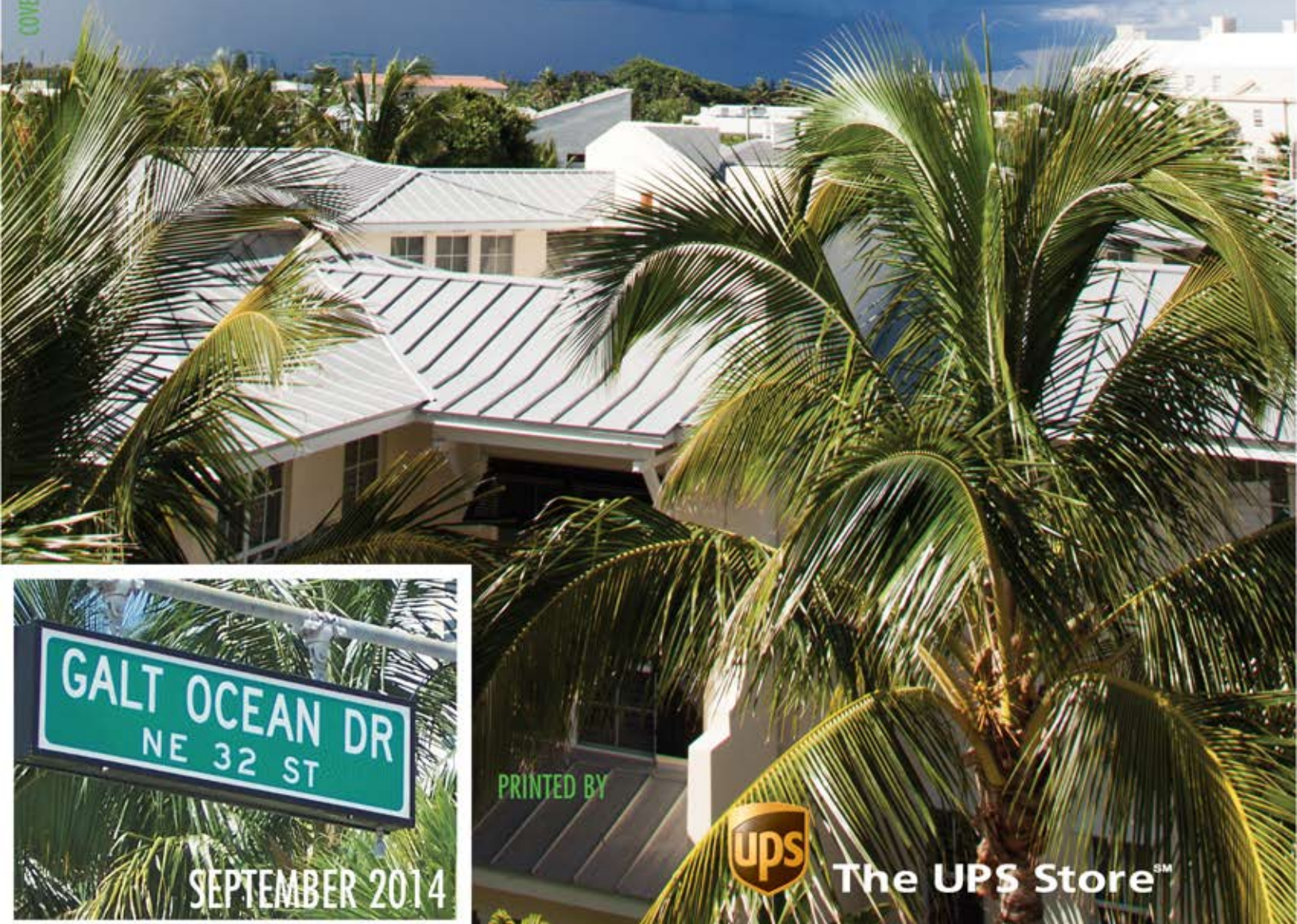


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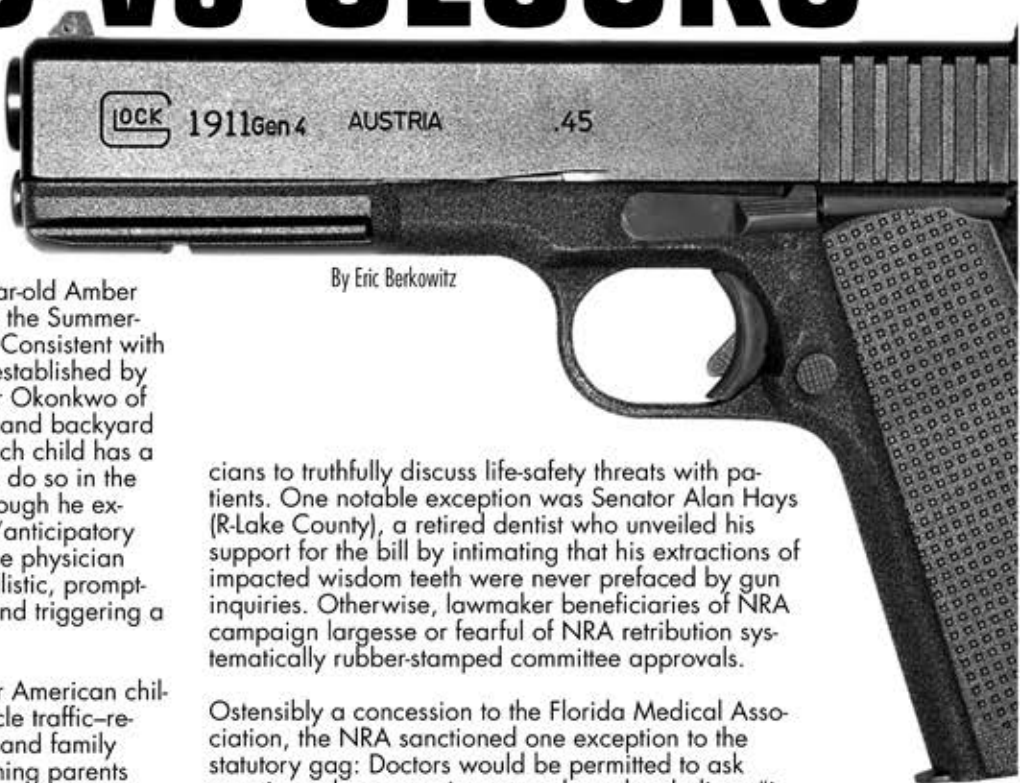
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# DOCS vs GLOCKS



