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## House Dist. 91 candidates hear the economy is voters' biggest concern

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN WRITER

**Broward County** - Republicans will choose a House District 91 candidate in Tuesday's primary from three men with deep roots in the community. The open seat, vacated by Ellyn Bogdanoff who is running for the Florida Senate, has attracted health care businessman David Maymon, attorney George Moraitis and business consultant and web publisher Yomin Postelnik.

The district spans eastern Broward starting in Dania Beach and encompassing a small section of Boca Raton. It takes a westward turn in Deerfield Beach to include voters living north of Hillsboro Boulevard. Forty-two percent of those registered to vote in the district are Republicans.

When asked what the one most stated issue is in this campaign, all three candidates said their constituents are worried about the economy. Their responses to this paramount issue follow:

Maymon believes government should be the conduit for attracting new jobs to the state and would ask for a legislative conference on job growth strategies and ideas on attracting skilled workers to the state. He also urges reductions in property taxes and property insurance and supports all taxpayer relief programs and believes increases in taxation always deter job creation and growth.

Moraitis said concerns about the economy reflect his own priorities. His answer to bringing good jobs to the region is to build infrastructure, further develop the port and airport, improve education and make

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**WATERSPOUT** - RJ Boyle caught this waterspout while fishing offshore. Considered by some as a cyclone over water, it is a familiar sight to anglers. When spotted, the best advice is to move away from the direction of its path. [Photo by RJ Boyle]

## Utility tax revenue can reduce millage, build parks

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN WRITER

**Deerfield Beach** - City administrators will continue their research into the benefits of imposing a utility tax on residents, a 10 percent surcharge on electrical, gas and water usage that could raise \$5 million according to Finance Director Hugh Dunkley. Deerfield Beach is the only city outside of Hillsboro Beach, Lazy Lake and Sea Ranch Lake, that does not levy the fee and as a result is experiencing a sharp rise in the millage rate. For the proposed 2011-12 budget the increase is almost one millage point.

Dunkley said as assessed property values continue to decline, the utility tax can stabilize revenues and help build the undesignated fund balance. Many cities use the tax for capital improvements, he said.

Calculated at 10 percent, the number all other Broward cities use, the cost per residential unit can be estimated at \$80 a year, for a large industrial customer, \$114,000. In Pompano Beach, the tax accounts for eight percent of the revenue base, in Coconut Creek, 14 percent. As a 'use tax', everyone pays, Dunkley said, not just property owners.

Mayor Peggy Noland said the tax

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## Democrats celebrate 75th Birthday of Social Security

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

About 50 Democrats got together last Friday to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Social Security. Special guests at the party were Florida Congressmen

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Congressman Ron Klein chats with Democratic supporter Maureen Kelley at the recent birthday party to celebrate 75 years of Social Security. The Social Security Act was signed into law by President Roosevelt on Aug. 14, 1935. In addition to several provisions for general welfare, the new Act created a social insurance program designed to pay retired workers age 65 or older a continuing income after retirement. [Staff photos]



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# District 91

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investments in those industries which will offer good jobs to people in the district.

Postelnik feels targeted advertising to depressed states such as Michigan and Pennsylvania that highlights Florida's favorable tax structure and diverse workforce would attract new business to the

state. Cutting needless red tape in granting construction permits would also help.

Maymon, was born in Hollywood and graduated from Miramar High School. He earned his law degree from DePaul University but



MAYMON

returned to South Florida to establish Advocate Home Care, a home health agency. He has chaired Fort Lauderdale's Community Services Board, been a trustee of the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, is involved with the Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center, and is a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, The Plantation Kiwanis and the Ft. Lauderdale Rotary Club.

Commenting on his own profession, Maymon says law enforcement agencies need to crack down on the pervasive fraud in the healthcare industry. He gained the ballot by petition.

Moraitis, also qualified for the ballot by securing the required 1,200 signatures on a petition. He was born in Fort Lauderdale and graduated from Fort Lauderdale High School before earning his appointment to the US Naval Academy.

He served as a submarine officer for seven years and was awarded Navy commendations and medals. Following his Naval service he attended



MORAITIS

the University of Florida Law School, graduating first in his class. He is married with two daughters and a member of his father's law practice. In the community, he is on the board of Westminster Academy, WAFG Radio and is a deacon at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church.

On the issue of state spending, Moraitis believes more fiscal responsibility can be attained. He says the status quo is not acceptable and more can be done to uncover wasteful spending.

On the topic of education, another common voter complaint, Moraitis favors giving children opportunities to attend charter schools and private schools using vouchers to pay the tuitions. Such educational incentives will also make the area more attractive to relocating businesses and families, he said.

Postelnik, is married with three children and is a founder of the Association of Entrepreneurs. He serves on the board of the Boys and Girls Club and Pompano Beach Republican Club. He



POSTELNIK

is a contributor to a variety of publications.

Postelnik says government must find revenue sources other than taxation that endangers people's homes and he favors curbing non-essential services such as recreation if necessary.

He is the author of a financial literacy course and calls for its use in public middle schools coupled with a business internship program in high schools.

He favors sentencing non-violent offenders to short but intense stints of hard labor that act as deterrents rather than long sentences where they are surrounded by hardened criminals. He claims to be the first candidate state-wide to propose comprehensive surveillance to prevent both terrorists and illegal immigration from reaching our shores.

Maymon leads his opponents in money raised and spent.

As of July 30, he had raised \$225,754 including loans of \$61,000 and spent over \$200,000.

Moraitis has brought in \$89,150 and has spent \$67,937.

Postelnik has raised \$25,438 and loaned the campaign, \$17,665, spending about \$16,000.

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The Palm Aire Democratic Club will meet on Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Herb Skolnick Center, 800 SW 36 Ave., Pompano Beach. Invited guest speaker will be Broward County Commissioner Kristin Jacobs.

Jacobs will discuss the proposed Florida Amendment 4, referenda required for adoption and amendment of local government comprehensive land use plans and other election issues. Refreshments will be served.

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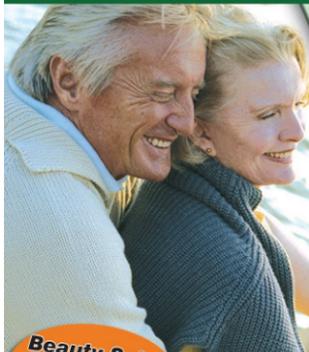
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## Social Security

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Ron Klein and Ted Deutch.

The party took place at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center and included praise for Social Security, cake and candles.

But fears of the demise of the program captured the conversation

“Social Security is the most successful program in the United States,” said Klein. “It works also as a source of financial freedom for disabled Veterans. If it were not for Social Security, 48 percent of older Americans would be living in poverty. Social Security is the sole source [of income] for 34 percent of older Americans.”

But as he praised the program, his tenor heated up when he explained that the federal government has been borrowing from Social Security to pay for the wars Americans are fighting.

Jimmy Weldon, representing the Florida Association of Retired Americans, a group of 213,000, said, “We need to



Loretta Young, U.S. veteran, lights the candle as Congressman Ted Deutch looks on.

defend Social Security. The government has been borrowing for Social Security. The debt so far is \$2.6 trillion. This is the people’s money. The money belongs to those who contribute to it.”

Including what the government owes to Social Security, Weldon added that there is now “enough money to pay benefits through 2037.”

“It’s immoral,” Klein said. “[Those funds] represent a sacred bond between the government” . . . and the people who expect to get those checks later in life.”

Added Deutch, “Older Americans languished in poverty before the creation of Social Security. It is a vital lifeline. Today 53 million people, including disabled people, seniors and veterans, receive payments.”

Nancy Adams, who attended the party receives Social Security, and she wants future generations of Americans to benefit from the

program. Her major concern is that Washington is talking about “privatizing” the Social Security program. “It would be a mistake to turn it over to Wall Street. People don’t realize that the [government] would still take our withholdings and turn it over to private companies. Those companies would have the choice as to where the funds would go. That could create a corrupting influence,” Adams said.

Debra Davis agreed. “Our founding mothers fought to get the vote [for women]. They did it because it was the right thing to do. Now we must protect Social Security because it’s still the right thing to do.”

Klein called “privatization . . . a very bad idea. We remember when Bush proposed the idea. Now it’s coming back.”

Deutch added, “Recession has hit seniors hard. They saw their retirements gambled away on Wall Street. We are now under the threat from political sources [to privatize]. Americans don’t want privatization. We can’t be deceived that Social Security is in any way part of the deficit. There is a surplus in Social Security.”

As the candles were lit and the traditional birthday song rang through the meeting room, Klein lit the candle, saying, “We celebrate and rededicate ourselves to Social Security.”

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# Oakland Park Commission looks to utility bonds to fix water systems

By Judy Vik

PELICAN WRITER

**Oakland Park** - The city soon will issue utility system revenue bonds to help pay for improvements to its aging water and wastewater systems.

Commissioners unanimously approved an ordinance

authorizing the city to issue up to \$18 million in bonds at the Aug. 4 meeting.

Both bonds are included in the city's Capital Improvement Program, or CIP, for \$26.9 million in improvements to be made over five years. "These bonds will generate \$13.6 million," Bill

Underwood, financial services director, said at a recent commission meeting. "The need is fairly evident," he added. Projects include construction of approximately 52,000 feet of four-inch water lines

to replace aging two-inch lines that will improve fire flow requirements and meet future consumption demands. It will also include construction of 25,000 feet of sewer improvements, sewer lining to

prevent inflow and infiltration and rehabilitation of lift stations. The ordinance outlines details of the bonds, authorizing the term, execution and registration in an amount not

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## Make voting on Aug. 24 the most important thing you do that day

By Phyllis Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

We are told that 90 percent of primary voters look at the list of judges competing for their votes and decide that they don't know any of them so they either leave blanks or worse—choose ethnic names that sound familiar.

There's no excuse for doing that this year. At *The Pelican*, we have created a panel of Democrats and Republicans, young and old, who have attended live sessions with all of the candidates. The panel has come up with either a consensus recommendation or a no-choice in each contest. We are giving you the benefit of our judgment.

Better yet, *Pelican* readers get the opportunity to see each candidate and read what that candidate thinks he or she has to offer. You be the judge.

Be aware that these judges will be earning a very nice income for the next six years. The incumbents want to remain in their judicial capacity and the challengers want their seats. And don't forget that these men and women may sit in judgment of you. They may be in a position to determine your freedom or jail sentence; your fine or award. Take this contest seriously.

Make a list of your choices and take it into the booth with you on Aug. 24.

Make voting on Aug. 24 the most important 'to do' in your busy day. Voting is a privilege, an honor, and a right which we often just take for granted. As you read this, our men and women are fighting and dying in wars in Iraq and Afghanistan so that people like you and me will have that right.

## Use what you know, what we offer and check web sites before Aug. 24

We went to any forum that offered a debate, discussion or party concerning a judicial election. We consulted with local attorneys, county employees, political leaders and other elected officials. We added their recommendations to ours, and here are the people we believe belong on the circuit and county benches as judges, but you be the judge on Aug. 24. We have seven pages of profiles beginning on page 25.

### County Court

John Robert Howes . . . . . Group 1  
Peter B. Skolnik . . . . . Group 3  
Edward H. Merrigan, Jr. . . . . Group 4  
John Hurley . . . . . Group 12  
Linda Pratt . . . . . Group 13  
Mary Rudd Robinson . . . . . Group 14  
Mindy Solomon . . . . . Group 15  
Kenneth Gottlieb . . . . . Group 20  
Nate Klitsberg . . . . . Group 26

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Lisa Porter . . . . . Group 47  
Sandra Perlman . . . . . Group 51  
Eileen O'Connor . . . . . Group 53

## Letters to The Editor

### Pelican staff needs to chose school board candidate recommendation by different standards, says reader

To the editor,

Thank you very much for providing bios on all four candidates who are running for the newly vacant school board seat for District 7. I am surprised that you support Nora Rupert for this position.

You stated that you are backing her because she entered the race prior to Dr. Parks decision not to run. I do not believe that a candidate should be chosen based upon when they entered the race. This is total supposition on your editorial staff's part.

I believe that you should have researched some of the possible reasons that Dr. [Bob] Parks made his decision to finally spend more time with his family. Of particular interest is the latest fiasco dealing with cafeteria contracts with numbers that have 'gone completely wild.'

I believe that Travis Williams' father is the contractor involved with this event and this is one important reason not to support him and in addition to several other facts that were listed in the *New Times* this past week.

Also, Ms. Rupert received her reading certification in 2007 and was a part time substitute up until recently. Yes, she got signatures instead of paying the fee and this is commendable. Possibly your staff should also check her areas of certification to make sure that she does not mention, as she has, that she is also qualified to teach gifted students.

