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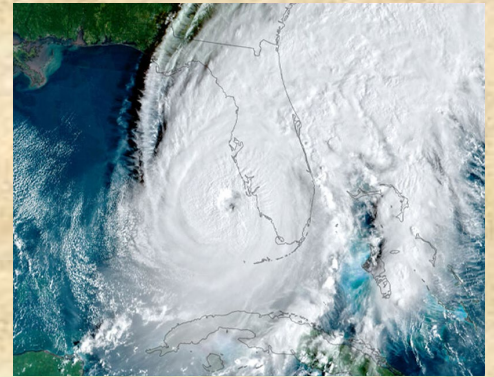
Promoting and protecting the Bill of Rights, especially the Second Amendment

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Excuse the Delay...

I apologize for the delay in getting out this month's newsletter. Between a new role at work, Hurricane Ian passing by, and helping with the administration of a deceased friend's estate, I just couldn't get around to the newsletter. So, here is an expanded issue for everyone this month.



Dodged Another Bullet...

Our neck of the woods dodged a huge bullet with Hurricane Ian passing just far enough south to keep us out of the danger zone. Unfortunately, those who were in the storm's path have suffered a massive blow, no pun intended. If you have the wherewithal, please donate time, materials, or money to help those who need it. Here are just three options with information from [Charity Watch](#).

Organization	Percent to Programs	Percent to Administration	Cost to Raise \$100	Overall Rating
American Red Cross	91%	9%	\$25	A-
Samaritan's Purse	77%	23%	\$10	A-
Team Rubicon	83%	17%	\$8	A

As with many Cat 4/5 storms, there are always those who do not evacuate and find themselves in need of rescue, or worse yet, dying as a result of their decisions. There are many reasons why this happens, but in the end most people know something bad is coming, but they underestimate the peril they will face. I believe one of the reasons people underestimate the danger is because of the television coverage of all the idiots broadcasting live from the landfall area. If The Weather Channel's personnel are there, then it will be alright for me to stay. This practice should end! They should be

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broadcasting from safe areas and encouraging others to join them there. Certainly, the practice will end when Jim Cantore, Mike Seidel, or some other storm chaser is killed on live TV. Cantore could have bitten the dust this time around had an airborne palm frond hit him in the face rather than the shin.

Don't Forget, Don't Ever Forget...

By this time next month, we will probably know the outcome of the midterm elections. [Insert your preferred deity here] help us if the Democratic Socialist Party of America and their RINO allies keep control of the House and Senate. I honestly believe the future of our country hinges on the results of this election. If the enemies of the Republic get control, there will be nothing stopping them from cramming through abomination after abomination, gutting the Constitution and the Bill of Rights right in front of our eyes. Don't forget the vaccination requirements and lock downs instituted by the tyrants (yes, I blame Trump too), the debacle withdrawing from Afghanistan including unnecessary loss of life, \$83 billion in equipment left behind, and countless good-guy Afghans left behind while, not-so-good-guys were deposited here on US soil. Don't forget the rise in gas prices and the highest inflation in 40 years hiking the prices of nearly every good and service leading to a recession that isn't a recession. Don't forget Biden taking us from a net energy exporter back to dependency on foreign sources for energy. Top that off with the Saudis thumbing their noses at Biden with their latest cut in oil production, sending the price of gas back up again (more than 30 cents/gallon in our area this week alone).

Biden and the Democrats are the source of pure evil... Remember "Defund the Police," and the riots around the nation in Democrat-led cities. More damage and death occurred then, but those arrested were out of jail almost as soon as they entered. Yet a "mostly peaceful" protest in D.C. on Jan. 6th led to the arrest of hundreds, many of whom have been thrown under the D.C. gulag without due process of law and violation of their rights. The Federal 3-letter agencies have been weaponized against the citizens of this country. Elections are usually about the lesser of two evils. The Democrats have proved beyond a shadow of a doubt they are more evil than Conservative Republicans; therefore, anyone who votes for a Democrat is, by extension, voting for the destruction of this country. We must turn out in numbers so large that any attempt to "steal the election" will fail. Don't forget, don't ever forget... and vote accordingly!

Should I Stay or Should I Go...

Should I stay or should I go now?
Should I stay or should I go now?
If I go, there will be trouble
And if I stay it will be double
So come on and let me know

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The chorus of the Clash's hit song from their 1982 album, *Combat Rock*, is so appropriate for what probably goes through many people's minds when a hurricane is approaching. How does one make the decision to go, and when does one leave? Here is how I make my decision. This is not advice, this is just how I decide to stay or go. Your mileage may vary.

- First, one must know when a tropical system may affect the area, so subscribing to a severe weather alerting service is step one. I use [weatherUSA](#).
- Then, I watch. The alerts will show the projected path of the storm, and if it looks like it has a chance of visiting my neighborhood, I keep watching.
- I primarily rely on two resources:
 - The [National Hurricane Center's](#) storm updates, particularly the Forecast Discussions, 3 to 5-day cone of uncertainty, wind probabilities, and wind arrival times, and
 - [Wunderground.com](#), including their WunderMap™ and Tracking Map.
- I read the NHC's Forecast Discussions to determine how certain they seem to be of the storm's path and intensity. They will usually state their confidence levels in their forecasts. That combined with watching the projected path, wind probabilities, and wind arrival times informs my decision making.
- There are certain "no-brainers" for deciding to go. If one lives along the coast and/or in low-lying areas, and are in the middle of the 3-day cone of uncertainty, an evacuation order will probably be given the local government. One should already be prepared to go, and evacuate as ordered.
- If I'm on the periphery of the storm's projected path (i.e., near the edge of the 3-day cone), then there is a little more time to make my decision. I will continue watching the track, intensity, and size of the storm along with the arrival time of tropical storm force winds.
- The advantage in this situation is that as the storm nears, the certainty of its short-term forecast is much higher. Waiting gives me time to ensure that I evacuate in the right direction as I don't want to evacuate into the storm's path.
- I have been in the middle of a strong Category 2/weak Category 3 storm, and I do not care to repeat that experience, so if winds in my area may reach Category 2 (accounting for a possible storm track shift), I will depart just before tropical storm force winds arrive.

If I'm in doubt, I get out. As the old saying goes, "Better safe than sorry!"