By Eric Berkowitz

During a July 21, 2010 medical interview with 26-year-old Amber Ullman, Ocala Pediatrician Dr. Chris Okonkwo asked the Summerfield mother of 3 girls about child-proofing her home. Consistent with 1983 TIPP (The Injury Prevention Program) protocols established by the American Academy of Pediatrics, medical director Okonkwo of Children's Health of Ocala routinely asks if stairways and backyard swimming pools are gated with childproof locks, if each child has a car seat and bicycle helmet, whether smoking parents do so in the house and if driving teenagers have cell phones. Although he explained that the interview's purpose was to tailor the "anticipatory guidance" he provides to concerned parents, when the physician asked if guns were kept in the home, Ullman went ballistic, prompting Okonkwo to end his tenure as her pediatrician - and triggering a series of cosmic showdowns.

Since firearms are the third leading cause of death for American children 5 to 16 years old, exceeded only by motor vehicle traffic-related causes and malignant neoplasms, pediatricians and family doctors (many of whom own firearms) advise gun-owning parents that weapons and ammunition should be stored separately and safely locked away from children. Whether or not patients answer childproofing inquiries truthfully, lie or refuse to answer has no legal impact on their Constitutional right to own a gun. The information is additionally cloistered by an evidentiary Doctor-Patient privilege rooted in Statute and/or case law (depending on the jurisdiction). The strategy has contributed to saving countless lives, as the firearm-associated death rate among youth ages 15 to 19 has fallen from its peak of 27.8 deaths per 100,000 in 1994 to 11.4 per 100,000 in 2009 (although primarily driven by a decline in firearm homicide rates). Nevertheless, Ullman took issue with her pediatrician including her firearm in his child-proofing protocols.

When a human interest story about the incident was aired on channel WKMG 6 the next day - National Rifle Association (NRA) lobbyists were watching. Although gunshot victims invariably wind up in an emergency room or a graveyard, like Ullman, NRA lobbyists have long held that gun safety has no medical impact. They also assert that pediatricians who advise parents about child safety are either complicit or unwitting tools of the anti-gun movement.

While their fears aren't shared by swimming pool contractors, bicycle manufacturers or the cell phone industry, which all support physician efforts to insure the safe use of their products by children, the NRA sought to stop doctors from advising patients and/or their parents that improperly stored firearms represented a threat to kids. Drawing on their significant lobbying engine in Tallahassee - headed by former NRA National President Marion Hammer, they recruited Statehouse Representative Jason T. Brodeur (R-Sanford) to file House Bill 155, entitled "Privacy of Firearm Owners" on January 10, 2011, as drafted by the organization's lobbyists. Three days later, Pensacola Senator Greg Evers filed companion Senate Bill 432 in the other chamber (January 13, 2011). In short, the bills provided that physicians could be fined and/or stripped of their license for discussing guns with patients who weren't liberally perforated with flesh wounds, or for entering related notes in their medical records.

The bills percolated through both houses, as vetting committee members snoozed through a barrage of statistical evidence from the CDC and the New England Journal of Medicine that linked pediatric child-proofing advice to the annually declining rate of children who self-immolate with Mom's Desert Eagle - or sat mute while entertaining impassioned pleas to preserve the First Amendment right of Physi-

cians to truthfully discuss life-safety threats with patients. One notable exception was Senator Alan Hays (R-Lake County), a retired dentist who unveiled his support for the bill by intimating that his extractions of impacted wisdom teeth were never prefaced by gun inquiries. Otherwise, lawmaker beneficiaries of NRA campaign largesse or fearful of NRA retribution systematically rubber-stamped committee approvals.

Ostensibly a concession to the Florida Medical Association, the NRA sanctioned one exception to the statutory gag: Doctors would be permitted to ask questions about guns in cases where they believe "in good faith" that the questions are directly relevant to the patient's care or the safety of others. As the compromise would presumably remedy some of the Act's many constitutional vulnerabilities, NRA lobbyists - working with Governor Rick Scott - were confident that it wouldn't belabor their objective. While any doctor could reasonably argue that the safe storage of gun is "relevant to the safety of others," since their license to practice medicine would now hang in the balance, defendant physicians would be forced to weigh the Hippocratic Oath against their livelihood. As anticipated by NRA officials, the chilling effect that this would have on medical practitioners would closely mirror a repeal of their First Amendment rights. Subsequently, Governor Scott admitted to using State legal resources to help offset the NRA bill's inherent constitutional deficits.