As you mentioned, Russell Kaufman is a viable candidate even at the young age of 25. This qualifies him as the youngest candidate to ever run for this office. In addition, he owes absolutely no favors to anyone. His ideas are fresh and are backed by his sincere love of the Broward County School system himself.

Bottom line, I think that you should have based your decisions on whom to back after completing more background information.

Steven Jay Thor,

teacher at Deerfield Beach High School Communications Magnet Program  
Director, Florida Scholastic Press Association

### Whatever happened to voting on election day?

To the editor,

Until a few years ago one could request an absentee ballot if he or she were going to be away at the time of the election or if they were home-bound in a wheelchair. Then to reduce costs the Supervisor of Elections set up early voting facilities for the absentee folks to vote before they left town, however the cost is still significantly higher than processing votes cast on election day at a neighborhood polling place.

Somehow the above process "escaped" and non-absentee voters started using it. Many folks may not understand or don't care that it costs three times as much to process the early votes which causes our taxes to be higher. They are spending their tax dollars and our tax dollars, tens of thousands of dollars - those dollars come out of the county taxes we all

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### WM Mayor Gary Resnick should donate now, not later

To the editor,

Each year invitations are sent to those who volunteer in Wilton Manors to attend an appreciation luncheon. This year, the July 31 event took place at the Manor.

Seen at the event were those who graciously give their time, talent and in some cases treasure. They serve on various city boards, emergency response teams, Main Street, recreational, historical and the various neighborhood associations. Many serve in multiple capacities on several boards. Some are either retired or unemployed. Most live on, or by, modest means.

After thanking the hosts and stating that all the food and beverage was donated, the light-hearted affair rapidly turned sour when Mayor Gary Resnick announced that city employees would be getting a reduction in

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### Pelican was off-base with school board recommendation

To the editor,

I was reading the article written by Judy Wilson and I was appalled! I am a Broward school employee and for the past 8 years I have dedicated my life and career to the students of Broward County. As a result of my continued involvement the last person I would like to see on the Board is Nora Rupert. I would have no issues with her if her "hard working" allegations were true. She was a substitute teacher and recently became a reading teacher on June of 2008. She has only been teaching for 2 years with little or no learning gains. Please feel free to check my facts. Also, she claims that she is a gifted teacher when she

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# Oakland Park cop heads to White House to help draft national drug policy

By Judy Vik

PELICAN WRITER

**Oakland Park** - Broward Sheriff's Office Sgt. Richard Pisanti, a leader in conducting proactive pain clinic enforcement in Oakland Park, is working in the executive office of President Barack Obama for the next six months, helping to draft a national drug control policy.

Pisanti received a White House fellowship, coming in first in competition against candidates from all over the United States, Chief John S. Bukata said in announcing the news.

While in the nation's capital, Pisanti will assist in drafting a national drug control policy to address the issues of pain clinics, drug prescription fraud, prescription overdoses and other prescription-related deaths.

During a recent meeting at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, or ONDCP, Gil Kerlikowske, director, commended BSO in Oakland Park for its proactive enforcement and leadership in tackling the pain clinic epidemic in South Florida, Bukata said.

"Our agency was applauded for our multi-faceted enforcement efforts and for initiating local community coalitions that help to combat the problem on many levels," Bukata said.



BSO Sgt. Richard Pisanti [Left] with BSO Chief John S. Bukata

The director encouraged Bukata to allow one of the proactive BSO sergeants to apply for the White House

fellowship that would allow his local experiences to be integrated into the development of the president's national drug control policy.

Bukata immediately recommended Pisanti apply for the fellowship based on his extensive knowledge of the prescription drug epidemic and his leadership in Oakland Park.

Bukata said he wasn't surprised to learn that Pisanti came out number one in the nation and was selected. "Sgt. Pisanti is the only local law enforcement representative in the country to be assigned to the ONDCP on a fellowship,"

Bukata said. This program is a new initiative by ONDCP involving local law enforcement.

Currently, representatives

assigned to the office are employed by the military and federal law enforcement. *The Pelican* was unable to reach Pisanti for comment.

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## Former Marine honored for "going green" with auto center in Oakland Park



Sully Dawson [Left], owner of Eco-Friendly Auto Center in Oakland Park, receives his certificate from Gus Casamayor, founder of Certified Green Partners. Dawson recently opened with an eye towards making his business as environmentally friendly as possible. Certified Green Partners encourages businesses to become more green in order to save money and lower their impact on the environment. [Staff photo]

**By Michael d'Oliveira**

PELICAN STAFF

As a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Sully Dawson bled the Corps' signature scarlet and gold colors for eight years. But these days, it's the color green that concerns him most.

"If I can be green why can't every other business?" asked Dawson, owner of Eco-Friendly Auto Center in Oakland Park. Dawson was recently certified as a "Green Partner" by Certified Green Partners, an organization that aims to help businesses and the environment by encouraging environmentally friendly practices.

Dawson is the first auto mechanic in Florida to be certified by Certified Green Partners.

"He's a pioneer. Eventually we'll all demand green auto service," said Gus Casamayor, founder of Certified Green Partners. "There is a way to help the environment in every business."

The City of Hialeah was also recently certified by the group. Dawson says he's motivated by his two boys and wants to do his part to help leave them a cleaner planet to grow up in. "We're making the earth better one oil change at a time."

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# Deerfield Beach briefs

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN WRITER

## Local pastors will fight fire fee

Pastor Tony Farmer appealed to city commissioners Tuesday night not to remove the exemption of non-profit organizations from Deerfield Beach's fire fee.

Farmer, a member of the Ministerial Association, said "If this goes forward, we will be here en masse."

Levying the fee on houses of worship would amount to less than one percent of the budget," Farmer said. "Churches are struggling too. This is not the right step to take."

While the proposed fee contained in the new budget is \$135 per residential unit, buildings housing non-profit entities would be charged per square foot. Fee for a 10,000 square-foot building would be \$3,000 a year. Commissioners approved a resolution August 3 to eliminate the non-profit's exempt status.

Vice Mayor Joe Miller, said this week, he does not favor including churches in the fire fee.

## Poitier proposes increasing commission by two, at-large seats

City Commissioner Sylvia Poitier has proposed increasing the numbers on Deerfield's commission. Poitier, who must run in March 2011 to retain her seat, asked that an ordinance amending the city charter be drawn that calls for the addition of two at-large seats making a seven-man board.

Poitier said the present situation, staggered terms, "is not working." She asked that the charter amendment be placed on the March ballot and also asked City Attorney Andy Maurodis to determine the number of signatures needed

to get the amendment on the ballot if the commission does not concur. Maurodis said he thought the charter required the support of 10 percent of the voters in the last election to achieve an initiative.

## Hanson getting a title upgrade

Assuming Burgess Hanson and the city commission can agree on a contract, Hanson will no longer be the "interim" city manager but will own full title to the city's top administrative post. Hanson has been acting city manager since Mike Mahaney was fired in January. Tuesday night, Commissioner Marty

Popelsky proposed that the "interim" be deleted from Hanson's status. The recommendation won instant approval from the remainder of the board. Mayor Peggy Noland, who next to Hanson said, "I'm glad you are in this seat, Burgess."

## Cove parking lot construction is topic of meeting

A meeting to discuss renovations to the Cove Shopping Center parking lot will be held Tuesday, Aug. 24, at 5 p.m. in the city commission chambers. City representatives and the contractor West Construction will address the concerns

of Cove business owners and landlords. The proposed \$2 million redo involves new sidewalks, draining, paving, lighting and landscaping. Initially Community Redevelopment manager Keven Klopp recommended the work be done in phases to reduce the impact on businesses there. Under that plan, the work could take 18 months.

Business owners in the Cove, who do not want the project to go forward, have turned in a petition containing 41 signatures supporting their position.



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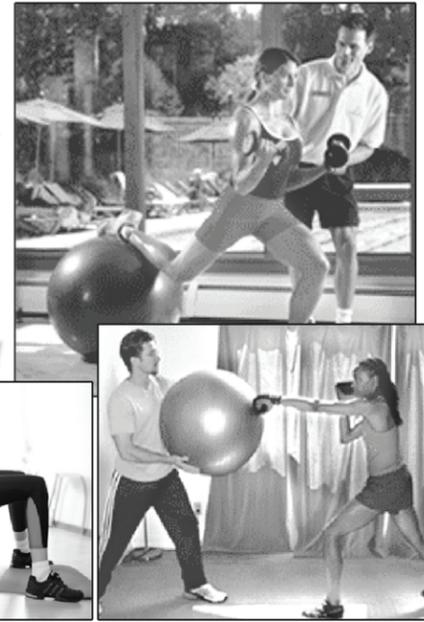
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## Tourism gets boost from Pompano chamber leaders

By Anne Siren

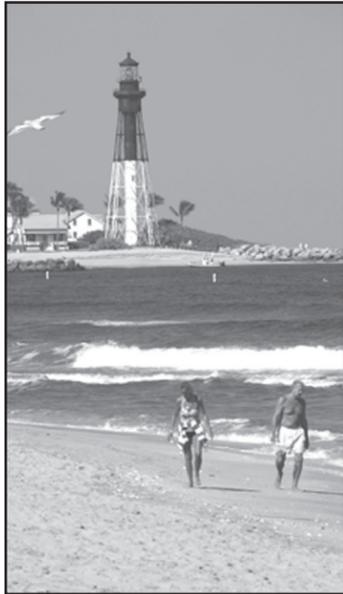
PELICAN STAFF

Elaine Fitzgerald, Beach Vacations Rentals, chair of the tourism development task force with the Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce, had a lot to smile about this week.

The first Youtube version of a slideshow featuring Pompano Beach as a tourist destination went online this week. Visit pompanopelican.com to view it.

Fitzgerald, who owns several vacation rentals in Pompano Beach, also owns an aerial photography company. Photos in the slide show, taken by Fitzgerald, depict a Pompano Beach that is ready for visitors.

"I want everyone to send the link to their families and friends and send the message, 'Take a look at Pompano Beach. After you do, come on down for a visit.' Every visitor we get means more jobs for our city," she says. "When visitors come, they spend money; they stay in our hotels; they shop at our businesses. It's new money that equates to new jobs. When a restaurant is full, the owners



One of the most popular places to visit in the area is the Hillsboro Lighthouse.

need more food, waitpersons and other supplies."

The link displays scenes of the beach, the airport, the Hillsboro Inlet and other natural and business sites that lend themselves to tourism.

"For the first time in 20 years, all entities in this city have their heads in the same direction. We are working together at a record pace to improve our city," Fitzgerald said. "Tourism is the easiest and cleanest business for

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## Lighthouse Point Chamber social brings community, shop owners together for fun



Mille Walsh, Body & Soul Boutique had plenty of takers on her chiffon cakes at the Lighthouse Point Chamber Social held at the Shoppes of Beacon Light this week. Pictured with Walsh are Jack Prenner, Kiku Martinson and Karen Hammett. [Top] Summer Goodwyn and Pat Anderson welcomed guests to Anderson's My Own Cruising Journal, a world of island art, clothing, style and jewels. Jane Alford, Linda Bourguet, Merle Norman Studio; and Karen Reinsppler, Pink Slip Threads. [Staff photos]

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

One of the many highlights of the Lighthouse Point Chamber's monthly social this week was the Texas Caviar served by Linda Bourguet, Merle Norman, 18019 NE 24 St., Lighthouse Point. More of that later.

This was a new idea for the chamber. Guests followed

maps around The Shoppes of Beacon Light, meeting shop owners who offered refreshments to them. After the Texas Caviar, we went straight to dessert at Mille Walsh's Body & Soul Boutique. Millie offered Gelato Fino Desserts that included raspberry chiffons, key lime and other wonders of the pastry world.

Stuffed, we found our way over to My Own Cruising

Journal to take a gander at the beautiful island clothing, jewelry and gifts that work so well in South Florida.

Then we found Myriam's Jewelry where gals were trying on bracelets and other accessories.

Bourguet explained that the idea of having chamber members and their guests float around from shop to shop

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Trial Attorney,  
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## GROUP 20

"Judge Kathleen Ireland's retirement created an open seat sought by Kenneth Gottlieb, a former legislator and Hollywood city commissioner, and Steven Schaet, a trial lawyer.

Voters have only good choices in this race. Mr. Gottlieb, 47, served in the state House from 1998 to 2006, when he was term-limited. Before that he spent six years on the City Commission. He runs his own law practice and does a lot of work representing clients before local governments. He has an extensive community-service record. He has been an attorney for 21 years.

**Mr. Schaet**, 38, does criminal-defense work -- both misdemeanors and felonies. Before going into private practice in 2000 **Mr. Schaet** spent two years at the Broward public defender's office in his first job as a lawyer.

