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LOCAL LOTTERY Beach vendors get OK/1B

COMMISSION CLEARS WAY FOR LOTTERY TICKET SALES AT CONCESSION STANDS/1B

Dede Robertson delivers the Gospel of husband Pat

By CHRIS BURBACH News-Press Staff Writer... The positive message of "God Bless America" echoed in a... Dede Robertson delivered the... Her husband would provide... Dede Robertson stopped in... Robertson backs Monday in Sa...



Adelia "Dede" Robertson speaks Tuesday in Punta Gorda.

Scott defense tries to link drug deal to Pikuritz death

By JANE MUGGRAVE News-Press Staff Writer... In the months before she was burned to death, Linda Pikuritz regularly drank beer... Scott defense tries to link drug deal to Pikuritz death... Leonard Johnson, who is trying to prove... worked to offer... Court rejects North appeal... INSIDE TODAY... LIFESTYLES... SPORTS... Business... Classified... Comics... Crossword... Dear Abby... Deaths... Movies... Opinion... TV... Weather... Copyright 1988, The News-Press

Here, kitty, kitty, kitty



Dave Steinman of Sarasota gives a little extra polish Tuesday to the nose of a giant cat on a local grocery store's billboard. Steinman is an independent contractor working for the billboard's owner, the national outdoor advertising division of DM. The sign is on U.S. 41, just north of Burnt Store Road.

Reagan gives OK to contra rearming

By JIM DRINKARD Associated Press... WASHINGTON — President Reagan on Tuesday authorized the CIA to resume arming of weapons to Nicaragua's contra rebels, in congressional opposition... The House is to vote Feb. 10... Court rejects North appeal... INSIDE TODAY... LIFESTYLES... SPORTS... Business... Classified... Comics... Crossword... Dear Abby... Deaths... Movies... Opinion... TV... Weather... Copyright 1988, The News-Press

Couple defects to U.S.S.R., father calls move 'stupid'

By The Associated Press... MOSCOW — A former Florida couple who came to Moscow as tourists have here announced their decision to defect to the Soviet Union... The couple, which the older Branch said has no children, had been living in Dade with him and his wife, Laverne, 73, before they left to visit the Soviet Union... Branch, 77, said he has worked for a radio outlet in Miami... U.S. embassy spokesman Richard Gilbert said "Americans have the right to live wherever they choose."

State Farm settlement may reach \$300 million

By The Associated Press... SAN FRANCISCO — Hundreds of women sued State Farm Insurance Co. in California could receive as much as \$300,000 each in what one attorney said Tuesday may be a record sex discrimination settlement... The settlement could cost State Farm \$300 million, according to Guy Superstein, attorney for Margie Krasnowski, Wanda Tipton and Danny Jackson, who filed suit against the company in 1975... "This is probably the largest recorded settlement in the history of the Civil Rights Act," said Superstein... "I feel I got \$3.5 million of the whole thing I'd be lucky," said Krasnowski... "I just never wanted State Farm to do this to any woman ever again."

Paet U.S. defectors

WADE ROBERTS — A U.S. Army private who has since returned and is awaiting court-martial... ARNOLD LOCKHEIM — A Houston cancer researcher, he defected with his wife and three children... EDWARD LEE HOWARD — A former CIA agent, Howard disappeared in September 1958 when the FBI was about to arrest him on suspicion of spying... J.W. WRIGHT — A man identified as Wright, an Air Force staff sergeant, appeared on Soviet television in March 1968, saying he had sought asylum because he opposed the Vietnam War... VERNON MITCHELL AND WILLIAM MARTIN — National Security Agency employees who sought asylum in 1960 for what they said were "moral and political reasons."

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