

# Fighting, Finances Pave Campaign Trails

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Primaries are out of the way.

Let the real race begin, some say.

Losers are yesterday's news, and the winners in both the Republican and Democratic parties are ready to bend public opinion one more time. For politics is a game of winners.

The general election on Nov. 7 is 60 days from now, not a lot of time for political candidates to go down the campaign trail and close the deal.

As Governor Jeb Bush prepares to make an exit, GOP candidate Attorney General Charlie Crist will duel with Democrat Jim Davis for the next Florida governor. Not only did Crist tour St. Petersburg with Bush on Thursday beginning a three day tour of Florida with the governor — showing himself as the golden-haired boy — he set records making money for his campaign, raising \$14 million himself and then proceeded to get 64 percent of the votes taking 61 counties out of 64.

Davis says he plans to tackle education, insurance, and the environment if he becomes governor for the state of Florida. Tuesday night as the votes came in and Davis could see he may win, he exclaimed to his supporters, "With all the talk of sugar in the news, let me say how sweet it is. Tonight the winds of change swept through Florida. The voices of

Florida's families were heard over special interests. It's time to change direction," as his supporters chanted, "Go Jim, Go."

The most controversial race will be the one in which Congresswoman Katherine Harris is competing against Bill Nelson, a Democratic favorite in Florida for the U.S. Senate seat. Replacing Harris will be Republican Vern Buchanan or Christine Jennings, Democrat, who are competing against each other to sit in the U.S. House seat for District 13.

Harris, when interviewed on Wednesday after the primary election on Tuesday, thinks that people came out and voted for her because she has fought for her constituency in every political office she has held.

That it is about the issues, and not about her personality, or the way she dresses.

"It's not about me," Harris said. "It quit being about me a long time ago."

Commissioner Kathy Castor (D-Hillsborough County) will face Republican Eddie Adams for the U.S. House seat for District 11. The victor takes Jim Davis' seat, who won the right to face Crist in battle for Florida state Governor's seat.

The next Florida Attorney General will be Republican State Sen. Skip Campbell or Democrat Bill McCollum.

Senate president and Republican Tom Lee will face Democrat Alex Sink for the

Florida Chief Financial Officer seat.

Incumbent State Rep. Michael Grant will keep his District 71 seat because there is no Democratic opponent, and Democrat Arthenia Joyner becomes a state senator in District 18 by winning the Democratic primary.

Republican Doug Holder will compete against Democrat David Shapiro for the State House seat in District 70.

School Board member Laura Benson (R-Sarasota) will compete against New College professor Keith Fitzgerald (D-Sarasota) for the State House seat in District 69.

Five of the seven circuit judgeships were for the 20th Judicial Circuit, with the other two seats determined during the general election on Nov. 7. They are Incumbent Meg Steinbeck for Group 9, State Rep. Bruce Kyle for Group 14, Attorney Joe Simpson for Group 26, Attorney Keith Kyle for Group 31, and Beth VanArsdale Krier for Group 28. Two other judgeship seats will be elected in the general election: attorneys Lynne Dailey or Miguel Fernandez, and attorneys Liz Adams or Franklin Mann, Jr.

Judgeship candidates for the 12th Judicial Circuit are Donna Padar Berlin for Group 16 and Judge Lee Haworth for Group 13.

The Manatee County Commission District 6 seat will be a race between

Republican Carol Whitmore, who is also Holmes Beach mayor, and Democratic candidate Sarah Meaker.

Whitmore won in the primaries in spite of the smear campaign leveled against her by her opponent Meaker, who implied that Whitmore was a "liberal extremist."

Incumbents Walter Miller and Barbara Harvey were re-elected to District 1 and 5 respectively in the Manatee County School Board race. Jane Pfeilsticker, a Manatee Community College professor, won the District 2 seat making her the first new board member since 1998. Both Joe Miller and Bob Gause will face each other again in the Nov. 7 general election for the District 4 seat.

Joe Barbetta won the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners, District 2 seat in the open primary.

Sarasota County School Board members Carol Todd for District 1 and Kathy Kleinlein for District 5 were re-elected. Caroline Zucker won the District 2 school board seat, while Shirley Brown won in District 4.

David Garofalo and Jim Blucher will face off for Seat 4 in the city of North Port Commission open primary on Nov. 7. Incumbent Commissioner Vanessa Carusone will have to battle Levko Klos for Seat 5.

# Historic Home Sailing from Palmetto to Ruskin

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To save one of Palmetto's historical houses, George and Nancy Corbett are moving a house and small cottage across the shipping channel and under the Sunshine Skyway to Ruskin to their property on a barge on Sept. 21.

The three-story house and small cottage will travel 25 miles down the Manatee River across Tampa Bay and then up the Little Manatee River to its new Ruskin home.

It will take a full day to move the house, according to the house movers.

The house was named Lamb Manor after it was built almost a hundred years ago.

S.S. Lamb came here with his family from Mississippi in a covered wagon and barouche and purchased this property on Feb. 3, 1868. Lamb named Palmetto. The Lamb home was built by Juliann (Madam Joe) Atzeroth, who acquired the property

in 1850. A log cabin under the six oaks about 60 yards southwest of the house was used as a store by Madam Joe. It later became Palmetto's first public school, and the first religious services were held there.