On June 2, 2011, Governor Rick Scott signed the bill into law, creating Chapter 2011-112, Laws of Florida. Four days later, a virtual "Who's Who" of medical and legal plaintiffs applied for declaratory and injunctive relief in U.S. District Court. Finding that Plaintiffs were likely to succeed on the merits, on September 14, 2011, the District Court preliminarily enjoined enforcement of most of the Act's provisions, including those providing for discipline of practitioners who violate the Act.

One year later, the case landed on the docket. Groups representing 11,000 Florida health care providers, including Florida chapters of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American Academy of Pediatrics, successfully challenged the gag law in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida - alleging that it violated their First and Fourteenth Amendment rights.

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At least ten medical associations and the American Bar Association (ABA) argued that the law should be struck down because doctors must be able to discuss safety topics freely in engaging in preventive care. An ABA resolution opposing the law reasoned, "Preventive care through safety counseling is a pillar of modern medicine, and is vitally important to the health and welfare of patients." The American Psychiatric Association added "health professionals and health systems should ask about firearm ownership whenever clinically appropriate in the judgment of the physician," as exemplified by patients with suicidal or homicidal ideations.

On June 2, 2012, five of the Act's eight provisions were ruled unenforceable by U.S. District Court Judge Marcia Cooke, who found that the law was predominantly based on anecdotal hearsay and unfounded conjecture. Since defending Florida lawmakers failed to prove that initiating a dialogue about firearm safety would jeopardize gun rights or that patients who own firearms might face widespread discrimination (by Men-in-Black doctors), there was no compelling reason for Government to eviscerate the First Amendment right of physicians to freely converse with patients; Cooke declared the law unconstitutional. Dropping the thinly veiled contention that the statute was the brainchild of Florida Lawmakers, NRA lawyers requested legal standing. Gun makers were apoplectic when Cooke remarked that the State could adequately defend itself and denied the request.

Ironically, the strategic uncertainty deliberately designed to chill the entire medical profession was turned on its head, as Cooke additionally held the language to be "unconstitutionally vague". As defined by the Supreme Court (*Giaccio v. Pennsylvania*, 382 U.S. 399 (1966)) - this means "so vague and standardless that it leaves the public uncertain as to conduct it prohibits or leaves judges and jurors free to decide, without any legally fixed standards, what is prohibited and what is not in each particular case." BINGO!

Enraged by Cooke's ruling, the NRA strapped up. Between 2004 and 2012, the NRA had siphoned \$125,000 to Florida Republican Party coffers to boost prospects for lag-gard GOP pro-gun candidates in hotly contested legislative districts, as affirmed by the National Institute on Money in State Politics. Surrounding the 2012 judicial setback, the NRA pumped an additional \$133,000 into direct mail, phone banks and email alerts to leverage voter perception, according to Florida campaign finance records.

Following a Judge shopping excursion, when Florida Governor Rick Scott and NRA officials became confident of a venue sympathetic to their agenda, Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi appealed Cooke's ruling to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta. A conservative-dominated three-judge panel was comprised of U.S. Circuit Judge Gerald Tjoflat (appointed by Richard Nixon), U.S. Circuit Judge Charles Wilson (appointed by Bill Clinton) and District Judge L. Scott Coogler (a visiting Alabama District Judge who was invited to sit on the panel - appointed by George W. Bush). On July 25, 2014, the 2 - 1 decision (Tjoflat and Coogler deciding, Wilson dissenting) to overturn the Federal District Court ruling sent waves of frustration and disappointment through the legal and medical communities.

It soon became clear why gun makers and Scott were pleased with the venue. While the panel was hearing arguments, Tjoflat mumbled aloud whether doctors who make child-proofing inquiries about firearms would surreptitiously feed patient records to the feds and become "agents of the government." Medical records are protected by strict privacy laws. Also, an NRA-drafted Federal law that was spoon-fed to Congress in 1996 already forbids the compilation of medical databases that parse gun-ownership. Nevertheless, Tjoflat insisted "It goes to Uncle Sam in Washington; you put it in a computer and spit out everybody who owns a gun." Witnesses to Tjoflat's "utterances", including reporters, gallery visitors as well as stakeholders, expressed surprise and dismay over the arguably paranoid politically motivated baggage Tjoflat brought to the hearing. The National Gun Victims Action Council named Tjoflat "NRA Puppet of the Week."

Florida Solicitor General Allen Winsor insisted that the law doesn't gag doctors from asking patients about firearms, observing that the law says doctors "should refrain," not "must refrain." Judge Charles Wilson disagreed, citing how the law's threatened sanctions of a \$10,000 fine and/or loss of license for not refraining from asking how guns are stored around children clearly functions as a ban. Wilson commented "So, the purpose of the statute - the state Legislature is saying - 'We don't like the viewpoint of doctors when it comes to guns.' That's a classic content-based restriction on speech." By definition, a content-based restriction on speech is unconstitutional.