Our choice is **Mr. Schaet**, though it wasn't an easy one to make. Mr. Gottlieb is smart and has a solid record as a progressive, often innovative lawmaker. But making the laws and applying them in court are not the same thing. Though **Mr. Schaet** has fewer years as a lawyer on his resume than Mr. Gottlieb, he has spent them almost exclusively in the same court where he seeks to become judge." Miami Herald Editorial.

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**W**orld War II surviving veterans from the 320th Combat Engineer Battalion, widows, family and friends joined Pompano Beach Mayor Lamar Fisher, and local boy scouts to celebrate the 65th Anniversary of the end of the war. The 320th held its reunion last week in Pompano Beach, the home of veteran Robert Todd, a resident of John Knox Village. The memorial observance was held at the Pompano Beach Pier, and culminated with the casting of a wreath into the ocean honoring the World War II dead and missing in action.

## 320th remembers comrades



Photo by Marty Lee

## Pompano Beach's Business to Business Expo set for Sept. 1

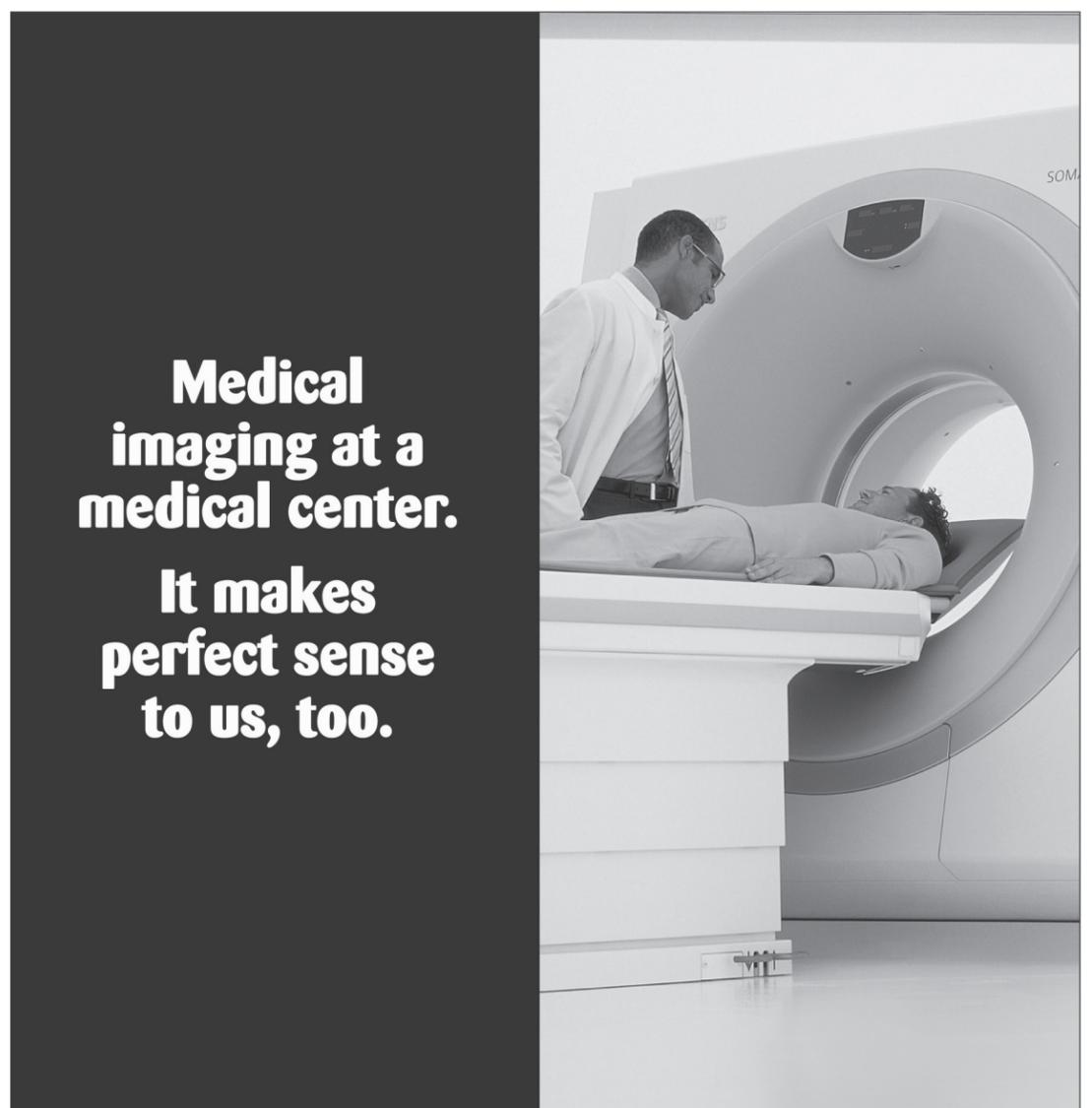
**Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce's event is a great opportunity to meet businesses from all over North Broward**

**Pompano Beach** - The Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual Business to Business Expo on Wednesday, Sept. 1, at the Pompano Beach Citi Centre. The networking offers business owners a chance to meet with local businesses. The Expo begins at 5:30 p.m. and runs until 7:30 p.m. The Pompano Beach Citi Centre is located on the corner of Copans Road and US 1 at 1955 North Federal Highway. The Expo will be held on the second floor between Lowe's and Sears.

Tickets are \$10. Last year 70 exhibitors shared information about their products and services to the over 400 people that attended.

This year's event promises to be one local civic organization's best with the price of admissions including finger food and refreshments.

A limited amount of exhibition space is still available to chamber and non chamber members. Visit [www.Pompano-BeachChamber.com](http://www.Pompano-BeachChamber.com) or call 954- 941-2940.



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# Eco-Friendly

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motor oil made from animal fat, is one of the green alternatives that helped Dawson earn his certification.

"I'm actually the only guy in Florida to offer it," said Dawson. G-Oil is also used by Formula One cars participating in Le Mans, a grand prix-style racing tournament.

"If it's good for a \$50,000 engine. It's good for my Ford F-150," said Dawson.

Eco-Friendly Auto Center also offers nitrogen tire fills, which improves gas mile-

age and green car cleaning products.

In addition to the products, Dawson's green practices include recycling anti-freeze, reducing the use of chemicals, buying in bulk and making environmental changes to his building.

"I was a Marine for eight years, so I don't do anything half-assed," said Dawson.

He also wants to make things a little more enjoyable for his customers while they wait for their cars to be serviced. Eco-Friendly offers free wi-fi and internet access, free refreshments and DVDs for kids and their parents to

enjoy. Ray Lubomski, Oakland Park community and economic development director, says the city is trying to attract green businesses.

The city now touts Algae to Omega, a company that makes bio fuels and the U.S. immigration office recently received a green refit, becoming LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, certified.

Oakland Park also received a \$180,000 grant for energy efficiency from the federal government last year. Eco-Friendly Auto Center is located at 1139 E. Commercial Blvd., Oakland Park. Visit

www.ecofriendlyautocenter.com or call 954-530-1893.

welfare," said Jay Quier, zoning and code enforcement administrator. "Our staff has been authorized by the city to proceed with making the necessary repairs and place liens against the properties to cover the costs to taxpayers."

That will include anything from mowing lawns, cleaning pools and securing structures.

"Protecting the integrity and safety of our neighborhoods, businesses and activity centers is a vital service for the city of Oakland Park," City Manager John Stunson said.

To find out more about the program, call 954-630-4400 or visit [www.oaklandparkfl.org](http://www.oaklandparkfl.org).

## Oakland Park on track to clean up properties

**Oakland Park** - Vacant and abandoned properties are getting an "aggressive" eye from Oakland Park Code Enforcement and the city's Code Enforcement Board.

"This effort focuses on properties deemed a threat to public health, safety and

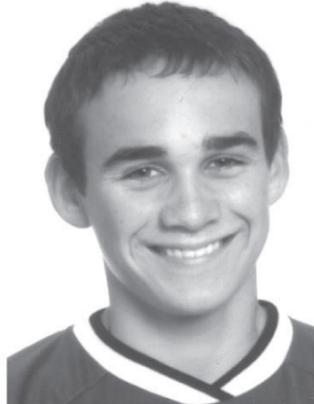
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On Aug. 23, customers can attend classes at 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Classes are held at 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. For more, contact Darlene Marcroft at 754-224-8244, visit jazzercise.com or call 800-FIT-IS-IT.

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Deerfield's young Police Athletic League boxing program gained national status this summer at two tournaments, the Platinum Gloves in Orlando, and the National Golden Gloves in Nevada. Jordan Murphy [Right] came away with junior championship titles in both events. Murphy boxes in the 65-pound, 9 to 10 age division. Lajuan Beltran [Left] took the Platinum Gloves in the 13 to 14 year old, 132-pound weight class. Murphy's older brother CJ, not pictured, fought his way to the national semifinal match. The PAL boxing program here is just two years old. The boys are coached by Steve Collazo and Butch Santy.

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# NOAA wants public to "Eat Lionfish" to help reduce invasive species

By Michael d'Oliveira

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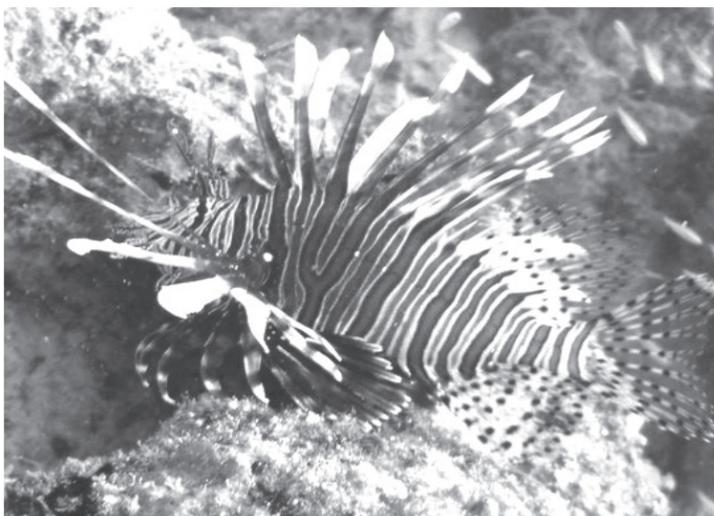
**Pompano Beach** - Christine Acevedo knows a few tricks when it comes to filleting lionfish. And if NOAA, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, has its way she'll be cooking up a lot more of them over the next few years.

Recently, NOAA launched

its "Eat Lionfish" campaign, in the hopes that members of the public can help reduce the lionfish population.

With no natural predators in this part of the world, the population has surged and threatens native fish populations, coral reefs and the commercial and recreational fishing industry.

For humans, a lionfish's venomous sting causes great



The first lionfish spotted by Vone Research divers on Feb. 21 off the coast of Pompano Beach. It met the business end of a spear gun. [Photo courtesy of Scott Cravens]

pain but not death. That's why, before launching its new campaign, NOAA officials were warning divers and swimmers to stay away from them and report any they see to authorities.

"They don't stray very far. Some fish roam far but lionfish don't," said Renata Lana, NOAA communications and outreach specialist and head of its "Eat Lionfish" campaign.

But now the problem has gotten too big to ignore. "We used to think you could kind of avoid them but the numbers have increased so substantially that may not be the case anymore," said Lana. That's where people like Acevedo, dubbed the "Lionfish Czar," come in.

"Our main goal as NOAA is to keep monitoring the

situation. We're not enough to actually make an impact. We have to call on the rest of the public," said Lana.

Acevedo is a volunteer with Vone Research, Inc., a non-profit group based in Pompano Beach dedicated to decimating the lionfish population in South Florida. Their website [www.lionfishkillers.org](http://www.lionfishkillers.org) features tips on hunting lionfish, information on sightings, a blog and even a video by Acevedo on how to clean and get the lionfish ready to fillet.

Vone Research's volunteers are even working on their own line of specially-designed lionfish hunting products.

Stephen Attis, also of Vone Research, says his organization recently partnered with the South Florida Spearfishing Club. "We're trying to unite

the diving community against this common enemy. This is a grass roots effort. They could affect everything if we don't act now," said Attis. "These fish are dangerous. They can really cause some serious damage, depending on where it gets you."

Acevedo knows first hand what a sting is like. She got stung while cleaning a dead lionfish. "It was a very painful. It's a burning, tingling sensation and my finger was swollen for a few hours. My whole hand for an hour or two."

Even with the public's help, NOAA officials don't expect the invasive predator to be wiped out entirely. The goal now is to get the population to a manageable number and keep it from growing.

NOAA is partnering with local groups to help train members of the public on how to safely catch or kill lionfish. But Lana still cautions people with no training to report lionfish. "You have to take out 27 percent of adults per month every year" to get the population under control.

Originally from the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean, lionfish were introduced into the Atlantic Ocean in the 1980s and 90s by aquarium owners who didn't want their beautiful, but deadly pets anymore.

