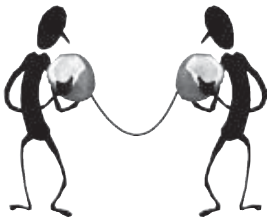


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Editorial: "Professional not Political" vs Proven Professionalism

"Professional not political" was Catherine Vogel's slogan in the 2012 election where she defeated Dennis Ward. Vogel has remained true to her words in the last 4 years, she is ALWAYS professional, not so for Ward (even though he has stolen Vogel's slogan for his campaign against her this year).

It seems that every time I pick up another newspaper there is Ward, bashing Vogel, when he does not even have the access to her cases to warrant a comment on them. Her comments are always professional, direct and to the point, yet Ward continues his grandstanding and playing to the press.

What you don't know is that Ward was overheard walking up to a female Vogel supporter (a grandmother!) during the 4th of July parade and saying "Blow me!" to her. I wouldn't call that professional, would you?

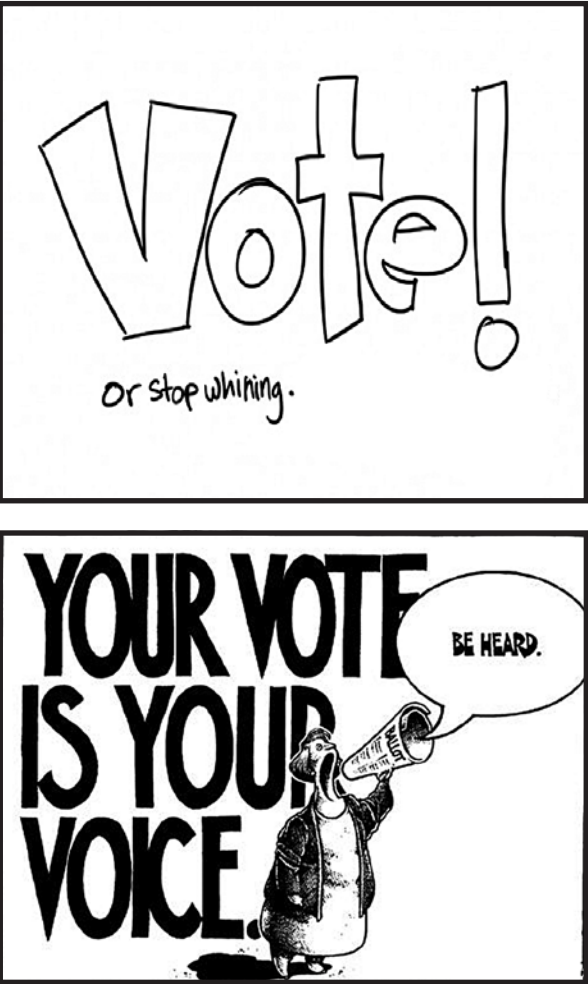
Ward is just a big bully. That is probably why when he was State Attorney his turn-over rate for employees was a whopping 35%, the highest rate in the state of Florida. Vogel's is 0%. Catherine Vogel has 30 years experience as a prosecutor Ward has only 4.

His inexperience is probably why Vogel's office had to eliminate the huge backlog of DUI cases left by Ward.

One thing that is ironic about Ward: he was a former

Miami Beach police patrol officer who was never promoted off the streets, He lost a gun during his term as State Attorney and filed a police report on it as stolen. The gun was found in Ward's desk at the State Attorney's office 2 years later, after he had left office! How's that for accountability? Ward is a loose cannon.

Thank you Catherine Vogel, for doing an outstanding job! More juicy info in next month's Coconut Telegraph.



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Animal Shelter Passes 9,000 Free Spays/Neuters

By Marsha Garrettson, Director Upper Keys Animal Shelter



Lissette Castillo and her dog "Max," the 9,000th free spay.

The Upper Keys Animal Shelter at mile marker 106, Key Largo, operated by Humane Animal Care Coalition, has provided 9,000 free spays/neuters of community-owned animals at their clinic as of August 23, 2016.

The Animal Shelter opened the clinic on July 27, 2000 to provide free spays and neuters to all the citizens living in their service area. The clinic is operated using private funds. They are happy to report the success of providing this continuous free service, which has resulted in the reduction of the number of dogs and cats coming to the

shelter. The data shows that just after 5 years of providing this service, the animal intakes were reduced by about 50%. Today they continue to see this reduction after 16 years of providing free spays; for example, last year the total dogs and cats intake was 752, compared to the intake of 1,642 dogs and cats that came to the shelter in 2001.

Public Animal Shelters exist to take in all unwanted and unadoptable animals, including the sick, injured and dangerous ones. It is unthinkable to turn these animals away to be abandoned in the community. Animal experts agree this is a community problem that can only be solved by responsible pet ownership and spaying and neutering your family pets.

The Shelter thanks the Upper Keys community for supporting your local animal shelter and adopting pets from the shelter. The adoption fee of \$10.00 for a spayed/neutered healthy dog or cat has not changed for over 20 years. They look forward to seeing you again at your next visit to the Animal Shelter.

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