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7 to 11:30 p.m.  
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**3**  
  
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Delivering the majority opinion, Judge Gerald Tjoflat wrote, "We find that the Act is a legitimate regulation of professional conduct. The act simply codifies that good medical care does not require inquiry or record-keeping regarding firearms when unnecessary to a patient's care." Marginalizing the law's toll on free speech, Tjoflat concludes "Any burden the Act places on physician speech is thus entirely incidental." Professional conduct ordinarily refers to medical procedures performed by a physician or a treatment plan that conforms to accepted medical practice. By reclassifying conversations between doctors and patients as "professional conduct" instead of speech, Tjoflat seeks to dodge the First Amendment protections that prohibit such a ban, and would render the law unconstitutional.

Judge Wilson shines a light on this shell game, and cites how a precedent can be abused to silence anyone for any purpose. In his lengthy dissent, Wilson argues, "Based on the Majority's holding, doctors could be prohibited in the future from speaking to their patients about any particular topic, including the virtues of any school of medical thought, because such conversations are, strictly speaking, irrelevant to a patient's care. According to the Majority, the speech is merely professional conduct and is entirely unprotected. States are left free to eliminate all irrelevant speech from a doctor's office, all relevant speech from a doctor's office, or just that speech which conflicts with the State's preferred viewpoints."

Tjoflat rebutted "We note that the Act does not ban discussion of any topic, but only irrelevant inquiry, record-keeping, and related harassment and discrimination. In any case, we must decide this case based on the facts before us, and in doing so we need not – indeed, we must not – speculate as to the constitutionality of hypothetical laws." In characterizing a pediatrician's childproofing protocols as "irrelevant inquiry," Tjoflat envisions the field of preventive medicine as non-productive and without medical merit, and physicians who seek to help patients avoid or protect against medical problems are guilty of "related harassment".

Disparaging Tjoflat's 16th Century perspective of acceptable medical practice as an insupportable vehicle for pressing a political agenda, Wilson holds that the ban on speech was not "incidental" to the law's objective – as opined by Tjoflat – but its primary purpose. Specifically, to prevent doctors from stirring concerns about improperly stored firearms. He wrote, "Doctors asked patients about firearms in order to give specifically tailored – and thus more effective – firearm safety information. Indeed, amicus curiae supporting the State's legislation explain that the Act is necessary because a 'doctor's questions can interfere with patients' exercise of the right [to bear arms] by putting patients in a hesitant position where they question their ownership of firearms because of physician disapproval.' That statement is staggering. It suggests that the perceived problem with doctors' truthful, non-misleading message regarding firearm safety was that it was working, so the message was silenced. That is classic viewpoint discrimination."

Going forward, the plaintiffs plan to request en banc review by the full court. An en banc review would require a rehearing of the case by a panel that includes the entire 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Since a majority of participating judges must grant the petition for review, this is no cakewalk. According to a study conducted by the Fordham Law Review, en banc decisions accounted for only 0.146 percent of the cases decided by federal circuit courts in 2010 (only 45 out of more than 30,914 cases were reviewed en banc). Until the appeals process is exhausted, the Federal District Court injunction against enforcement of the Statute's provisions will remain in effect.

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# REINTEGRATING A1A

## Back To Work

By Eric Berkowitz

On December 3, 2012, the Galt Mile Community Association convened a 7:30 PM Presidents Council Meeting at Plaza East Condominium. After thanking Plaza East President Glenn Rollo for hosting the final meeting in 2012, Presidents Council Chair Pio Ieraci reviewed the meeting agenda before introducing City Commissioner Bruce Roberts, City Manager Lee Feldman and now-retired Broward Beach Administrator Eric Myers.

Since our future, both individually and as a community, is inextricably linked to the fate of our beach, we needed to know what remedies were being considered to restore Fort Lauderdale's devastated coastal infrastructure. Collapsed a month earlier by Superstorm Sandy, attending association officials were specifically concerned about 4 mangled blocks of A1A and our significantly diminished Galt Mile beach. Eric Myers described how the planned Segment II beach renourishment would salvage North Broward's eroded shoreline while Bruce Roberts and Lee Feldman shed light on the tidal damage to A1A.

City Manager Lee Feldman confirmed that Fort Lauderdale planned to mitigate the damaged shoreline and adjacent infrastructure. Before effecting repairs to the 4 blocks of A1A (from Northeast 14th to 18th Street) that were reduced to soggy rubble, Feldman said that planners must first decide between rebuilding the original 4-lane Ocean Highway or possibly add a turn lane and a greenway to the 2-lane thoroughfare that had been hastily reconfigured from the roadway's former 2 southbound lanes.

With concrete wall barriers installed as temporary breakwaters piled along the east side of the street and parking spaces next to a 6-foot pedestrian path lining the west, Feldman added that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) wanted reliable assurances that the reconstructed road would be protected from future storm surge. The only coastal engineering capable of shielding A1A (along with thousands of lives and \$billions in upland property) is a healthy beach. Instead of just adding more sand to the eroded shoreline, Feldman declared "We need to find a more long term solution." Ironically, this sustainable approach had been repeatedly advocated by both Myers and predecessor Steve Higgins for decades.

According to Feldman, a \$3 million metal sheet pile installation and sand placement plan would be the best shot at fixing A1A. The cost of building the sheet metal wall between the beach and the road would be split among the County, the City and FDOT. Despite the absence of a reliable Federal commitment, money was not expected to be a problem. Funds were available through a variety of sources,

including the county's tourism fund. While every long term plan variant was fitted with an 18-month timetable, post-planning construction for the short term fix would begin in January and be completed by the onset of Sea Turtle nesting season in March, 2013.

