial delayed

News-Press Bureau

ARCADIA — The pretrial trial of Arcadia Police Chief Wallace Seymour has been postponed for two months.

Firemen pay off equipment

News-Press Bureau

PUNTA GORDA — After several years of dreaming and saving, the efforts of the Charlotte County Firemen's Association have paid off to the tune of a \$10,000 piece of equipment.

lotting money for the equipment for several years, the bulk of which came from proceeds received by the annual Firefighter's Ball, Rimmer said.