"They started in Florida

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# Lionfish

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and spread all through the Caribbean and up to North Carolina," said Lana. "They eat 56 different fish. In some locations they have cleared out those fish up to 90 percent and they compete with snapper and grouper for food supplies."

According to NOAA, the lionfish population in North Carolina alone is up 700 percent between 2004 and 2008.

Lana says new research on South Florida and other areas is coming out soon. "In some locations we're talking 200 lionfish per acre. That's a lot. And it's looking like there's a lot more than that."

As for how they taste, "Delicious," says Acevedo. "The taste of the meat is comparable to hogfish or grouper. It's

sort of sweet."

To report lionfish sightings, call Paula Whitfield, NOAA Beaufort Laboratory, at 252-728-8746 or email at Paula.Whitfield@noaa.gov. Be prepared to provide coordinates of where the lionfish was found and at what depth. If possible, photographs or

video should accompany the email. To treat lionfish stings, NOAA recommends immersing the wound in hot water - 100 to 110 degrees Fahrenheit for 20 minutes. Do not burn the skin and seek medical attention as soon as possible. It is recommended that calls be made as soon as

possible to the Aquatic Toxins Hotline at the Florida Poison Information Center in Miami at 1-888-232-8635, where medical experts will advise victims immediately. The Hotline is available 24/7. For more on Vone Research, visit [www.lionfishkillers.org](http://www.lionfishkillers.org) or call 954-249-9195.



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By **Malcolm McClintock**  
**PELICAN FOOD WRITER**

Somewhere between a local deli and a neighborhood bistro lies the raison d'être of the Painted Pickle.

Described as a del'istro, this convivial eatery serves up a wide selection of classic sandwiches, wraps and fresh salads.

Opened in September of 2009, this quaint little spot is the brainchild of restaurateurs Graham Parker and his business partner Louis Berlin. "We wanted to start a sandwich shop as we noticed a real need for one in the area," says Parker, who also runs a contemporary furniture store,

Urban Dwell, right next door. "Initially, I wanted gourmet style sandwiches. But the feedback we got was that people were really looking for a traditional pastrami-style deli in the neighborhood," says the British-educated entrepreneur.

Born in Trinidad, Parker spent most of his formative years in London where his father worked for the Hilton hotel brand. "I later opened three hotels in Guam and took care of food and beverage. Then, more recently, I was the director of food and beverage for the Hilton Miami airport," adds the gregarious businessman.

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[Top] The classic Italian meatball sub is topped with homemade marinara sauce and melted Provolone. Served on a fresh hoagie roll, it also comes with a crisp dill pickle and tangy potato salad. [Bottom] The Greek salad features mixed fresh greens covered with feta cheese, pitted Mediterranean olives, tomatoes, cucumber, pepperoncini and a zesty Greek dressing. [Photos by Malcolm McClintock]

roll. Other enticing offerings include the homemade crab cake sandwich, the Albacore tuna with capers, the grilled chicken breast marinara, the triple decker turkey club and the whimsical chicken salad

prepared with mayo, balsamic vinaigrette, sun-dried raisins and apricots, tarragon and scallions.

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# Utility Tax

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was brought to commissioners' attention because "everyone wants facilities... we need a recreation building, parks. Before we do anything, there will be a public hearing. But if we don't have nice parks, people will move to Coral Springs and Coconut Creek."

Commissioner Bill Ganz said he is concerned about the burden on industry the tax would impose and said "the only way I would support it would be with a direct reduction in the millage."

Commissioner Sylvia Poitier asked if a utility tax was deductible on income taxes as real estate taxes are and when told 'no', said she would rather just add to the taxes and get the deduction.

Vice Mayor Joe Miller also had reservations about the new revenue source. "We've shown good stewardship so far (without the tax). I'd like to explore a five percent tax." Miller pointed out that not having the tax has been an incentive for businesses to move here.

Many years ago, the commission voted in a utility tax which was later repealed by referendum. In succeeding years, attempts to initiate the tax were soundly protested by the citizens. As a result, the city's millage rate has sometimes been higher than its neighbors. The proposed operating budget is balanced without a utility tax at \$74.5 million with a millage of 6.76.

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# Pickle

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says Parker as he shows off a verdant Greek salad loaded with mixed fresh greens, feta

cheese, pitted Mediterranean olives, tomatoes, cucumber, pepperoncini and a zesty Greek dressing.

The chicken Caesar and chef salads are also popular along with the various wraps,



Overflowing with deli meats, homemade salad preparations and baked goods, the Painted Pickle is the ideal place for an inexpensive and flavorful lunch.



Sandwich specialist Earl and Painted Pickle owner Graham Parker show off some of the house specialties.

soups and even pot pies. For a late breakfast there are bagels, stuffed giant croissants and delectable Lorraine or spinach quiches.

The Painted Pickle also offers a great selection of beverages. Beer, wine and a myriad juices, drinks and sodas are all available to complement a meal. Happy hour features two-for-one on alcohol every-day from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

“Although we get a lot of calls for take-out, we also deliver within 10 miles,” says

Parker who is currently focusing his energies on his new dinner menu.

The novel concept recently introduced is called the “Pickle Noir,” a gastronomic journey to the Caribbean available only on Friday and Saturday nights. The ambiance is smooth and relaxed with dinner seating spread around the furniture store next door. “We put on old school music and everyone has a great time,” adds Parker.

“Chef Marc Solomon

comes in on those evenings to prepare French-Caribbean inspired cuisine. For example, the Prawns Port Royal in coconut crème curry is absolutely delicious. Also, the roasted avocado with veggie mousse is insanely good,” says Parker with great enthusiasm.

Other entrées such as the cheese topped chicken Créole in a papaya purée with curried couscous or the Island Platter meatless meatloaf in guava gravy are all made to order for \$12.

In addition, the catering service is highly touted while the locale itself can be rented for private functions. Free parking is available and all major credit cards are accepted.

Sandwiches such as the flavor-packed meatball sub start at \$4.95, salads at \$5.50. Wine glasses are \$5 while bottles can be purchased starting at \$13. So next time you are hungry and want to save yourself a nickel . . . have a meal at the Pickle.

*Malcolm McClintock is president of Alabaska LLC, a firm that assists hotels, restaurants and individual property owners with their purchasing needs. He holds an MBA and has lived in Thailand, Spain, France, Mexico, Canada and the US where he has developed a deep appreciation for world gastronomy.*

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# Voting

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pay, and it's a luxury we can't afford. In the absence of a legitimate need to vote early, the bragging rights - "I already voted" - come with a price.

What can we do about this situation? (1) Significantly reduce the number of early voting locations from 11 to 4. The four locations would be at the two Supervisor of Election offices and at the North and South regional courthouses. (2) Allow people to vote early if they provide a sworn statement that they will be away on election day and allow others to vote early only if they pay the incremental cost to process their early vote.

The latter would be about \$1-2/person. (3) Be proactive, encourage your elected officials to accomplish the above and save tax dollars.

The neighborhood polling places are always open for 12 hours to permit people to vote before or after work, and parking is readily available. During the past 42 years, my experience in Broward county (38 years in Pompano

Beach) has been that the wait time at the polling place is usually near zero except for presidential elections when the wait time was occasionally up to 5 minutes. We all should vote on election day at our assigned neighborhood polling place to minimize the costs and our taxes.

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We enjoyed meeting Karen Reinspabler, owner of Pink Slip Threads, 3106 N. Fed. Hwy., Lighthouse Point a boutique of eclectic designs, retro looks and local art. Reinspabler is enthusiastic about her own shop, and she will be serving wine at the city centre art show this weekend in Pompano Beach. For more information on the city centre art show, see page 35.

Below is Linda's Texas Caviar. Enjoy.

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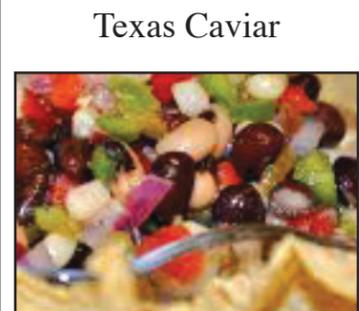
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- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 3/4 cup light olive oil

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# Letter

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their salaries this year. He then announced that this event was also a fundraiser for the Island City Foundation – Wilton Manors’ non-profit charity. The Island City Foundation’s Articles of Incorporation state that the purpose of the ICF is to “principally to promote and support public purposes benefiting the residents of Wilton Manors, including: activities in the arts; various social services; construction or restoration of public facilities; improvement or expansion of programs in law enforcement, education, recreation, economic development and so forth.”

To the surprise of most in attendance, Mayor Resnick stated that a portion of the money being collected at this particular event was being donated to charity. The room quieted and the people seated began looking at each other in disbelief. The event, he announced, was holding a silent auction and some of the items donated were “slightly used.” The ceremonies continued when the microphone was passed to Commissioner Ted Galatis. Immediately, Galatis announced he was putting \$100 out of “his own pocket” into the fund. After other speeches were made, Mayor Resnick announced he too would pledge \$500 out of “next year’s salary” to the fund. Next year’s salary?

Asking the very people who give tirelessly of themselves to help keep the city and community afloat during a time when most struggle to find a job or to pay the FPL bill is embarrassing. Turning an annual appreciation luncheon into a fund-raiser is in poor taste. “Next year’s salary?” Why next year? I challenge Mayor Resnick to demonstrate leadership, and write the \$500 check he pledged today!

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Advance tickets will be available Oct. 1 for \$30.00 at Wilton Manors City Hall, Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, the Richard C. Sullivan Public Library, 500 NE 26 St., and Barton and Miller Cleaners, 2600 N. Dixie Hwy. Tickets at the door will be \$35.00. Ticket price includes all food and beverage at the event.

The event is sponsored by the Wilton Manors Community Affairs Advisory Board. For more, call 954-565-1445. If any food or beverage business' are interested in participating, call 954-565-1445 and request a vendor packet.

## Tourism

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our city." Al Siefert, Siefert Electric, serves on the city's economic development board with Fitzgerald. After seeing the slide show, Siefert said he sent the link to everyone he knew.

"This is something positive of Pompano Beach. It's also part of the board's economic stimulus, prepared by Mayor Lamar Fisher."

The tourism task force at the chamber is not working alone. Fitzgerald says they are partners now with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitor's Bureau and with the state's Visit Florida program. "You have a lot more power when your partner with people who can help and who can share information," she says.

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Alan Schneider is a successful real estate and business attorney, and involved father of two young children. For the past eight years, he spent time as a volunteer for the Local Advocacy Council, appointed by the Governor of Florida. Alan and fellow committee members investigate concerns of abuse or neglect, and monitor state-sponsored facilities providing services to children in the foster care system.

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County judge - Group 1 (Open seat)

**John D. Fry**

**Law School -** University of Miami Law, graduated with honors cum laude



**Years practicing law in Broward?**

Approximately 8 years as an attorney, and slightly over 10 years as a police officer/sergeant here in Broward County.

**Civic/volunteer activities -** With 4 small children I am a soccer dad. I coach multiple teams (3 last year) and spend 3 to 5 nights a week on soccer fields teaching soccer and how to be a responsible member of society. I also volunteer whenever possible in my local PTA.

**Why should you be a judge?**

*The Miami Herald* summed it up in their endorsement of me:

“Temperament.”

I am a product of Broward County and a single mom. I joined the military as there was no money for college. I worked for everything I have.

I am the best candidate for judge because I realize there are mistakes of the head and mistakes of the heart.

My life experience has taught me compassion under duress and that I am no better than those whom I will see on a daily basis.

County judge - Group 1 (Open seat)

**John Robert Howes**

**Law school -** Stetson University, graduate of 1976, juris doctor



**Years practicing law in Broward County?**

**Civic/volunteer activities -** Ambassador for the Pantry of Broward, serving seniors and grandparents raising grandchildren by providing food and services; Board of Directors of End Childhood Hunger.

**Why should you be a judge?** I want to become a judge to share with the public the experience and understanding of both the judicial system and people that I have gained in 34 years of practicing law. The biggest challenge facing the judicial system is the public’s perception of a lack of credibility.

With a broad range of experience gained

through handling a variety of matters in numerous courts throughout the United States, I feel uniquely qualified to bring greater equality and efficiency to the Courts in Broward County. I have the temperament to handle all matters that would come before me, an understanding of the diverse population that constitutes the population of Broward County and their problems so as to judge fairly, and the knowledge of the law essential to be an effective jurist.

County judge - Group 1 (Open seat)

**Jason Allen Rosner**

**Law school -** University of Miami School of Law



**Years practicing law in Broward County?**

Over six years.

**Civic/volunteer activities -**

Broward County Bar Association; Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers ; Florida Bar Family and Criminal Law Sections

**Why should you be a judge?**

I consider myself a person capable of presiding over a courtroom and making judgments because I have the ability to remove my personal opinions and philosophies from the decision making process and base my judgments purely on the case facts, without any prejudices.

