

Harris, Schneider Ready for Round Two

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Democratic congressional hopeful Jan Schneider is preparing for a very different race against Rep. Katherine Harris, R-Longboat Key from the one she lost to Harris in 2002. In 2002, Harris defeated Schneider 55% to 45%. Harris' advantage in Longboat Key was mirrored in Manatee County where Harris defeated Schneider by 56% to 44%.

Schneider hopes to reverse this election with a better-funded and more focused campaign than in 2002. She points out that "one out of three of my votes in 2002 had to have come from a registered Republican." She might need even more crossover than this given the Republican advantage in the 13th Congressional District where 47% of the voters are registered Republicans and only 33% line up on the Democratic side. Longboat Key has a Republican registration of almost 48%, which is similar to Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

Another key to winning is turnout. "We have to improve the turnout," says Schneider. "We lost on turnout. Only 57% of the registered Democrats showed up in 2002, while 67% of Republicans voted. Independents were even worse as their turnout was in the low 40s." The Republican advantage in Manatee and Longboat Key was even greater as Harris won by more than 56%. However, the crossover was evident in Sarasota County where Harris' margin dropped to about 53% to 47%.

Schneider says she now has the advantage of experience, better name recognition and a significantly better-funded campaign. "We have a lot of promises and are busy collecting on these commitments," she stated.



Harris

Schneider says there are several national issues which are important to voters in the 13th District. "Mandatory funding of veterans' healthcare is a key issue, along with the overall level of funding for veterans' services," she says. "The very special thing will be to emphasize the senior perspective. There is a senior perspective in almost all issues." Transportation for seniors can be more difficult, so adequate funding for mass transit can



Schneider

be considered a senior issue. Even education has a senior component. With more seniors having to work, job retraining has become an issue. Health care, of course, is so important."

She also wants to work more with veterans' organizations. "We haven't reached out to veterans. I want to encourage veterans to vote on the broader issues because both parties agree on veterans issues except the Democrats are better on the issue of mandatory funding for veterans' healthcare."

But Harris, like Schneider, is ready to work hard on activating the base and working to win the uncommitted voter. "I shall run this campaign as I always have, working harder than any opponent," she said. She also stated she planned to campaign "walking door-to-door throughout

the district, spending time listening to my constituents."

Harris believes the "Republicans are energized and mobilized." She attributes this to the "alternative, which is more government, more taxes and less freedom."

The key issues, according to Harris, are securing our homeland, protecting Social Security and Medicare to keep our promise to our seniors, decrease the deficit though economic growth, lessening the regulatory burden on small businesses and preserving our environment and our coastlines for our children and grandchildren."

Both Schneider and Harris support continuation of the HOPE VI program for public housing. Schneider contends that Congress should "require both greater accountability by housing officials and better tracking of the fate of displaced residents of public housing."

Harris also addressed home ownership and stated that her first bill, the American Dream Down Payment Act, "enables tens of thousands of low-income families to achieve the American dream of home ownership."

Both Harris and Schneider are now known in the 13th District and have impressive resumes. But Schneider is running uphill against the candidate who defeated her last time. And the uphill fight is made a bit more difficult if President George Bush carries Florida, even by the small margin indicated by current polls. Larry Sabato, University of Virginia Center for Politics, believes that "presidential coattails can matter... should George Bush manage a popular vote victory, the Republican would nearly be guaranteed an enhanced House majority."

In 2000 Bush captured about 52% of the vote in Sarasota and Manatee Counties, indicating significant Republican dissent. This begs the question: Who will reap the majority of the crossover votes in 2004?

Redgrave

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a week or on the weekends," said Redgrave. In his letter, Redgrave said he and his wife have established deep roots on Longboat Key and intend to stay active in the government and their church after they move.

Redgrave became familiar with Florida in the early 1950s. "My parents used to bring us to Siesta Key. My dad was involved with a national tennis tour. That's how it all began. Then in the 1980s, I brought my oldest son to the area for a weekend during the summer. We looked around, decided to check out a unit in the Player's Club and bought it. We didn't even show the girls." Redgrave and his son bought the unit together, but in the past few years, Redgrave has started gifting his part of the ownership to his son.