A week later, on December 10, 2012, more than 300 local residents, their elected officials in City, County and State governments, local Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) bureaucrats and representatives from environmental, business and civic organizations converged on the Beach Community Center. The public officials planned to reveal long and short term recovery proposals under consideration by the City, County and State (FDOT).

Residents who packed the standing-room-only Monday night event hoped for a glimpse at the future of their beach. FDOT District Secretary Jim Wolfe and project manager Gerry O'Reilly explained that the storm-reduced 2-lane A1A configuration would be abutted with a third "left turn" lane and that remaining space liberated by the lane reduction would accommodate a long-planned Greenway project. After outlining plans for the \$8.3 million short-term fix that was subsequently completed in June 2013 (two months into the Sea Turtle nesting season), Wolfe said that the long-term solution would feature an elevated roadway book-ended with bike lanes and O'Reilly proposed tilting A1A so that water drains to the west – away from the ocean – rather than to the east.

While conceding that sustainability was an indispensable plan asset, residents were still flustered by an 18-month waiting period projected for each of several proposed long-term solutions. When FDOT District Secretary Jim Wolfe said "I wouldn't see work starting on a rebuild of A1A for 18 months..." Broward Commissioner Chip LaMarca – a building contractor by trade – responded "18 months is a long time. Maybe we could contract that and make it a shorter timetable." Unfortunately, LaMarca's aspiration remained unrequited. Now that the 18-month purchase price for sustainability has been paid-in-full, FDOT is again ramping up to implement the final construction plans for A1A.

In spinning the storm damage as an "opportunity" and naming the project "A1A in Action," City officials marketed the effort as "dedicated to enhancing a piece of Fort Lauderdale's future by transforming a portion of this iconic roadway into a vibrant, resilient, multimodal destination." Under the watchful eyes of FDOT and engineering megafirm Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc., on July 28, 2014, bid-winning contractor Russell Engineering, Inc. initiated the first phase of rebuilding the .988 miles of A1A from Sunrise Boulevard to NE 18th Street.

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FDOT allotted 506 days to complete the \$11.8 Million project (FDOT Financial Number: 433688-4-52-01), officially anticipating an estimated December, 2015 deadline, although Russell Engineering's contract contains a \$5000 per diem incentive for clipping up to 100 days from the construction timetable. FDOT authorized the contractor to work Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The contractor's plan called for crews to initially erect construction signs and concrete barrier walls around work zones.

A 10 to 17-foot wide beachfront promenade featuring paver sidewalks and crosswalks will abut the interred sheet pile sea wall along the east side of A1A. Above ground, a decorative sea wall will be enhanced with the same neon accent lighting that lines the Wave Wall. The road will include a raised median along Birch State Park as median islands and left turn lanes will mark where the route penetrates a residential neighborhood. Underground utilities that service newly restored beach showers will be relocated, as will manhole covers that gateway access to the remapped interred lines.

A subsurface drainage system will help immunize the roadway to meteorological molestation. The contractor is installing French Drains, gravel-lined perforated conduits that enable a controlled release of infiltration, cushioning the system when battered by storm surge. Citing the project as a "roadway narrowing," Vice President Brian Gibbs of Russell Engineering explained, "It's a French Drain system so to a point it holds water internally and takes some of the pressure off the outfall system so not all the water has to rush out of the system at the same time."

First described when the release of Assistant U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Flagg French's 1859 literary foray "Farm Drainage" eventually immortalized his name in the annals of structural engineering, French Drains aren't exactly new technology, begging the question why this protection isn't integral to all critical beachside thoroughfares in hurricane-walloped Florida. Reviewing the damage caused by Superstorm Sandy at the December 10, 2012 community meeting, Mayor Jack Seiler optimistically observed "This is a big gray cloud over Fort Lauderdale beach but I think we can find a silver lining." Adding Mr. French's pre-Civil war innovation to the FDOT's A1A design plan should inoculate A1A against future storm damage. Along with the project's other design bells and whistles, this arguably qualifies as a silver lining.

Decorative turtle-safe pedestrian lighting will line both sides of A1A and signalized pedestrian crosswalks will be installed at Birch State Park, NE 15th Court and NE 17th Street. After covering all the expanded 11-foot wide traffic lanes and parking spaces with a new layer of asphalt pavement, new markings will be painted on the pavement and new highway signs erected along the route.

During this phase of the project, on the east side of A1A from Sunrise Boulevard north to NE 14th Court, parking spaces and the sidewalk will be closed and beach access points will be restricted. Pedestrians and beach goers will be prohibited from cutting through the work zone. Two-way traffic, a bike lane, on-street parking and a sidewalk will be available on the west side of A1A.

As the project continues north from NE 14th Court to NE 18th Street, parking spaces and the sidewalk will be closed on the west side of A1A although side streets and driveways will remain accessible. Two-way traffic, a bike lane, on-street parking and a sidewalk will be maintained on the east side of A1A in this construction zone. Upon completion of this construction phase, a separate contract will provide for the installation of landscaping in the raised median across from Birch State Park and planter areas in the east side promenade.