My critical thinking and analyzing skills allow me to listen, observe and decide

based on the ‘real’ story and all sides in the legal matter at hand.

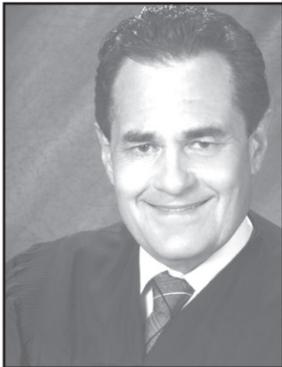
Further, I’m an observer and active listener - both crucial qualifications in making any judgments.

Finally, I am capable of being able to make the hard decisions and not afraid to do so. My decisions will be based on what is fair and just, even if it is not the most popular decision or public opinion wanting it to be something other than the lawful one.

County judge- Group 3 (Incumbent)

**Judge Peter B. Skolnik**

**Law school -** Nova Southeastern University Law School, JD 1983



**Years practicing law in Broward County?** I have been a Broward County Court Judge for almost 20 years.

**Civic/volunteer activities-**

Board of Directors Alzheimer Association, Founding Director Charter School of Excellence, Developed 17th Judicial Circuit Traffic Magistrate Program to be model for State of Florida, 25 years of participating in the service of our community in numerous organizations and community service pursuits. Professor Nova Southeastern University Paralegal Program and Nova Southeastern University Law School “Street Law Program”, Adjunct Professor Nova Southeastern University Law School and Legal studies.

**Why should you be a judge?**

I have been your

County Court Judge for almost 20 years.

As your County Court Judge, I have presided over thousands of cases both civil and criminal competently solving your problems and resolving your disputes.

In so doing I have demonstrated the experience, wisdom and dedication to justice necessary to make the decisions that impact upon your lives.

I have been endorsed by the Police Benevolent Association, Fraternal Order of Police, Miami Herald, Broward Association of Professional Fire Fighters, TJ Reddick Bar Association, AFL-CIO.

County judge - Group 3 (Challenger)

**Debra L. Steinsaltz**

**Law school -** FSU Law School 1996



**Years practicing law in Broward County?** Since 1996

**Civic/volunteer activities -** Kiwanis, Mentor with Forever Friends Program of Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Org.

**Why should you be a judge?**

I have been an attorney for almost 15 years. I have had my own law practice and currently I am an Assistant Public Defender in the felony trial unit. So I have civil and criminal law experience, and I have extensive trial experience. I am in the courthouse every day and so I am in contact with people from all different walks of life and

many different parts of our community. During my 15 years of learning the law and zealously representing my clients, I have learned how the court system affects real people and their families. I know the qualities it takes to be a good judge, such as a sense of fairness, compassion, and an even temperament. I know that I have those qualities.

County judge- Group 4 (Challenger)

**Lloyd Harris Golburgh**

**Law School?**

University of Miami

**Years practicing law in Broward County?**

15

**Civic/Volunteer activities-**

Youth baseball coach, educational tutor of African-American children at Mount Olive Baptist church, supporter of the Fraternal Order of Police, the American Cancer Society, the Starlight Children’s foundation, and the Leukemia/Lymphoma society.

**Why should you be a Judge?**

I’ve been a trial lawyer in the Broward county court system for the last 15 years. I am not a politician. I owe no one any money and no one any favors. I’m truly independent of any exterior influence except the law as it’s written by our legislature. My 15 years in the courthouse have been a long apprenticeship providing me with a



unique vantage point with respect to what’s broken in our court and how to fix it.

My goal is to eliminate politics from the courtroom so that the court system better serves the people of Broward County.

Recent published comments:

Golburgh is “qualified and very impressive,” “would serve the public well”...*The Sun Sentinel* editorial board

Golburgh is “credible candidate”...*The Miami Herald* editorial board

Golburgh “appears to be competent and ethical”...T.J. Reddick Bar Association

County judge - Group 4 (Incumbent)

**Judge Edward H. Merrigan, Jr.**

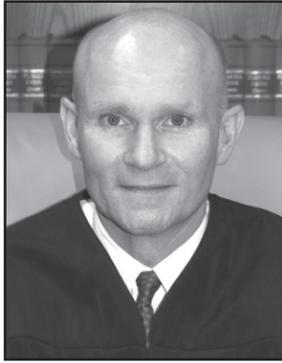
**Law School** - Emory University of Law, Atlanta, GA, L.L.M.

Cumberland School of Law, Birmingham, Alabama, J.D.

**Years of practicing law in Broward** - 20 years of trial experience in government, private industry and private law firms, 11 years in Broward. Appointed as Broward County Court Judge in May 2009. Admitted to FL and GA Bars, U.S., Supreme Court, the U.S. Tax Court, Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, U.S. District Courts (So., Middle and No. Districts of FL)

**Civic/volunteer activities** - Currently Lt. Col. in the U.S. Army Reserve, battalion commander of the 478th Civil Affairs Battalion (A) in Miami. I am a combat veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and was awarded the Bronze Medal for meritorious service, 2004.

**Why should you be a judge?** - As a Broward



County Court Judge, I have gained a reputation as a knowledgeable, consistent judge who treats everyone with fairness, integrity and respect. My success as a lawyer, judge and commanding officer in the U.S. Army Reserve, has depended on my professional demeanor, my demonstration of strong communication skills and a stable emotional temperament at all times.

I possess the character, basic skills and integrity, respect for others' views and rights and a sense of fairness and the legal experience and background to effectively serve our community with dignity and honor.

County judge- Group 12 (Incumbent)

**Judge John "Jay" Hurley**

**Law School** - St. Thomas University School of Law

**Years of practice in Broward County** - Attorney since 1990; Broward County Judge since 2008.

**Civic/volunteer service** - Broward Lawyer's Care (Pro Bono Services); Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem; Chair, Ft. Lauderdale Community Services Board; Chair, Florida Bar Grievance Committee; U.S. Naval Academy Selection Board; American Legion; Emerald Society; Youth Coach in baseball, football, and basketball

**Why should you be a judge?** - When I started as a judge two years ago, I was determined to get control of Broward's exploding jail population which was wasting taxpayer dollars. As Broward's original full-time First Appearance



Judge, I have worked hard to implement new procedures to determine which inmate actually belongs in jail and which inmate does not pose a threat to our community and can go home, work, pay child support, and support their families while waiting to go to court. When the Miami Herald endorsed me, it noted that I have done a good job separating the dangerous from non-dangerous and in doing so have saved taxpayers money. I want to continue serving the people of Broward.

County judge - Group 12 (Challenger)

**Melissa Minsk Donoho**

**Challenger**

**Law School** - Nova Southeastern University, J.D. 1992

**Years practicing law in Broward County** - Practicing for 18 years, currently in private practice with a focus on criminal defense. Was a prosecutor for the first 4 years after law school.

**Civic/volunteer activities** - Board Member Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation; Current President of the School Advisory Forum for Sunrise Middle School; Public school volunteer; Board Member, Harbour Inlet Homeowners Association.

**Why should you be a judge?** My experience and the complexity of my prior legal work far exceeds that of my opponent.



On a personal note, my father was hit by a train when I was three. My sister and I were raised by a single mother, sometimes without the basic necessities in life. I put myself through college and law school and paid back \$75,000 in student loan debt.

I know the difficulties of personal struggles. I feel I am compassionate and intelligent, I will listen patiently but be decisive.

I believe in fairness and ethics and that party politics should not play a role in the courtroom.

County judge - Group 13 (Challenger)

**Heidi Berkowitz**

**Law School** - Nova University School of Law

**Years practicing law in Broward County** - 21

**Civic/volunteer activities** - Former board and member of Broward County Women Lawyers' Association; Commission on capital cases; National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Broward Assoc. of Criminal Defense Lawyers; B'nai B'rith Justice Unit; Extensive pro bono representation of children and mental health consumers.

**Why should you be a judge?**

I have handled thousands of cases, hundreds of trials in several dozen



courtrooms as an assistant and special public defender.

I am also a death penalty qualified mitigation expert.

Accordingly, I know how to comport myself as a lawyer and judge in the courtroom. Dignity and respect must be shown while evaluating defendants, adversaries, jurors, witnesses, court personnel, judges and most importantly the citizens of Broward County.

County judge- Group 13 (Incumbent)

**Judge Linda Raspolich Pratt**

**Law School** - I received a J.D. from Tulane University Law School in 1976.

**Years practicing law in Broward** - I was a lawyer 10 years before my election in 1986 and have served as a county court judge for the last 23 years.

**Civic/volunteer activities** - I have served as a mentor to high school girls through the Women of Tomorrow Mentor and Scholarship Program since 2003. I am also a Justice Teaching volunteer speaking to middle school students about the justice system, Teen Court volunteer judge and parent volunteer with the Florida Youth Orchestra.

**Why should you be a judge?** My role as a judge is to determine facts and apply them to the law. Since my election in



1986, I have heard thousands of cases both civil and criminal in almost all divisions of county court. That experience, along with my life experience as a 57-year resident of Broward County who has raised 3 children (including twins) with my husband, gives me the wisdom needed to make sound legal judgments in the cases which appear in county court. I have earned a reputation as a judge who is patient and courteous, and who treats everyone with dignity and respect.

County judge - Group 14 (Challenger)

**Jordan Howard Breslaw**

**Law School** - Nova Southeastern University

**Years practicing law in Broward County** - 13

**Civic/volunteer activities** - Coral Springs Youth Soccer Coach (10 years), Shriners - Helping and supporting young burn victims, Pro Bono Legal Work, B'nai B'rith, Sponsor of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, March of Dimes, American Diabetes Association. In 20 years of practice as a doctor of chiropractic, we accepted all patients regardless of their ability to pay our fees. Community Drives to Raise Donations for the Haitian Relief Ministry.

**Why should you be a judge?**

I consider myself very capable of judging others because I have a great passion



for justice, a passion for the law and a passion for the truth. I've extensively studied the history of the Constitution and our Bill of Rights. I have a great respect for the founding fathers and their ideals that formed the basis of our three branches of government. I have the ability to sharply review all of the evidence and render outstanding judgments that are consistent with the law. Everyone will be treated fairly and with the respect they deserve. I intend to be one of the greatest judges that Broward ever had.

County judge- Group 14 (Incumbent)  
**Judge Mary Rudd Robinson**

**Law School**  
 - North Carolina Central University School of Law

**Years practicing law in Broward** - 28 years



**Civic/volunteer activities** - Member New Mount Olive Baptist Church, Current/Former Member Board of Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Metropolitan YMCA, Young at Art Children's Museum, Boys and Girls Club mentor, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Charmettes of Broward County as well several

others

**Why should you be a judge?** 21 years of judicial experience, intergrity, commitment, compassion and the right judicial temperment as well as a sincere love for the community of which I am a part.

County judge- Group 15 (Open seat)  
**Roshawn Banks**

**Law School** - University of Florida  
**Years of practicing law in Broward County** - Currently private practice five years now; Adjunct Professor, Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law School; Assistant Public Defender, six years; Assistant County Attorney, 1 1/2 years; Special Magistrate, One year (while in private practice)



It is not about judging others but listening, considering a matter and then answering with a lawful and fair decision. It is about considering legal issues that will definitely affect someone's life. When a case is over, one has freedom or jail, they pay or get paid. Win, lose or draw, people want their day in court. I understand this. No one should leave the courtroom wondering "Where did this Judge come from?" Look at where I come from, I could not have these accomplishments without the same skill sets that make me capable of being a County Court Judge.

**Civic/volunteer activities** - US Navy, Florida Bar Association Criminal Procedure Rules Committee, Broward County Bar Association Board of Directors, T.J. Reddick Bar Association, Legal Aid Services of Broward County, American Civil Liberties Union, American Stroke Association, Young Lawyers Division, 4-H of Broward County, NAACP, Coalition for a Better Judiciary, Jewish Federation of Broward County Law Week and Habitat for Humanity.  
**Why should you be a judge?**

County judge - Group 15 (Open seat)  
**Mindy Solomon**

**Law School** - Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center

**Years practicing law in Broward County** - 29 years of practice, 12 years Broward County State Attorney's Office; 17 years Broward County Public Defender's Office' currently Chief Asst. Public Defender in charge of county court.



**Civic/volunteer activities** - WE CARE PANTRY at the JCC; Children's Diagnostic Center, Cooperative Feeding, Career Day at elementary and middle schools, Broward County; Temple Kol; Ami-Emanuel Executive Board, Juvenile Justice Board, Urban League Board, Detention Center Board, Sharon Solomon Board, Panel Discussion Leadership Broward, Broward County 17th Judicial Circuit Circuit Grievance Committee; The Florida Bar Juvenile Rules Committee

**Why should you be a judge?**  
 Twenty-nine years of practice in the

public sector and an award-winning teaching career qualify me to be a County Court Judge. My experience as a practitioner enables me to determine what is credible based on the facts presented and to apply the appropriate law.

