

Follow-Up

Developments in Continuing Stories

Language Plan On Shelf

A movement to make English Florida's official language has been shelved for another two years, but not for lack of support in Sarasota County.

Proponents of the drive for a constitutional amendment have lost their bid to have the question placed on the November general election ballot.

The campaign raised about 200,000 of the 350,000 signatures needed statewide to force a referendum on the subject, although the Sarasota County chapter easily surpassed its goal of collecting 15,000 signatures.

Campaign officials said the signatures will be valid for two years and that the effort to collect more names will begin anew after the current election season ends.

No New Clues In Murder Case

Almost six months after a retired Sarasota newsmen and his wife were found stabbed to death in their home, Sarasota County sheriff's deputies have no new clues.

Information about the killings of Philip H. Harris, 82, and his wife, Genevieve, 72, on Feb. 26 will soon be sent to the Violent Criminal Apprehension Program run by the FBI in Washington, sheriff's detective Lt. Dario Valente said.

"At this point there isn't anything to go on," Valente said. "We had suspects, several suspects, but we have eliminated each one. It's extremely baffling."

The FBI is not expected to solve the cases, but will have them on file to cross-check with similar cases throughout the country.

Judge Rules On MDMA

Psychedelic drug advocate Rick Doblin of Sarasota has won a victory that could lead to less stringent government regulation of the drug called Ecstasy.

Last year, the federal government banned the mescaline-like drug and put it in the same regulatory category as heroin.

But this May, a federal administrative law judge concluded the drug known to scientists as MDMA has accepted medical uses and does not possess high abuse potential. Therefore, the government should remove the drug from its most strictly controlled category, Judge Francis L. Young said.

He recommended it be placed in a less stringently controlled class of prescription drugs, along with such products as Tylenol with codeine and amphetamine-based diet pills.

Doblin, a 32-year-old New College student, had organized the pro-Ecstasy researchers and psychologists who initiated the hearing before Young.

However, the matter is not settled. Federal officials said they disagreed with the judge, and extended the current ban for another six months, until December.

Conenose Wanted - Alive

Reports of conenose assassins continued to increase this week in Sarasota County, but a county official is looking for live samples of the insect to dissect.

"We haven't been able to get any live ones. If we got a few live ones, I'd dissect them," said Ray Parsons, the county's director of mosquito control.

Parsons wants to see if the bloodsucking insects carry the microorganism that spreads Chagas' Disease, a tropical malady.

Parsons said it's unlikely the dissections will reveal the microorganism, and even less likely the insects would transmit the disease to humans. But he said he wants to check to make sure.

Meanwhile, Parsons said that within two weeks his department hopes to begin surveying more than 50 homeowners who have reported finding the insect. The sightings are centered in southern and eastern portions of Sarasota County, but Parsons said he also has received scattered reports in Manatee and Charlotte counties and in coastal areas of Sarasota County.

Parsons said the county doesn't know what to tell homeowners who spot the insect. Its painful bite is infected easily and can provoke an allergic-type reaction in some of its victims.

AREA BIRTHS

SARASOTA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Glenn Roberts (Deborah Jo Kluge), 84 Waterside St., Fort Charlotte, a girl, July 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Kendrick Jones (Joanne Leslie Tilberg), 2783 Central Park Court, Sarasota, a boy, July 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Howard Jaquith (Debra Louise Nellis), 420 Venesia Park, Venice, a boy, July 21.

Mr. and Mrs. David Loomis Burrell (Jolie Helen Hulles), 6680 Bount Ave., Sarasota, a boy, July 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Francis Weber (Beth Anne Allhouse), 660 Circle Wood Drive, Venice, a girl, July 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Edward Luster (Lorrain Ann Urban), 3084 Gypsy St., Sarasota, a girl, July 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady Marius Pfeil Sr. (Patricia Ann Tucker), P.O. Box 215, Route 1, Arcadia, a boy, July 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lars Larson (Danielle Jean Beauchamp), 5039 Commonwealth Drive, Sarasota, a girl, July 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bergmann (Karen Annetta Perugini), 4380 Birch Ave., Sarasota, a boy, July 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur John Weber III (Lorraine June Sanson), 707 Hancock Ave., Sarasota, a boy, July 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ivy Borders (Joyce Elizabeth Howard), 1409 21st Ave. E., Bradenton, a girl, July 24.

Clemis Rudens Whitfield, P.O. Box 8765, Sarasota, a girl, July 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory John Petrat (Alice Florence Thompson), 3508 Prado Drive, Sarasota, a girl, July 24.

Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Corbett (Phyllis Lynn Allen), 4910-B 20th St. W., Bradenton, a boy, July 24.

Frankie Mae McKnight, 1546 21st St., Sarasota, a boy, July 24.

Elizabeth Howard, 1409 21st Ave. E., Bradenton, a girl, July 24.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Barnard Kohut III (Susan Gayle Lewis), 4070 Tonga Drive, Sarasota, a girl, Aug. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Alan Gaines Sr. (Catherine Marie Wadsworth), 511 Orange Grove, Nokomis, a boy, Aug. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Todd Berghorn (Cynthia Marie Canfield), 2016 S. Tuttle Ave., Apt. 3, Sarasota, a girl, Aug. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Julian Sanderman (Sheryl Lynn Smith), 5003 80th Ave. Circle E., Sarasota, a girl, Aug. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Douglas Learned (Teri Ann Phillips), 3219 Sandhedge, Sarasota, a boy, Aug. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Owen Ross (Kimberly Ann Stevenson), 2749 Hibiscus Ave., Sarasota, a girl, Aug. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Wayne Huntley (Rebecca Lee Lewis), 420 Zephyr Road, Venice, a girl, Aug. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Earl Merrick (Elaine Hall), 3004 Pershing Ave., Sarasota, a girl, Aug. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Lee Schmidt (Jill Kathleen Osgard), 8783 Kingston Blvd., Sarasota, a boy, Aug. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert William Finiels (Diane Lynn Watson), 2240 Sandhedge Road, Venice, a boy, Aug. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Raymond Mages Jr. (Lisa Lene Landon), 189 Caddy Road, Rotonda West, a girl, Aug. 5.

SUITS FILED

Ralph F. Volk personal representative vs. Lucille Demarco and Lou Demarco Sr., negligence.

Southeast Bank vs. Delbert D. Dougherty Jr. and a Ringling Bicycles, other.

NEWS OF RECORD

Brenda Dale Tidwell vs. Kenneth C. Morrell and Martha Morrell, foreclosure.

Roland E. Mink Sr. vs. Cape Cave Corp., contract.

Bank/Sarasota County vs. Evelyn Walker, trustee Dorothy W. Gordon, mortgage foreclosure.