Shortly before this final round of construction commenced, FDOT District Four Public Information Director Barbara Kelleher reached out to local residents affected by the project. Kelleher asked "If you know someone that would like to receive project email updates, please send their address to Barbara.Kelleher@dot.state.fl.us with a subject line of 'A1A Updates,' and remind them to put this address on their 'safe sender' list. Also, people can follow us on Twitter @MyFDOT\_SEFL." Offering an olive branch, Kelleher added "The A1A Reconstruction Team thanks our project neighbors for their patience and cooperation during this work. Should you have any questions or concerns about this work, please feel free to contact FDOT's Public Information Office at 954-777-4090."

By August 29, 2014, one month after FDOT began realizing their long-term vision for A1A from Sunrise Boulevard to just south of the Galt Ocean Mile, contractors were knee deep in demolition, stripping asphalt from traffic lanes and pulverizing seawall. In September, the sidewalks will meet a similar fate. Over the next 16 months, as FDOT pounds the current Ocean Highway into airborne debris, its newest incarnation will slowly emerge.

The City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County have a stake in recreating a thoroughfare worthy of A1A's 2009 designation as a Florida Scenic Highway. Almost two years in the making, planners also hope that the project yields a storm-resistant construction template for other coastal roadways vulnerable to Hurricane damage. However, until the reengineered protections are tested by Mother Nature after the project is completed in 2015, its status as a model for sustainability will remain largely "theoretical." Time, as always, will tell.

While most Galt Mile residents take pride in the restoration of our municipality's renowned "Ocean Highway", others have characterized such projects as marginally material to our neighborhood. Preparations are already underway to receive an avalanche of inland sand in November. While the sand will restore our shrunken "Segment II" Galt Mile beaches, unless the Broward coast is stabilized, this long-delayed boon could be short-lived.

As repeatedly admonished by Beach Gurus Eric Myers and Steven Higgins, the Broward coast is a single ecosystem wherein the health of every segment depends on the stability of adjacent segments. Gratefully, the hard lesson our public officials took from Superstorm Sandy was the uncompromising need to imbue beach projects with sustainability. Stabilizing coastal infrastructure both north and south of the Galt Mile will reinforce our only real protection against storms and delay the need for another renourishment. Some might consider that relevant to our neighborhood. •



# COMMISSIONER BRUCE ROBERTS



*In his September - October 2014 Newsletter, City Commissioner Bruce Roberts exhorts District 1 constituents to adequately prepare for hurricane season, announces a recently launched Uptown Bus Link that more conveniently connects destination sites in the business district along the Cypress Creek corridor, reveals a new city telephone number for non-emergency public safety calls, acknowledges three Fort Lauderdale resorts named in Florida's Top Ten by travel website "emantravels.com", applauds recognition by Firehouse Magazine that Fort Lauderdale's Firehouse 2 was the second busiest in the state and its Engine 8 was the busiest in Florida and number 10 in the nation, asks that constituents protect themselves by exercising prudent public safety measures and concludes with a list of upcoming civic events.*

*Prior to the serial hurricanes of 2004 and 2005, pre-storm preparations were largely the province of insurance carriers force-fed the fiscal hairball of Hurricane Andrew. As the state's population was subsequently swelled by a steady stream of new residents, the impact of Andrew faded, reducing fear of devastation to a clinical afterthought. When Katrina and Wilma cut huge swaths across Florida, the growing complacency evaporated overnight, as South Florida families with functional survival instincts raced to structurally reinforce their properties and cobble together hurricane preparations.*

*Most residents adopted generic hurricane preparedness plans developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the American Red Cross and scores of newly concerned local jurisdictions (including Broward County and The City of Fort Lauderdale). While association homeowners could protect their apartments, only their associations could secure common areas, including amenities such as pools, billiard rooms, a garage, offices, tennis courts, meeting rooms, mail rooms, etc. Association Boards were also*

*tasked with protecting the building's structural integrity and maintaining emergency equipment (i.e. back-up generators, elevators, fire-alarm systems, fire pumps, emergency lighting, etc.)*

*When victimized by storm damage, most Florida homeowners could quickly perform repairs required to restore habitability. Unfortunately, those of us living in vertical communities were hamstrung by association declarations and statutory constraints. Since State Law precluded the use of dedicated reserve funds for alternative purposes, unit owners were forced to cough up a special assessment - often while simultaneously funding damage repairs to their respective units. Statutory notice requirements imposed a two-week delay on meetings mandated by State Law for such assessments. If the quorum requirements defined in an association's governing documents were unmet, as is likely to occur during a predicted emergency, progress was again stalled.*

*Tallahassee finally enacted statutory relief, enabling Condominium and Cooperative homeowners to circumvent some of these obstacles. Originally proposed by local lawmakers (former Senator) Ellyn Bogdanoff and (Statehouse Representative) George Moraitis, the statutory revisions made reserve funds available for hurricane repairs following a declared emergency, permitted impact glass windows and doors as an alternative to hurricane shutters, and empowered boards to forego pre requisite notice requirements when meeting to initiate time-critical repairs or manage recovery efforts.*

*Since downed communications could thwart out-of-residence association officials from performing key assigned tasks, associations were permitted to temporarily empower available substitutes to pick up the slack. New language was also salted into the Florida emergency-powers law, providing that unit owners who choose to remain after the Board issues an emergency evacuation order do so at their own risk; legally absolving the association of any life-safety liability.*

*Most Florida associations - and every Galt Mile association - soon designed or fleshed out a Hurricane Preparedness Plan. Absent any statutory requirement, these ranged from brief bulleted outlines to comprehensive manuals with specific directives for employees, residents, management and board members. Given the complex and detailed nature of effective disaster plans, many boards also mandated regular plan reviews and practice drills for both employees and residents - overseen by the manager, a board official or a dedicated committee.*

