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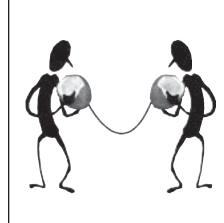
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# Editorial: Catherine Vogel for State Attorney and Rick Ramsey for Monroe County Sheriff

South Florida is extremely proud of Janet Reno for her accomplishments. Her reputation was built on aggressive prosecution. She became the first female Attorney General of the United States. Here in the Keys we have another woman to be proud of: Catherine Vogel, former Assistant State Attorney now running for Monroe County State Attorney.

After graduation with honors from the University of Miami Law School and earning a juris doctorate degree, Catherine Vogel was appointed an Assistant State Attorney for then Dade County State Attorney Janet Reno. In her role as a trial attorney in the Dade County State Attorney Office, Catherine prosecuted many high profile cases, including the Jimmy Ryce murder case, and one of

the German tourist murder cases. She remained as a prosecuting trial attorney in Dade County until 2001 when her outstanding work resulted in her recruitment as Chief Assistant State Attorney for the Monroe County State Attorney Office in Key West. Throughout the years, Catherine has supervised scores of attorneys. She teaches trial skills at the University of Florida Law School.

Catherine is a South Florida native and has been a practicing attorney for 30 years; 27 of those years a prosecutor, responsible for prosecuting thousands of cases. She has tried over 100 felony cases. Her opposition, the incumbent, Dennis Ward has never tried a felony case.

On his website Dennis Ward claims over 40 years in the Criminal Justice System, not telling the voters that most of those years were as a patrol officer, never promoted off the streets. In 2005 Dennis Ward ran for Miami Beach City Commission. After his failed campaign he was hired as an assistant public defender in the Upper Keys office, where he handled many DUI cases.

Now, according to an article by Attorney Lori D. Palmieri (tampacriminaldefenselawyer.com), dated June 8, 2011, Dennis Ward is for the "no refusal" of forced blood tests during a DUI checkpoint if the suspect has had a prior DUI. Florida's 5th District Court of Appeal ruled against it, but Ward said it would not stop his fight against drunk drivers. Does this mean he wants to blood test and convict the same people he once defended? Dennis Ward is a politician and

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perhaps that is why many of his former supporters seem to have fallen by the wayside.

Catherine Vogel's campaign slogan is "Professional, Not Political." I believe Catherine Vogel is the best candidate for the job of Monroe County State Attorney because she is by far the most experienced.

#### Col. Rick Ramsey for Sheriff

Rick Ramsey is a 36-year resident of the Florida Keys. After graduating from the Florida Keys Institute of Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement Academy in 1987 he began his career with the Monroe County Sheriffs office as a road deputy, rising to the rank of Colonel-Undersheriff in 2004. In addition to his law enforcement service he has served 15 years as a volunteer firefighter in Marathon, rising to the rank of Deputy Chief.

With 25 years experience, Col. Ramsey has continued to increase his education and devote himself to many community service organizations. Because of his experience, integrity, vision and love of the Keys I think that Col. Rick Ramsey is the best candidate for our Sheriff.

Key Largo is dubbed the

"Diving Capital of the World" because the warm waters of the Gulfstream are host to the only living coral reef on the North American continent. Here we have an abundance of beauty that can only be seen by snorkeling, diving or taking a trip on the famed Key Largo Princess Glassbottom Boat.

Scuba divers from all over the world come here to dive John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park or visit the numerous local shipwrecks that attract an array of tropical fish, moray eels, sharks and sting rays.

Those who want to make their experience even more unique can stay in the world's only underwater hotel, Jules has all the comforts of home Undersea Lodge. The lodge is located in a lagoon at the end of Transylvania Avenue next to the Hiddenout Restaurant

Jules Undersea Lodge: John and Teresa McKinna

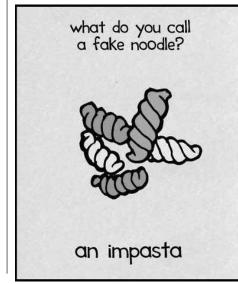


(Mile Marker 103.1). To get there you must dive 22 feet below the water's surface and enter through an opening ("moon pool") in the bottom of the habitat. The 2-bedroom underwater capsule

including a well-stocked kitchen, hot showers, 2 living chambers (20'  $\times$  8') including a common room with dining and entertainment facilities.

You can kick back and watch the array of tropical fish through the large circular viewing ports, read a book, watch a movie or order a pizza delivered right to the "wet room" entrance to your underwater heavenly experi-

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Award Winning Lobster Bisque Conch Fritters

# Award Winning Food & Coffee



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