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James Buchanan scores easy win in

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House District 74 incumbent James Buchanan easily defeated Democrat Lisa Stortstrom on Tuesday. [Herald-Tribune staff photo / Thomas Bender] [Herald-Tribune Staff Photo / Th, [Herald-Tribune Staff Photo / Th

The Osprey resident and son of 14-year incumbent U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan claimed 72,198 votes versus 44,273 for Stortstrom. It marked Buchanan's second

Republican James Buchanan coasted to an easy win over Democratic challenger

SARASOTA - Collecting nearly 62% of the votes, incumbent Florida House

and political novice Lisa Stortstrom Tuesday night in the District 74 race.

consecutive rout in a legislative race. "It's humbling to have an overwhelming number of folks in our community offer their support," he said. "We're thankful and excited about what's to come."

old real estate broker corralled 57% of the vote over Democrat Tony Mowry, who drew less than than 41%.

In 2018, during a campaign that also featured a third-party candidate, the 38-year-

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Earlier that year, Buchanan ran in a special election for a vacated seat in the

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was defeated Tuesday night.

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- District 72 state House but lost to Margaret Good by 7.4%. Good went on to challenge Buchanan's father, a 14-year incumbent in Congressional District 16, but
- "In a race like this, a lot of it comes down to enthusiasm, not only at the polls but the informal flag-waving and sign-waving and turnout at (Trump's) events," Buchanan said. "Not everybody saw what my wife and I saw on the ground during the campaign. It felt like we might have a red wave, that it looks like that's what

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instructor, was running her first political race. Although her campaign fundraising efforts were swamped by Buchanan's the freshman legislator raised

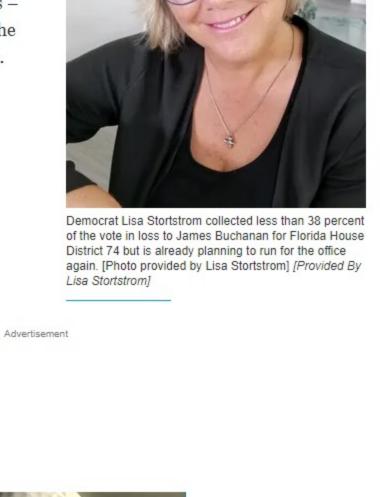
Buchanan said his priorities for his fast-growing district will include infrastructure,

Stortsman was buoyed by the votes she got for a job that pays \$29,697 a year.

\$8,969.40, according to state records -

At 53, Stortsman, a special-needs yoga

\$165,976.99, and she mustered





"Basically I want to see more services for people who are left out of government,"

said Stortstrom, contemplating going after the same job in 2022. "I want to take

even though they're 20 percent of the population."

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care of my people in special needs who are receiving 1 percent of the representation

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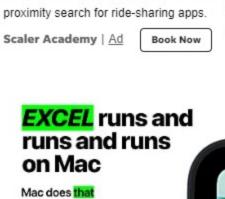
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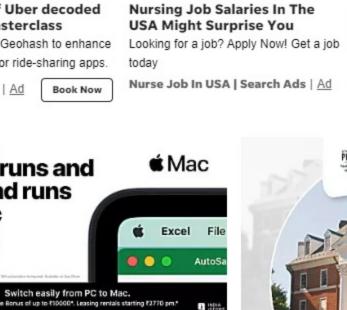
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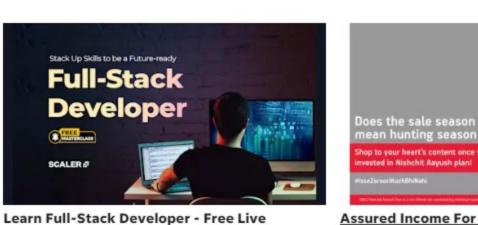
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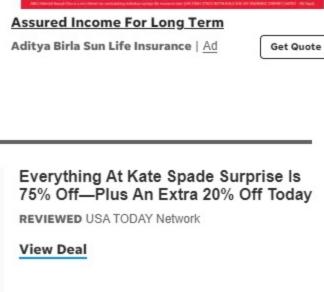
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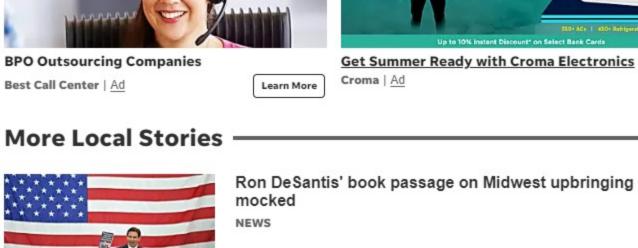
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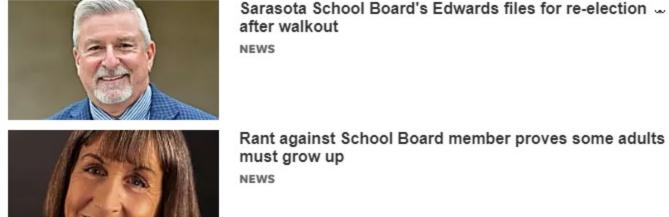
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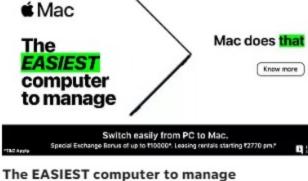
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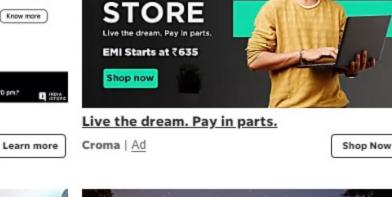
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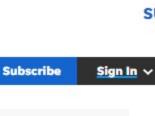




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