*When the tanked economy played havoc with the recessionary housing market, the rate of homeowner turnover in South Florida associations exploded. Just as the influx of post-1992 new Florida homeowners diluted the motivating impact of Andrew, since many residents currently living in Galt Mile associations - and serving on association boards - were never battered by Katrina, Jeanne or Wilma, their understanding of hurricane damage is largely anecdotal.*

*Combined with nearly a decade of cyclonic reprieve, association hurricane plans were again consigned to a back burner. While Superstorm Sandy might have served as a wake-up call, it wrought far more damage to our beach infrastructure than to our homes. Ironically, Jersey shore and Long Island residents are currently better prepared for a catastrophic storm than the South Florida victims of Katrina and Wilma.*

*Several Galt Mile associations haven't reviewed or updated their hurricane procedures for years. Also, residents have rarely been included in informational meetings or practice drills. Even in associations that meticulously maintain emergency equipment, execute recovery vendor contracts, diligently drill employees; segregate key emergency documents, regularly update a photographic or videotaped record of the premises for insurance purposes, and practice scores of other precautionary measures that limit damage or expedite recovery, most Galt Mile residents are oblivious to their part in the Hurricane Plan, seriously compromising its prospects for success. Not surprisingly, many Galt Mile board members otherwise conversant with association rules and regulations also know little or nothing about their association's hurricane plan.*

*Roberts' advice to constituents cloaks an intuitive quid pro quo. When the next Category 5 monster roars across Broward, if your association fully implements an effective Hurricane Plan - aside from brightening survival prospects - you will save a bundle. If it doesn't, you won't. For Commissioner Roberts' autumn 2014 message to constituents, read on... - [editor]*

Medical associations and health care providers nationwide are aligned in their opposition to lawmakers practicing medicine, particularly when patient wellbeing is openly sacrificed to further the agenda of powerful lobbyists and their deep-pocketed clients. Having confronted the first State Legislature to muzzle doctors purely as a political accommodation, constitutional watchdogs are equally livid about arguably capricious judicial approval of gaping First Amendment violations.

Echoing the sentiments of physicians who weighed in from all over the country, newly seated A.M.A. President Dr. Robert M. Wah said that the American Medical Association would continue to oppose governmental intrusions into the examination room. The former Navy Medical Corps Captain declared "We are disappointed by the court's ruling to uphold a Florida law that seeks to bar physicians from freely discussing firearm safety with their patients. This law poses real harm to patients as it interferes with physicians' ability to deliver safe care, and hinders patients' access to the most relevant information available."

After reviewing a litany of deeply personal issues (i.e. sexual behavior, alcohol and drug use, domestic violence, etc.) for which physicians must cull effective treatment options from unfettered, confidential discourse with patients, the release continues, "Counseling the patients we care for helps prevent gun-related injuries and deaths, with studies showing that patients who received physician counseling on firearm safety were more likely to adopt one or more safe gun-storage practices. The political interests of state lawmakers do not justify infringing on the patient-physician relationship and stifling relevant medical discussions that are proven to save lives."

Dr. Wah weighs how criminalizing free speech will force physicians into "risking disciplinary consequences or abandoning ethical obligations." He concludes by calling on lawmakers to "leave determination of what constitutes medically necessary treatment where it belongs - in the hands of physicians and patients."

This Statutory blood blister was never meant to cure a trumped up threat to the Second Amendment and mentally balanced parents don't equate a pediatrician's childproofing advice with harassment. It's also no coincidence that the NRA waited for an incident with a pediatrician before launching its bill (as cited in every House and Senate staff analysis).

Since the first stop for surviving gunshot victims is the nearest doctor, contentions that firearms have no medical impact are ludicrous. Physicians practicing preventive medicine have developed common sense safety recommendations for gun owners. Medical Associations in each practice field tailor those guidelines to their respective patient communities. While the protocols vary for emergency medicine, pediatrics, gerontology, etc., they share a common objective - prevent injury or death. The gag law will punish physicians for saving lives.

Like other trade organizations, Medical Associations formulate political agendas that mirror the ideology of a current administration. While every Medical Association supports gun safety, they differ over gun control issues. Although its rhetoric has recently softened, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has been one of the most ardent advocates of strict gun control laws. The policy doesn't reflect the views of its individual member physicians, many of whom own guns and hold membership in the National Rifle Association. Nevertheless, it placed the AAP in the NRA's crosshairs. This idiotic law is the NRA's misdirected retribution against the AAP's political views. It is, in fact, a schoolyard whizzing contest. Unfortunately, the victims of this ill-conceived blowback are medical patients (mostly children), free speech, and Florida's reputation as a safe, family-friendly State.

Although I don't own a gun, I have no problem with the Second Amendment. I do have a problem, however, with physicians forced to practice medicine with a gun to their heads.