The Corbetts say by today's standards, it's a dinosaur compared to all the nearby condos which are growing around it. But George and Nancy Corbett wouldn't want it any other way. They fell in love with the house.

You may even call them romantics.

Not only are they going to move the house, they are going to restore it.

George and Nancy Corbett, who were interviewed on Channel 10 several weeks ago are practical about this latest endeavor of theirs.

"There's a charm about old houses you don't find in new houses," George Corbett said. "The woodwork, the trim, the ceiling, there are things you can't replace."

When they got serious, they hired Brownie Movers of Fort Pierce to lift to the 185-ton home and adjacent cottage off the foundation, place it on a barge and ship it up to the Corbetts' property in Ruskin.

In 1922, James A. Brownie established the moving and hauling company. Since then it has been a family business owned by Kim Brownie, who is now the president of Brownie Movers.

They have moved houses, Burger Kings, churches, contemporary homes, and even a power transformer for Florida, Power and Light on a 35-mile trek down Interstate 95.

They are not strangers to vintage home removal and replacement.

They moved a 1915 wooden frame house from Palm Beach to Palm City, Fla. The dimensions of the house were 28 ft. by 55 ft. weighing 85 tons on a truck, then a barge.

Maybe one of the more spectacular

house moves was a cigar factory in Ybor City being relocated through downtown Tampa because of the I-4 corridor expansion. The two-and-a-half story brick building weighed 540 tons.

Outside of Florida, Brownie's relocated seven different wooden historical buildings to preserve the founding heritage of the city of New Orleans in Louisiana.

And in Southhampton, N.Y. a 1900s church complete with stained glass windows was moved 200 feet and then back again to sit on its new foundation.

According to Brownie's, they will be putting the house on wheels on Sept. 13 and 14, and then place it on the barge to go up the river on Sept. 21.

*The historical sketch of the Lamb Manor (on Page 1A) was provided by information from the Manatee County Historical Society Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials Web site.*

## MTI, from Page 1

Commissioners Marilyn Stastica and Mary Sheppard cast dissenting votes because of safety concerns along Caruso Road even though the school board has already voted to build sidewalks on both sides of Caruso Road. A traffic light will also be added at the entrance to the school to make traffic easier to manage for Horseshoe Cove and other neighborhoods. Residents are also concerned that the traffic will continue late into the evening and that the lights will also be a bother. With the land on State Road 70 being better suited to day and night traffic, residents have questioned, why wouldn't it be a better spot for the campus.

## Student Counts Vague

The entire proposal has had its share of roadblocks. Even members of the county planning commission went into the vote frustrated over precise data on how many students might attend the school. Clarke told commissioners that the MTI

would have 680 full-time day student students and 300 evening student stations Commissioner Marie Hastings asked during the Aug. 21 meeting if a student station means one, two, or three students and MTI's Doug Wagner defined the student station as an "allocation of space for a student to participate in a program."

Commissioner Richard Bedford said he was not comfortable with the answer since he wasn't being given correct numbers that could tell how many trips up and down the road students would be taking. The controversy caused a five-day delay leading up to the Aug. 25 vote.

Commissioners questioned whether the public would be able to use the campus for non-school events, such as the auditorium. There were also concerns about future expansions of the campus and whether they would be done at the Caruso Road site or another. The school particularly affects residents of the River Forest, Dude Ranch Acres, and Horseshoe Cove developments and showed up in droves for both sessions.

## Football, from Page 1

who have been struggling with depth problems following a series of injuries. Starting cornerback Christian McClendon was suffering from a mild concussion after a hit he took in the Sanford Seminole game, and Nick Ellis was also expected to miss action.

Lakewood Ranch's offense is new and improved, but the injuries could have hurt against Southeast. Instead, it should be stronger for tonight's game against Bayshore. Once again, Lakewood Ranch's two-headed offensive attack of running back Mark Thomas will be the key.

Cape Coral Mariner at Palmetto The Tigers had to hold on in last Friday's 31-28 win over Sebring, but it was enough to secure the first win for new coach Raymond Woodie. The Tigers cornerback

Caruso Road is approximately a mile long and the new four-lane portion of the road is less than a half-mile before reverting back to a two-lane road that

Renard Bell made an interception deep in Palmetto territory to secure the win. It was his first interception.

It wasn't easy for Palmetto, which faces a Mariner team with a methodic offense that wins with a crushing defense. Mariner has struggled offensively this season, and could barely move the ball in an opening loss to Hardee, but Mariner also held Hardee — a team with a 44-game regular game winning streak — to only six points. The Tigers allowed 355 yards in offense last week, but quarterback Bryan Smith made up for it with 234 yards passing with three touchdowns, and he ran for another.

He'll need to find a way to move the ball on Mariner, which has allowed only three touchdowns this season. Senior Bryan Khan ran for 168 yards last week and is one of the top backs in the state.

could result in bottlenecks. Residents have promised that lawsuits will be filed if the board approves the proposed site when it reconvenes for the vote.