In fourteen years teaching law students how to try cases at Nova Southeastern Shepard Broad Law Center (2010 Adjunct Professor of the Year), I've developed the ability to listen and to communicate in a clear, concise, understandable way.

Finally as a community volunteer, wife, mother sister and a friend, I treat everyone with respect and dignity.

County Judge - Group 20 (Open seat)  
**Kenneth 'Ken' Gottlieb**

**Law School** - University of Miami, School of Law.

**Years practicing law in Broward County?**  
 21 years

**Civic/volunteer activities** - Hollywood City Commissioner, 1992-98; Florida State Representative, 1998-2006; Hollywood Lakes Civic Association, Emerald Hills Homeowners Association; Board member of the Meyerhoff Senior Center; Former board member of the Hollywood Art and Cultural Center and Hollywood Medical Center. Member of the Virginia Shuman Young PTA, Nova Middle School PTA and Beachside Montessori Village PTA. Supporter of Crime Watch, and the Boys and Girls Clubs



County Court. I have represented clients for many other types of matters like Real Estate, Contracts, Estate Planning, and Corporations. I also have over 21 years of experience in the community.

I have been involved in so many community issues, organizations and groups that I will have the experience to listen to the people who come before the court. I believe that having more legal experience and more community involvement will help me to be great a Broward County Judge.

**Why should you be a judge?** I have been an attorney for over 21 years and have represented clients hundreds of times in

County Judge - Group 20 (Open seat)  
**Steven A. Schaet**

**Law school** - Nova Southeastern Law School

**Years practicing law in Broward County?**  
 12 years

**Community and volunteer work** - My community activity is my job, I help those, whether rich or poor, get the best legal defense they can possibly have.

**Why should you be a judge?**

I believe I have the capability to judge others because for the last twelve years I have worked within the court system, both county and circuit court, nearly every working day.

My experience with trying cases, arguing motions and helping the citizens



of Broward county with their legal issues has given me an insight that you can not get without working in the court system.

I have the knowledge of the law, the system and the experience that allows me to judge others who come before the court system because I have worked with so many that will be similarly situated.

County judge Group 26 (Open seat)

**Mardi Anne Levey Cohen**

**Law School** - University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville Florida

My legal career for 23 years has included representing the people of Florida as an Assistant Attorney General and an Assistant State Attorney.

In owning my own law firm I have represented individuals and corporations. As a trial and appellate attorney I have practiced in the County, Circuit, District Courts, the Florida Supreme Court and the Federal Courts.

**Civic/volunteer activities** - I have been involved with the Broward Schools for many years serving on the PTA of two different schools and being an elected member of the Advisory Committee at Plantation Middle School.

I created an enrichment program in



the elementary schools and I earned a volunteer award by the School Board for my volunteer hours. I earned the VAST award. I also was involved with ORT America and National Council of Jewish Women.

**Why should you be a judge?**

The most rewarding position I have held as a lawyer is helping people in County Court. As a judge I will follow the laws of our state regardless of my personal opinions, race, gender or economic status. I will do so with honesty, fairness, compassion and 49 years of life experience.

County judge- Group 26 (Open seat)

**Nathaniel Adam  
'Nate' Klitsberg**

**Law School -**  
Boston College Law  
School

**Years practicing in  
Broward County - 10**

**Civic/volunteer  
activities:**Board of  
the Brian Piccolo  
Chapter of the  
National Football  
Foundation/College  
Football Hall of Fame.  
I am also involved  
with the Crohn's and  
Colitis Foundation of  
America, Kiwanis, the  
B'nai B'rith Justice  
Unit #5207, the  
Broward County Bar  
Association and the  
PTO at my daughter's  
school.

**Why should you be  
a judge?**

A person privileged  
to serve as a County  
Judge does not "judge  
others," but serves  
the community by  
evaluating the facts



of specific cases  
(civil and criminal),  
applying the law  
to those facts and  
rendering fair and just  
decisions.

Based on my legal  
knowledge and  
experience litigating  
nearly every type of  
case that may appear  
in County Court,  
my dedication to the  
community, and my  
passion for our system  
of justice, I believe I  
have the right skills  
and attitude to serve as  
the next County Court  
Judge in Group 26.

County judge - Group 26 (Open seat)

**F.J. McLawrence**

**Law School -** The  
University of Florida  
Levin College of Law  
**Years practicing law  
in Broward County**  
- 7+ years

**Civic/volunteer  
activities -** United  
States Navy; Broward  
County Public  
Defender's Office;  
Broward County Urban  
League Volunteer;  
Broward County  
NAACP Legal Redress  
Clinic Volunteer;  
Mentor - At Risk Youth;  
Summer Youth Justice  
Program Volunteer;  
Walk for Cystic Fibrosis  
& American Cancer  
Society; Legal Seminars:  
South Florida Churches  
& Plantation High  
School; FIU School of  
Crim. Justice Professor;  
Women, Crime, &  
the Criminal Justice  
System; Caribbean Bar  
Association's "Path to  
Legal Immigration"  
Seminars and  
Workshops; Haitian  
Lawyer's Association  
Seminars and Workshops

**Why should you be a  
judge?**

Because of my  
dedication to community



service and participation  
in community activities,  
strong moral compass,  
even temperament  
and principled and  
empathetic approach to  
the practice of law.

All 42 judicial  
candidates possess legal  
acumen, but the qualities  
that will lead to a fair and  
balanced approach and  
consideration of legal  
sentences and decisions  
derives from practical  
life experiences.

Practical life  
experiences are gained  
from interacting with  
people, volunteering,  
and giving back to  
one's community. I  
feel that my level of  
community involvement  
sets me apart from my  
competitors and makes  
me the best qualified  
candidate for this group.

Circuit judge - Group 2 (Incumbent)

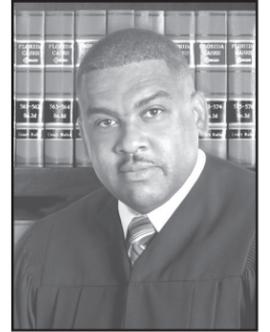
**Judge Kenneth L.  
Gillespie**

**Law School -**  
Thurgood Marshall  
School of Law, Texas  
Southern University.  
Houston, Texas.

**Years practicing law  
in Broward County:**  
14 years. General  
Magistrate; 2009  
appointed judge

**Civic/volunteer  
activities -** Boy &  
Girls Club (Sponsor/  
Volunteer); Sponsor  
of Seeing Eye Dog  
for the Blind ;  
Community Reaching  
Youth; Kiwanis Club  
(Member); Parent  
Teacher Association;  
At-risk Children  
(Mentor); Sponsor of  
Youth Ministry Groups;  
Nova Southeastern  
University School  
of Law (Mock Trial  
Judge); St. Thomas  
University School  
of Law (Moot Court  
Judge) ; Florida  
Bar Association ;  
T.J. Reddick Bar  
Association (Member)

**Why should you  
be a judge?** I have  
always viewed my  
job as a sitting Circuit  
Court Judge in the



Criminal Division  
as not being about  
me but about the  
community in which  
I serve, and keeping  
our community safe.  
I have dedicated  
my entire legal  
career to serving the  
public, a decision I  
would not change  
if given the choice.  
As a background, I  
have extensive trial  
experience having  
served as an Assistant  
State Attorney and  
as a United States  
Senior Trial Attorney  
(EEOC). Also, I have  
conducted 10,000  
hearings, and presided  
over 150 jury and non-  
jury trials as a General  
Magistrate and Circuit  
Court Judge.

Circuit judge- Group 2 (Challenger)

**Oliver Parker**

**Law school -**  
University of Miami  
School of Law in May  
of 1976.

**Years practicing law  
in Broward County?**  
32 years.

**Civic/volunteer  
activities -** Florida Bar;  
Broward County Bar;  
Lauderdale By The Sea  
Lions Club; Leadership  
Broward; American Bar  
Association; Executive  
Council of the Legal  
Aid Service of Broward  
County; Mayor,  
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea  
(1998-2008); Broward  
League of Cities  
Board of Directors;  
Lauderdale By The  
Sea's voting delegate  
to the Florida League  
of Cities; Hillsboro  
Inlet Commissioner;  
President of the  
Sea Ranch Club  
Condominium; Vice-  
Mayor, Lauderdale-By-  
The-Sea; Distinguished  
president of the Fort  
Lauderdale Optimist  
Club; Vice-President  
of the Lauderdale By  
The Sea Chamber of  
Commerce



most important qualities  
a judge should possess  
are a commitment to  
fairness and a willingness  
to listen to both sides  
with an open mind.  
During my 10 years as  
Mayor of Lauderdale By  
The Sea, I have learned  
to be a good listener.  
Over the course of my  
32 years as a practicing  
attorney in Broward  
County, I have witnessed  
firsthand the importance  
of treating every litigant  
fairly. I promise that if  
I am elected your circuit  
court judge I will treat  
everyone who comes into  
my courtroom with the  
dignity and respect to  
which they are entitled.

**Why should you be a  
judge?** I believe the two

Circuit judge - Group 4 (Challenger)

**Alan B. Schneider**

**Law School -**  
University of Florida  
College of Law  
(1991) with honors

**Years Practicing  
in Broward County**  
just under 20

**Civic/ volunteer  
activities** Local  
Advocacy Council,  
AYSO (American  
Youth Soccer  
Organization)  
Coach, Florida Youth  
Orchestra, Jewish  
Federation. www.  
alanbschneider4judge.  
com

**Why should you be  
a judge?**

These are difficult  
times for most people.  
I often hear how  
frustrated people are  
with the troubled  
economy and how  
our judicial system is  
administered.

Judges are  
encouraged to  
engage in activities  
to improve the law,



legal system and  
administration of  
justice. When elected  
I will do everything  
possible to suggest  
and implement  
improvements.

I am confident  
that I have the  
proper temperament  
necessary to be an  
effective and proper  
judge; that I will  
perform the duties  
of the judicial office  
impartially and  
diligently and that I  
have the knowledge  
and intellect to  
properly understand  
and follow the law.

Circuit judge - Group 4 (Incumbent)

**Judge Elijah H. Williams**

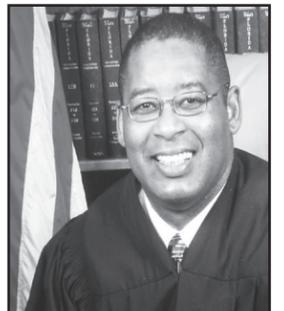
**Law School -**  
University of Florida  
Law School; United States Air  
Force Captain; Assistant  
State Attorney; Broward  
Sheriff's Office legal  
counsel

**Civic/volunteer  
activities -** Broward  
County Urban  
League; Jim Moran  
Youth Automotive  
Training Center Board  
**Years practicing law in  
Broward County - 20**

**Why should you be a  
judge?**

Having been a Broward  
circuit court judge for  
the past eight years and  
having received countless  
awards for the work I do  
with our troubled youth,  
I can honestly say with  
humility that I am a very  
good judge.

We need to accept the  
uncomfortable fact that  
we have lost the hearts,  
minds and souls of an  
entire generation of youth.  
I am on a personal and  
professional mission to  
change this state of affairs.  
As a juvenile delinquency  
judge, it is my statutory  
duty under Florida  
Statutes to "rehabilitate"  
the children that appear  
before me. It is a very  
difficult job. Be that as it  
may, I have a reputation of



employing a "tough-love"  
approach to dealing with  
the kids.

Over 80 percent of the  
thousands of children that  
annually appear before  
me are African-American  
- like myself. Having  
been raised in a similar  
background as many  
of these children, I am  
uniquely poised to be able  
to make a huge difference  
in their lives.

I have presided over  
most of the criminal cases  
that involve Broward's  
most high profile juvenile  
cases. I wish to continue  
serving the community  
that I was born and raised  
in.

My work ethic is  
such that I am usually  
the last judge to leave  
the courthouse at night.  
Without question, I work  
hard for you. In return, I  
simply ask that you work  
equally hard to see that I  
am re-elected on Aug. 24.

Circuit judge - Group 6 (Challenger)

**Frieda M. Goldstein**

**Law School** - Rutgers University School of Law.

**Years practicing law in Broward County**

- I've spent the last 11 years as a Trial Attorney for the United States Department of Justice/Department of Homeland Security in the Miami Field Office which includes Broward County.

**Civic/volunteer activities** - Served as a member of the Board of Directors of my local Jewish Learning Center since 2006; member of the PTA of Hebrew Academy from 2006-2010 and currently a member of the PTA for the Hillel Day school where my children are currently enrolled.