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**FROM COMMISSIONER BRUCE G. ROBERTS  
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2014**

**HURRICANE SEASON:** Although we are already three months into our hurricane season, it is still a good time to remind everyone to be prepared. Our peak season for these storms is September and October. We have not been impacted by a hurricane since Wilma on October 24, 2005, when many of us went without electricity for weeks and without water for days. Part of this preparation should include creating a disaster plan and assembling a disaster supply kit. The kit should include at least three days' worth of water (one gallon, per person, per day) and non-perishable food for each person in your family. Other essential supplies you should have readily available include: a can opener, flashlights, a battery-operated radio, batteries, cash, pet supplies, medications, extra eyeglasses, contact lenses and supplies for people with special needs. For a complete list of emergency supplies and other preparedness tips, visit the City hurricane website at <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/hurricane>. If you are interested in helping your fellow residents after a hurricane, I encourage you to join the Community Emergency Response Team. CERT is a highly trained, volunteer group that assists the City after local emergencies. Through Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue, you can receive free training that covers disaster terminology, standard triage, basic first aid, fire suppression, light search and rescue techniques and disaster awareness. After graduation you will be prepared to care for your family and your community, and you will be part of a team that may be called upon to assist the City during an emergency. Free beginner and continuing education classes are available. For more information please call 954-828-6832.

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erdale: #9-Lago Mar Resort & Club; #5-Hilton Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort; #2-Atlantic Resort & Spa.

**FORT LAUDERDALE'S BUSIEST FIREHOUSE:** Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue has the new title of 'Busiest Firehouse in the entire United States and Canada.' Firehouse 2 responded to 25,018 calls in 2013. Fort Lauderdale Engine 8 was ranked as the busiest engine in Florida and the 10th busiest in the Country. Battalion Chief 2 was the second busiest in the state. The Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department responds to fire and medical emergencies and is also responsible for emergency services for the City of Wilton Manors and Lazy Lake. Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue is dedicated to the City's mission statement of 'We build community.' When firefighter paramedics are not responding to calls or training, they can be found at local schools or community events teaching fire safety, how to make your home safe for your children, or collecting toys, food or school supplies for children. Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue just celebrated its 100 year anniversary in 2012. Firehouse magazine conducts the survey every year comparing fire department call volume and truck responses.

**POLICE ACTIVITY:** There have been many calls for service around the City regarding car break-ins and residential burglaries. Officers are always present at our pre-agenda meetings to update us on these incidents in our District, and share action plans. ALWAYS lock your car door and NEVER leave anything on your car seat that would entice someone to break in. Also, if someone that you do not recognize is knocking at your door, do not open the door, but do let them know that you are home and that you have called the police. Not answering the door may give the impression that nobody is home. As a reminder, our Crime Prevention Unit (954-828-6421) offers a free and confidential security assessment for your home or business.

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9/10 - Second Meeting for budget hearing, City Hall, 6 p.m.  
9/15 - Pre-agenda meeting, Imperial Point Hospital (S Entrance), 6.p.m.  
9/16 - Commission Meetings  
10/6 - Pre-agenda meeting, Beach Community Center, 6.p.m.  
10/7 - Commission Meetings  
10/20 - Pre-agenda meeting, Imperial Point Hospital (S Entrance), 6.p.m.  
10/21 - Commission Meetings

**OFFICE CONTACT:** Robbi Uptegrove – 954-828-5033;  
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In addition to hosting two pre-agenda meetings twice a month, I am also available to attend your HOA meetings to update your neighborhood on what is going on in the City as well as answer any questions/concerns you may have. Please contact Robbi to schedule. •





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February 26 • Slip & Fall Safety  
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Fantastic 3 bedroom, 2 bath pool home. Spacious open floor plan with lots of windows and French doors. Large corner lot with tranquil blue pool with pavers. \$327,000.



Barbara Higgins  
954-830-6501



### Sea Monarch ~ Pompano Beach

This delightful 2 bedroom, 2 bath has the most amazing direct ocean views. New impact windows, large balcony that overlooks the pool and the ocean. \$419,000.



Lucie Terriault  
954-651-2017



### Renaissance ~ Pompano Beach

Gorgeous 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit totally redone with breathtaking ocean and intracoastal views. W/D in the unit. Furnished seasonal rental. Call for details. \$3500./month



Christina Strohner  
305-684-2860  
305-812-6812



### Manor Grove ~ Wilton Manors

Beautiful 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo with a lot of amenities. Pool, clubhouse, BBQ area, tennis, laundry and extra storage. Great area, walk to Wilton Drive. \$90,000.



Stuart Goodwin  
954-610-7789



### The Pointe ~ Pompano Beach

Perfect 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1700 sq. ft. unit is in pristine condition and tastefully decorated throughout. Stunning water views, spacious balcony. Low maintenance. \$489,000.



Yashoda Gowda  
954-348-7230



### Turtle Run ~ Coral Springs

Perfect family home 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 1/2 baths. Light bright and spacious with heated pool and lake views. Gourmet kitchen w/granite and much more! \$475,000.



Sylvie Barrette  
954-818-8808



### Beach Haven TH ~ Pompano Beach

This fabulous 2/2.5 townhouse has been completely remodeled with top of the line materials, the kitchen features Stainless Steel appliances and new flooring. \$425,000.



Colleen Rittenhouse  
317-882-3172



### Cypress Harbor ~ Pompano Beach

3/2 Waterfront home with ocean access, comes with 13,000 lb boat lift, screened pool, great space for entertaining. Impact windows and much more. \$544,900.



Jen Parker  
954-234-7305



### Sea Ranch Lakes

Rarely available 4 bedroom, 4 bath pool home with over 4100 sq. ft.. Immaculately maintained, completely remodeled chef's kitchen and much more. \$939,500.