In his 16 years on Longboat, Redgrave has been involved with every aspect of the Town government. He was on the Planning and Zoning Board from 1995 to 1997. He was Chairman of the Pension Board in 1996. In 1997, he resigned from the Planning and Zoning Board to take a seat on the Town Commission. Redgrave was elected Mayor in 2002 and re-elected in 2003. Redgrave now serves on the Town Commission and will complete his fourth and final term in March 2005.

Government isn't Redgrave's only passion. He spends part of his free time on the tennis court. "There are a lot of good, competitive players on Longboat. I really enjoy the competition." He used to be more active in tournaments, in fact, when he was 65 he was ranked number one seed in the Town. As for other athletics, "I play golf every once in a while, but it's very frustrating."

Redgrave also works as an author's agent for "Robert's Rules of Order," a guide on parliamentary procedure.

The Redgraves do plenty of traveling. The couple visits each of their four children once a year. "We enjoy spending time with our family. We just got back from Paris." The Redgraves have nine grandchildren - aged 11 to 22.

Redgrave served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. "I drove LST's around the Pacific. They were 360-foot-long, 80-foot-wide flat bottom boats. Each carried 16 tanks."

Moving off the island won't stop Redgrave from keeping busy. In high school, Redgrave delved into the production process of theatre. Upon moving into Glenridge, he plans to get back into it. "They have a great performing arts center with all the modern sound and lighting equipment." He also plans to be involved with Glenridge's tennis program.

Redgrave and his wife attend All Angel's Episcopal Church and will stay involved after moving from Longboat.

John takes care of a lot of the maintenance issues at the church. Nancy, who has a degree in music, sings in the choir and plays the organ and piano.

Waiver

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56-degree daylight plane angle of the home to a 62-degree angle.

The Bay Isles home, located at 3351 Bayou Sound, was built in 1990.

The Town Commission adopted the light and air ordinance (Daylight Plane Ordinance) in 1997. The ordinance was created to preserve and protect developed properties in accordance with the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The ordinance regulates residence's scale, bulk and relationship to surrounding homes. The ordinance applies to remodeling, additions, renovations and alterations of a home.

According to the staff assessment report, the site plan indicates the addition complies with the standards for the Bay Isles development in the following manner:

- The lot is uniform with regard to width and depth, creating a rectangular shaped lot.
- The addition would not affect lot coverage percentages.
- The location of the addition only impacts the north side of the property, which has a tree line of buffer.
- Without the daylight plane waiver approval, the addition would be reduced to 600 square feet versus the 800 square feet proposed addition.

The Daylight Plan Criteria states that a waiver can be approved as long as it does not affect the public interest. It also can be approved if in addition, it causes unnecessary and undue hardship to the applicant.

More to Come

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Although Brighton accessories are sold by many retailers, this store is one of 50 all-Brighton stores in the country.

Lilly Pulitzer will be adding to its 75 Signature Shops already open around the country. The line, which was revived in 1993 with its signature pink and green colors, is often thought of as the banner of the preppy lifestyle.

The revamped building features Mediterranean makeover changes to the outside including Grecian-style columns and a walkway from the sidewalk to the parking lot behind the stores. The back parking lot area also has been revamped and one store will be accessible from that area.

Attack

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Edie was watching TV when she heard her husband scream loud enough to be heard over the TV and the howling hurricane winds outside. She ran out back to



find her husband in extreme pain. Edie called 911, and they arrived within minutes.

Police officers searched the area and found three raccoons. According to Edie, the officers said they wouldn't shoot them because they weren't sure which one had attacked her husband. The only way to tell if a raccoon has rabies is to kill it and have it tested.

Longboat Key Rescue treated Nemoynin at the scene. After the rescue crew left, Michael's wife took him to Sarasota Memorial Hospital to be treated in case the raccoon was rabid.

The pain continued for Nemoynin after he arrived at the hospital. The hospital was out of the rabies serum and had to have it transported from Manatee Memorial Hospital, according to Michael. Michael spent five hours in the hospital, receiving more than 40 injections that night. Still in pain from the bites, he will go through a series of five shots to kill any trace of rabies. His last treatment will take place Sept. 28.

When asked what he would do different the next time he takes Droste out for a walk, "I'll bring a gun," he answers jokingly, of course.

Sand

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The next beach renourishment is scheduled for 2005. It's estimated cost is \$18 to \$20 million and will be funded by the issuance of a bond approved by Longboat voters in 2002. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection will provide additional funding.