**Why should you be a judge?**

I believe that at this juncture of my career it is where I can best serve my community. My entire law career has been dedicated to public service. I have proudly served the United States Department of Justice and the United States Department of



Homeland Security for the last 11 years. During this time I have prosecuted crimes such as drug trafficking, sexual battery and murder. My experience has prepared me for the duties and responsibilities of a judicial career. My extensive court room and appellate experience coupled with my ability to listen and treat everyone with dignity and respect make me the most qualified candidate in this race. During my tenure as a prosecutor with the Federal Government, I have earned the respect of colleagues, judges, and adversaries. I have the ability to analyze a case, apply the law and administer justice.

Circuit judge- Group 6 (Incumbent)

**Judge Carlos Rodriguez**

**Law School** - University of Florida June 1980 Graduation;

**Years practicing in Broward County** - 30 years

**Civic/volunteer activities** - Darrell Gwynn Foundation (fight paralysis), Board of Directors; Broward County Hundred Club and Board of Directors in 2006; Voluntary, appointed Broward County Boards- Human Rights Board 2001-2004; Nuisance Abatement Board 1989-2001, Chairman 1996-7; Marine Advisory Board 1987-96, Vice Chairman 1990. Florida Bar Grievance Committee 17 "E" and chairman of same.

**Why should you be a judge?**

My main legal asset as a judge is experience. I've been practicing law in Broward for 30 years and have had complicated civil and criminal trial experience. I've had more than 200 jury trials, some trials lasting months and, as a judge, presided on over 1,000 cases. I've handled appeals and briefs for



several cases, including one case to the Florida Supreme Court.

I have lived in Fort Lauderdale and Pompano Beach since 1962. I attended Northside elementary, Sunrise Middle and Fort Lauderdale High School. I graduated college Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude. I was a SCUBA instructor and worked with my dad, Urbano at his dive shop, Dive'n Sales. Because my dad brought me out of communist Cuba, I've been welcomed here in Broward, and I owe my success to his wisdom and the great opportunity and freedom America offered me. Thank you Broward for the honor of serving as your Circuit Court Judge.

Circuit judge - Group 9 (Incumbent)

**Judge Susan Lebow**

**Law School** - University of Miami School of Law, 1974.

Practicing 10 years in family law, real estate, wills, probate and commercial litigation. Appointed hearing officer, 1983-84 to preside over violations of the Broward County Child Care Ordinance. Elected county court judge, 1984 and in 1992 I was appointed to the circuit court where I continue to serve. I have been a judge for 25 years in Broward County.

**Civic/volunteer activities** - My synagogue, Ramat Shalom; Grateful Paws Dog and Cat Animal Rescue, a no-kill rescue organization; Habitat for Humanity; Mentor for judicial interns;

**Why should you be a judge?** - I love my work and want to continue serving Broward County. I bring to the bench 25 years of judicial experience, education and training and a reputation of fairness and consideration for all those who appear before me. I have presided over approximately 1,000 non-jury and 2,500 jury trials, thousands of



arraignments, violation of probation and motion hearings. I have been endorsed by the Broward County Police Benevolent Association, the AFL-CIO, Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 32, T. J. Reddick Bar Association, "Broward's Black Bar Association", The North Springs Court Association, Inc., Broward Allied Medical Political Action Committee, South Pompano Civic Association and recommended by *The Miami Herald* - "[Lebow] is known for independence and for ignoring external pressures in highly charged cases. Good traits on the bench". I hope to continue to have the privilege to serve our community as a Circuit Court Judge.

Circuit judge - Group 9 (Challenger)

**Jill Tamkin Rafilovich**

**Law School** - Seattle University School of Law (J.D. 1990.)

According to *U.S. News & World Report's* 2011 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools," Seattle University ties in first place as having the best legal writing program in the country.

**Years practicing law in Broward County**- 15 years practicing in Broward County, 20 years legal experience. I am also a member of the Washington State Bar.

**Civic/volunteer activities** - Most of my community involvement over the recent years centers on strengthening our youth. I am one of the founding Board members of Harmony Development, a Broward county-wide youth diversion and delinquency prevention program which has benefited youth and families in our community. I volunteer at Broward Schools as a mentor, business partner, reading coach; I was elected as the SAC and



SAF Chair at my sons' former elementary school, founder of the "Civics Challenge," sponsor of Math Night.

I have also served as volunteer with the Guardian Ad Litem Program.

**Why should you be a judge?**

I have an outstanding capacity to see and appreciate the unique individuality of others. I am very fair, have excellent practical, common sense ability, am compassionate, a good listener, and will work hard to conscientiously follow the law while at the same time making sure that my decisions are sensible and just.

Circuit judge - Group 15 (Incumbent)

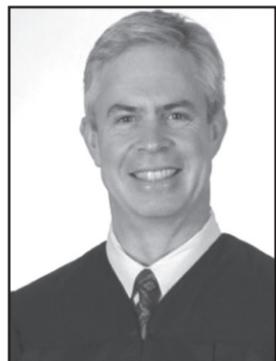
**Judge Matthew Isaac Destry**

**Law School:** Stetson University College of Law, JD 1988

**Years practicing law in Broward County:** 13

**Civic/volunteer activities** -

I support through donations the American Cancer Society, PACE, Legal Aid and other charitable organizations. I am on the boards and an active member of two organizations in particular: Best Buddies, a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; Florida Initiative for Suicide Prevention (FISP), an organization dedicated to the prevention of suicide



**Why should you be a judge?** As your Circuit Court Judge in Group 15, I feel I have had a positive impact. I have been a member of the Bar for 22 years and my credentials speak for themselves - but as a sitting Judge I run on my record. This question is best directed to those who have appeared before me as lawyers or litigants as they are in the best position to evaluate my performance as a judge - and ultimately that is the way it should be because as a judge, you are accountable to the people.

Circuit judge Group 15 (Challenger)

**Robert Abraham Jakovich**

**Law school** - I graduated Florida State Law School (with honors) in 1984.

**Years practicing law in Broward County** - I've been practicing law in Broward County for 26 years

**Civic/volunteer activities** - I've volunteered as a youth sports coach from 1997 continuously through 2007 in the cities of Weston, Sunrise, and Plantation.

**Why do you consider yourself a person capable of judging others?** I think my varied life experiences as well as 26 years of practicing law in the courtroom has given me a good insight into judging a person's character.



I've raised my son as a single dad and I've coached him from 1997 continuously through 2007 in the cities of Weston, Sunrise, and Plantation. I've tried over 200 jury trials including everything from DUI to first degree murder. I've also done significant pro bono work in the areas of family law, probate, and commercial litigation.

Circuit judge - Group 22 (Incumbent)

### Judge Carlos Rebollo

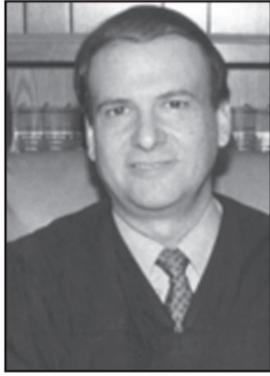
**Law school** - Drake University Law School, May 2004

**Years practicing law in Broward?**

I started in the Broward State Attorney's Office in 1988 and worked there as an assistant state attorney for 19 years. I have been a Broward Circuit Judge since December, 2007 assigned to Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency and Criminal.

**Civic/volunteer activities** - I have donated time and/or money to: Pembroke Pines Volleyball League; Pace School for Girls Florida Bar Rules of Criminal Procedure Committee; Florida Bar Joint E-Filing committee; Broward County Hispanic Bar Association

**Why should you be a judge?** For over 2 1/2 years I have been your Broward Circuit Court Judge. I started in juvenile dependency court hearing cases about children who have been abandoned, abused and neglected. I tried to put families back together. If that was not possible,



then my job was to help the children by placing them in a better place, a loving, stable and secure place. After two years of dependency, I moved to the criminal division handling felonies from grand theft to first degree murder. As a criminal judge for two months, I've already presided over a first-degree murder case. I love my job. I have a passion for it. Before I was a judge I was a trial prosecutor for 21 years, two in New Jersey 19 in Broward County. I have been endorsed by every major community leader and organization. *The Miami Herald* endorsed me and called me an excellent judge.

Circuit judge - Group 22 (Challenger)

### Robert 'Bob' Nichols

**Law school** - I graduated from Stetson University College of Law (Dean's List) in 1988 with a juris doctor degree.

**Years practicing law in Broward?** 17

**Civic/volunteer activities** President of the FLA Foundation; a non-profit organization dedicated to drowning prevention and providing scholarships to deserving minority students; Coach at Holiday Park & Coral Ridge Little League, soccer and football (11 years) Vice President of CAVNET (Communities Against Violence Network), I served as the Treasurer and on the Board of Governors of the Coral Ridge Homeowners Association; St. Coleman's Church Parishioner

**Why should you be a judge?**

I have the empathy and compassion needed toward a crime victim, whose world is spinning



out of control, and the technical understanding necessary to appreciate the needs of civil litigants. Such diversity is only learned through varied legal work experience.

I am fair, diligent, open-minded and passionate in the pursuit of justice. I believe all persons who enter the legal system have the right to be treated equally and with dignity. I have also demonstrated dedication to my community through many years of community involvement

Circuit judge - Group 23 (Incumbent)

### Judge Barbara Anne McCarthy

**Law School** - St. Thomas University School of Law, 1988.

**Years practicing law in Broward** - Circuit Court Judge: Unified Family and Dependency Court, January, 2009-present.

General Magistrate, Family, Dependency, and Civil Division, 2003-2009. Fort Lauderdale Assistant City Attorney, 2001-2003. Private Practice, 1995-2001. Broward County Assistant State Attorney. 1990-1995 Former social worker and special needs teacher.

**Why should you be a judge?** - I bring a very unique background to the bench, having worked as a social worker and special education teacher before going to law school. That background of helping children and their families through their most challenging issues has given me extraordinary patience and the ability to pick up quickly what is happening around me. It has fostered my



judicial demeanor and made me a better judge. When that is combined with my diverse legal experience as a general magistrate, having served in the family, civil, and dependency divisions, as an assistant state attorney, assistant city attorney, and private practitioner, it gives me a solid foundation and proven track record to sit on the bench.

I will continue to work hard as a circuit court judge to ensure all litigants have access to the court, and are given an opportunity to be heard. This entails giving the litigants his/her day in court-it means treating them fairly and taking the time to ensure that justice is administered.

Circuit judge - Group 23 (Challenger)

### Alan S. Bernstein

**Law School** - Nova Southeastern Law School, 1981.

**Years practicing law in Broward County** - Since 1982.

**Civic/Volunteer organizations** - Sponsored baseball and soccer teams throughout the county; Teach "Stop Substance Abuse Course Through Education" pro bono for numerous years; Member of Masons, 15 years; Member of the Kiwanis; Knights of Pythias

**Why should you be a judge** - I believe I would be an excellent judge based on the fact that I have handled over 15,000 cases over the past twenty-nine years. These cases range from tax, family law, commercial litigation, all types of civil litigation, wills, probate and criminal law. I have the experience, the patience, the integrity, the knowledge, the temperament, common sense and wisdom from those 27 years of owning my own firm



and meeting people from all walks of life to give everyone who comes before me a fair chance to present their case. My passion has been defending people's civil and constitutional rights and I am proud of that. This job is also about hard work and dedication. I have worked hard my entire life and i intend to continue to do so when elected while at the same time treat the people who come into my courtroom with the dignity and respect that each of us deserves. I believe in the Golden Rule: Treat others as you would expect to be treated. This can be done and I will do this while following the law.

Circuit judge - Group 24 (Challenger)

### Olga Levine

**Law School**- University of Florida College of Law - graduated 1988

**Years practicing in Broward County** - 21 years - since 1989

**Civic/volunteer activities**- Foundation board member, Broward Children's Center, 2005 to present; Chairperson, Broward County Juvenile Detention; Center Advisory Board, 2009-present; Board member and treasurer; Broward County Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board: 2000-2009; Board member, Soref JCC: 2006 to present; Volunteer, We Care Food Pantry; Participant - Walk for the Animals; Participant - Walk for Wildlife; Mentor for at-risk youth - 1991

**Why should you be a judge?**

I have the qualities and integrity necessary to be a judge in our



community. I was raised here in Broward County. When electing a Circuit Court Judge you are looking for someone who has the legal experience and the life experience to be able to sit in judgment of others. I have practiced law in all areas of Circuit Court jurisdiction and I have extensive courtroom experience. I have represented individuals from all walks of life. My work representing vulnerable individuals in our community from Seniors to children with special needs makes my experience unique.

Circuit judge - Group 24 (Incumbent)

### Judge John T. 'Jack' Luzzo

**Law School** - University of Florida 1971-1973 J.D.

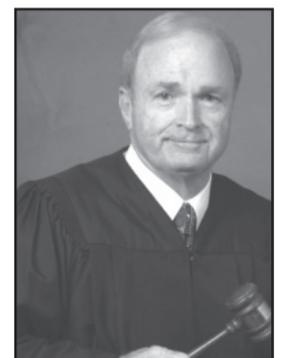
**Years practicing in Broward County** 37 years

**Civic/volunteer activities** -

Past Adjunct Professor, Nova Law School; Active Honorary Board Member Broward County Special Olympics; Children First, Inc.; Current President Emerald Society of Fort Lauderdale; Patron Member, Jewish War Veterans

**Why should you be a judge?**

In my 28 years judicial experience, I have always tried to follow "The Golden Rule" (treat



others as you wish to be treated) no matter one's race, religion, sexual orientation, etc. and to treat all litigants, with or without counsel, fairly and competently and with respect in a truly just and diversity-minded fashion.

Circuit judge - Group 47 (Incumbent)

### Judge Lisa Porter

**Law School -** University of Florida College of Law, J.D. awarded December, 1987

**Years practicing in Broward County -** 15 (Total years practicing 22 1/2)

**Civic/volunteer activities -** B'nai B'rith Justice Unit-Board Member; East Neighborhood Association; Member Temple Beth El Hollywood; Incoming Chair Executive Council of the Criminal Law Section of the Florida Bar; Broward County Bar Association-Professionalism Committee; Faculty Member-Prosecutor/Public Defender Trial Training Program-University of Florida College of Law; Guardian ad item Program Training

**Why should you be a judge?**



I do not see my role as Circuit Judge as "judging others." I consider all relevant evidence, testimony and apply the facts to the applicable law and render decisions accordingly. I believe in treating everyone who appears before me with patience, courtesy and respect. Every litigant who appears in court should have the opportunity to be heard and understood and have a fair and just ruling rendered in a timely and efficient manner.

Circuit judge - - Group 47 (Challenger)

### Laura Renee Seidman

**Law School -** Chicago-Kent College of Law, where she was honored with the Bar & Gavel Award for Outstanding Service to the Law School, the Legal Profession and the Community.

**Years practicing law in Broward**

**Civic/volunteer activities -** Volunteer coordinator for the Lakeview Shelter for the Homeless; Mentor and volunteer Teen Court Judge; Active with the Alliance for Lupus Research and volunteers with the local chapter of the Sarcoma Foundation of America; served as a board member of the Girl Scouts of Broward County, Inc., Charter School Foundation in Fort Lauderdale

**Why should you be a judge?**

I was appointed to the Florida Statewide Nominating Commission for Judges of Compensation Claims in 2003; I served on the Broward



County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service Committee. I am active with the Florida Bar, having participated as a member of the 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Grievance Committee "17C", whose responsibility it is to review the public's complaints about lawyers in our community. My experience as a cancer survivor, provides me with a unique perspective on what is important in life, the significance of helping and serving others and making a difference in their lives. It is this experience that will guide me when making decisions as a judge.

Circuit judge -- Group 51 (Open seat)

### Sandra Perlman

**Law School -** University of Florida School of Law, Juris Doctor, 1985. Member of the Florida Bar, admitted 1985, U.S. District Court, Southern District of FL., admitted 1985, and California Bar, admitted 1988

**Years practicing in Broward County**

-20 of my 25 years in Broward, the other 5 years were in Northern California; Broward County Public Defender's office in 1985; 1990-1994, District Attorney, prosecutor, in California; 1994, Broward Public Defender's Office to present. I presently am in the Homicide Unit and handle Death Penalty cases; Qualified by the Florida Supreme Court to try death penalty cases.

**Civic/volunteer groups -** Member of the South Broward Bar Association and the Broward Womens Lawyer's Association.

**Why should you be a judge?** I have dedicated



my career to making sure the justice system is fair. I have done so as a prosecutor and as a defense attorney without consideration of race, creed, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, or financial means. I realize it is not enough to advocate for one side. In order for justice to prevail, in order for justice to be served, it must come from the top. Justice has to come from the judge. As a judge I will continue to ensure the fairness of the Justice system.

I am passionate about the law, have a very strong work ethic, and have a deep sense of justice.

Circuit judge -- Group 51 (Open seat)

### Judge Lee Jay Seidman

**Law School -** Emory University School of Law in 1982.

**Years of practicing law in Broward County**

- Prosecutor for 15 years: appointed as county court judge and elected for a six year term in 2004 without opposition. Served as an acting circuit court judge for over six years.

**Community/Civic activities -** Member: Coral Springs Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT. Speaker for elementary students for career days; ethics lectures to the State Attorney's Office, training other State Attorneys' Offices around Florida in the areas of elderly abuse and neglect; member of Broward General Hospital's Bioethics Committee, the Baker Act and Mental Health Task Force; Broward County Elderly Abuse and Exploitation Task Force; Florida Bar committees, as a board member of Broward Meals on Wheels for the elderly and disabled; board



member and volunteer at the Daily Bread Food Bank; Anti-Defamation League Broward Civil Rights Board; creator of Operation S.A.F.E.T.Y., a multi-agency task force that conducts random, inspections of adult living facilities and nursing homes. As a judge, he is well known as a *no-nonsense, fair judge*. His record on appeal of being found correct in his many decisions is one of the best among his peers. *Judge Seidman strictly abides by Judicial Canon (3)(B)(2), citing that a Judge shall be faithful to the law and maintain professional competence in it. A Judge shall not be swayed by partisan interests, public clamor, or fear of criticism.*

Circuit judge -- Group 53 (Incumbent)

### Judge Eileen M. O'Connor

**Law School -** Suffolk University School of Law, Boston, MA, 1976

**Years of practicing law in Broward County**

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**Civic/volunteer activities?** Lighthouse of Broward, serving the blind and visually impaired, 20 years; Broward Women's Alliance since 2000, past president, board of directors, chair of scholarship committee, Leadership Broward since 1991; Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale since 1992; St. Thomas More Society; Federal Bar Association; Boys and Girls Clubs volunteer; 1996-2002 with Broward Legal Aid doing pro bono work.

**Why should you be a judge?** It is a misnomer to say I "judge others." Rather, for 7 years as a Circuit Judge, I have been deciding facts (unless it is a jury trial) and determining the law. It is rare that my trials have been overturned on appeal.

During my 34 years, I practiced criminal,



civil and appellate law in state and federal courts. I have the experience of having worked in all three branches of government. I worked my way through college and law school as a waitress, newspaper columnist, day care provider, retail salesperson and exercise instructor.

Being a breast cancer survivor has given me strength, a better awareness of what is truly important in life and a greater capacity for compassion. My extensive legal and life experiences equip me to be a fair, impartial, knowledgeable and respectful jurist.

Circuit judge - Group 53 (Challenger)

### Rhoda Sokoloff

**Law School -** Nova Southeastern Shepard Broad Law School

**Years practicing law in Broward County**

- 10 years in Broward County.

**Civic/volunteer activities -** I am co-vice-president of an organization by the name of NAMI, National Alliance on Mental Illness. I volunteer my time teaching a 12-week class, sometimes twice a year, to family members who have relatives suffering from mental illness, mental illness and drug abuse or mental illness and alcoholism. I also facilitate a support group for family members.

I am a member of Kiwanis Tamarac and volunteer my time serving our children who are less fortunate, such as homeless children living in shelters.

I am a Guardian ad Litem representing children's interests and have been appointed in this capacity numerous times by the Court.



**Why should you be a judge?** - I would be a capable judge, and I am the best candidate for this job based on my life experience, my knowledge of the law and my community involvement. I went back to school after working for attorneys for 15 years after having to overcome much adversity in my life. This has made me who I am and taught me the importance of having the right temperament, patience, impartiality, integrity, the right demeanor, respect, fairness and most of all, honesty, while having to follow the law. Being a judge is an extension of my involvement to public service in our community.

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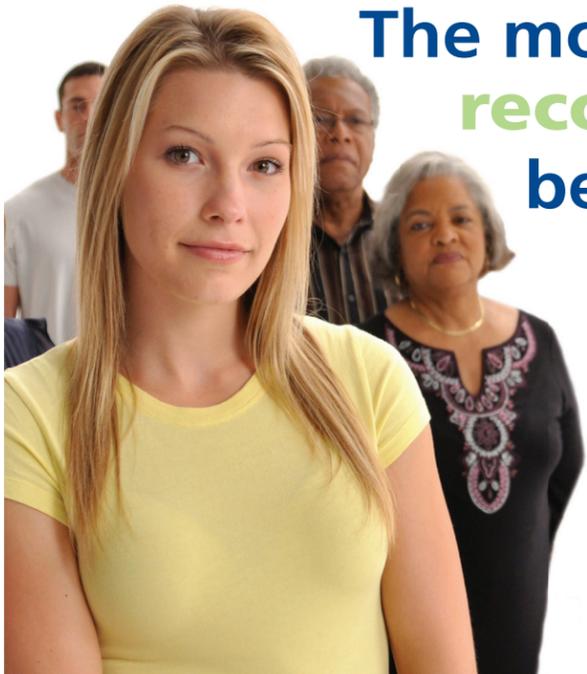
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**Letter**

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doesn't even hold any gifted endorsements. Also, while getting her 1,300 signatures, Mrs. Rupert was caught several times on school grounds, which is illegal, violating Florida Statute 1400.1; specifically number 5. There was an article published by former School Board Member, Marty Rubinstein about this matter. She also violated the non-partisan race

by mentioning that she was "Not" a Democrat on her flyers. Mrs. Rupert has not only lied to the public but to the parents of the very kids she wants to stand up for.

Something else I would like to point out is, if Mrs. Rupert is so dedicated as stated in the article why didn't she stay until the end of the budget meeting at KCW on July 29. By the end of the meeting, which was well after midnight, the only candidate from District 7 left in the

room was Mr. Kaufman.

As a school employee with friends and family members attending and working for Broward schools, it infuriates me that a newspaper is endorsing someone just because they "want the job!" This is ridiculous. Just because someone wants something doesn't necessarily make them qualified. I always wanted to be an astronaut, and I want the job, but I don't think I will make a good astronaut, same goes for Mrs. Rupert. As a keen reader I expected a more researched endorsement.

Llannyra Pena  
Silver Lakes Elementary

**Bond**

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to exceed \$18 million. The ordinance also provides for the redemption of outstanding water and sewer bonds and establishes accounting funds and standards. The ordinance explicitly excludes the ad valorem taxes and taxing authority to pay the bonds. The only funding for this debt is the pledge of gross revenues of the water and sewer system as security for the bonds.

Proceeds from the bonds - the tax exempt Series 2010A and taxable Series 2010 B -

will go to pay a portion of the costs of improvements to the city's water and wastewater system. They also will go to refinance Series 1994 bonds, used for building and replacing water and sewer lines. Those bonds mature in four years.

The 2010-B bonds will be funded through stimulus funds. The commission adopted ordinances to adjust water and sewer rates to accommodate needed funds to issue water and sewer bonds. The rate adjustments in the FY 11 recommendation are 13.9 percent increase in water rates and 5.4 percent increase in wastewater rates.

City Manager John Stunson and Underwood traveled to New York City recently to try to convince credit rating agencies the city deserves an excellent bond rating. The meetings went well, and the results are indicative of that fact, Underwood told commissioners.

The impact of the improvement from Baa [the rate the city had in 1973] to AA- equates to about \$2.7 million in savings on debt service, Underwood explained.

When the ordinance came up for first reading July 21, Underwood was asked about the city's current bond rating. He responded, "Not." There was no rating.

Underwood told commissioners he expects pricing of the bond issue to occur Aug. 17, and a closing will be Aug. 31.



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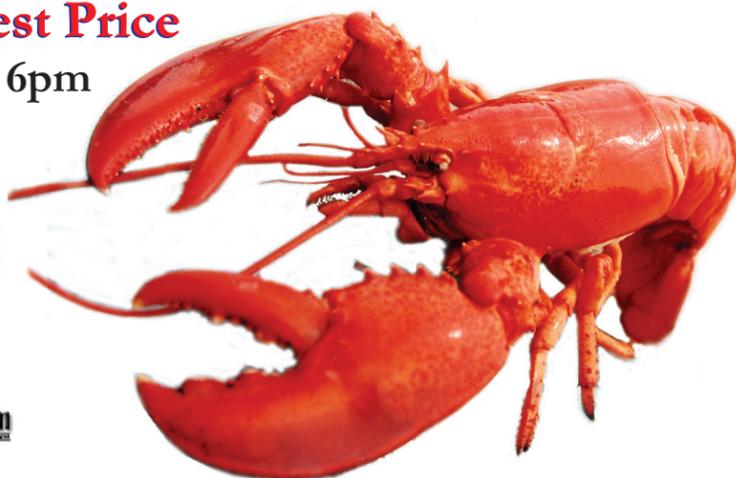
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