

## Nothing But Networking



Lady Lake Chamber host a Nothing but Networking Luncheon every month. Here is a picture from that luncheon at the Water Front Inn in the Villages. The people at this table are all business people networking with each other. When you sit

there and have lunch and listen to how each other's businesses work and what is a perfect referral for them, then they can help each other. It's like a hundred sales people on the street.

## What Is A Political PAC

By TomL

For a long time I have been hearing about Political PACs. So I decided to look it up on the internet. First it is short for "Political Action Committee". Their purpose is raising and spending money to elect and defeat candidates. Most PACs represent business, labor or ideological interests. It's the ideological interests where the trouble comes in. There is always a radical in the group. They want to get their person in office and will go to extreme measures to make that happen, even break the law.

The Marion County School race has done that again. One of the candidates has made charges of being threatened and bullied in hopes that she would drop out of the race. Some history...several races back, employees of the school system actually stole a candidate's identity and tried to use it to their advantage. They were caught by the Marion County Sheriff's office and were not even charged. They were not fired. Back then Sheriff Dean was in office and he was busy trying to damage control a scandal of his own when his person in charge got caught up in a problem.

I for the life of me cannot understand why the candidates or the PAC would attack another opponent and break the law while doing it. Anyway here is what I found on the internet, as follows:

"Political Action Committee (PAC) — A popular term for a political committee organized for the purpose of raising and spending money to elect and defeat candidates. Most PACs represent business, labor or ideological interests. PACs can give

\$5,000 to a candidate committee per election (primary, general or special). They can also give up to \$15,000 annually to any national party committee, and \$5,000 annually to any other PAC. PACs may receive up to \$5,000 from any one individual, PAC or party committee per calendar year. A PAC must register with the FEC within 10 days of its formation, providing name and address for the PAC, its treasurer and any connected organizations. Affiliated PACs are treated as one donor for the purpose of contribution limits.

PACs have been around since 1944, when the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) formed the first one to raise money for the re-election of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The PAC's money came from voluntary contributions from union members rather than union treasuries, so it did not violate the Smith Connally Act of 1943, which forbade unions from contributing to federal candidates. Although commonly called PACs, federal election law refers to these accounts as "separate segregated funds" because money contributed to a PAC is kept in a bank account separate from the general corporate or union treasury.

Many politicians also form Leadership PACs as a way of raising money to help fund other candidates' campaigns. Since June 2008, Leadership PACs reporting electronically must list the candidate sponsoring the PAC, as per the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007. Leadership PACs are often indicative

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## Bob's Fish



Several months ago we ran a picture of Bob Irwin of Bob's Coins and Jewelry in Summerfield Florida catching his record fish. It was the largest marlin the captain's boat had caught off Aruba. The Captain estimated the fish to be 500 lbs and 12 ft long. The marlin was caught in record time 17 min 49 seconds. The fish ran under the boat to cut the line on the prop 7 minutes into the fight. The prop then spun the line around enough times to

reconnect the line to itself and continue the fight. At 17 minutes 44 seconds as the mate bent down to unhook the fish the stainless steel hook snapped and the fish released itself! The first and only stainless steel hook to ever break on that boat! What an adventure!! Bob's fish replica is now on display at Bob's Coin & Jewelry. It's located at Spruce Creek Terrace Shoppes.

See his ad back page of this newspaper.

## Combating Algal Blooms

**Gov. Scott Announces More Action to Combatting Algal Blooms**

**~\$50 million toward fixes for federal Herbert Hoover Dike, \$700,000 for Lee County~**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott announced that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) have reached an agreement on a \$50 million state investment to fund repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike. This agreement follows a \$50 million investment made earlier this year, bringing the State of Florida's total investment in this federal project to \$100 million. After decades of federal inaction, Gov. Scott fought to secure this state funding and secured a commitment from the White House to provide the federal funds to fix the Herbert Hoover Dike. The funding will accelerate critical repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee. Once completed, this project will reduce the need for harmful water releases from the Army Corps of Engineers by allowing more water to be stored in Lake Okeechobee.

Also today, at Governor Scott's direction,

DEP is providing \$700,000 to Lee County to combat algae and remove it from various tributaries and canals along the Caloosahatchee River. This funding is part of the \$3 million grant program through Governor Scott's [July 9 Executive Order 18-191](https://www.flgov.com/2018/07/23/gov-scott-dep-launches-grant-program-to-help-local-governments-clean-up-algal-blooms/). This grant program will help local governments clean up waterways affected by algal blooms. For the full announcement about the grant program, go to <https://www.flgov.com/2018/07/23/gov-scott-dep-launches-grant-program-to-help-local-governments-clean-up-algal-blooms/>

Governor Scott said, "As our communities once again face the threat of harmful algal blooms caused by water releases from Lake Okeechobee, we are continuing to find innovative ways to combat this serious problem and fix the federal government's years of inaction. For decades, Congress has refused to fully fund repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike, leaving our communities at risk. I became the first governor in Florida's history to fund the dike because we have to make sure that our families are safe and that these discharges

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■ A.J. "Tony" Powell ■

## AS I SEE IT

By Tony Powell

The 'Cost' of Free Speech.

Do we have a misunderstanding of the First Amendment which guarantees 'free speech'?

A County Property Appraiser in Florida asked, "Show me a successful Moslem country?" He has been immediately denounced by the media and others as a 'Xenophobic Racist' (I didn't know that 'Moslem' was a 'race').

(Definition of xenophobia. : "Fear and hatred of strangers or foreigners or of anything that is strange or foreign").

A Georgia politician reports that she was being 'attacked' because she talked to Saudi prince who is 'Anti-Israel'.

(In Europe, you go to jail for saying that the 'holocaust' never happened). Since when was stupidity illegal?)

A 'Nutty Professor' in Texas called the U.S. a 'Terrorist Nation', because of a foreign policy which puts American troops in danger so that a 'small elite' can install dictatorships in smaller countries across the globe. For example, have you ever asked why the population of a fertile country like Haiti, live in poverty and near starvation? Apparently American politicians prefer 'stability' over freedom and democracy. Kinda like what happened in Cuba. Where a brutal, American-installed dictator (Batista) was thrown out by the Cuban people, only to be replaced by a Communist dictator.

Now there is a letter-writing campaign to

get 'the Prof' fired.

Some say that this denies his 'free speech'. But, in fact he is free to speak, isn't he?

My understanding is that the First Amendment was intended to protect citizens from the GOVERNMENT.

But, while "A citizen has the right speak as he pleases. He must also face the consequences".

Perhaps the 'Ku Klux Klan' is a modern example.

They can say whatever they want, but then, so can other Americans respond in any way they see fit.

Talk show host Bill Maher was quoted as saying that "The '911' terrorists were brave and American pilots are cowardly". When advertisers canceled, he retracted his comments.

One activist said, "The American flag stands for intimidation, censorship, violence, bigotry, sexism, homophobia"

A professor in New Mexico said, 'Anyone who would blow up the Pentagon would have my vote.'

State leaders have called for his dismissal.

Unfortunately, the 'media' has now divided into two teams – Right & Left – Fox News-vs- MSNBC etc

The public chooses to get their. 'news' from a channel/publication' which support their bias.

True Right-wingers prefer 'crush-the-opposition'; 'take-them-out'; 'send-in-the-military'.

And Left-wingers go with 'Open Borders'; 'Benefits-for-all'; Everyone-&-Anyone in the world has the right to 'invade' America and sign-up-for-benefits. The more 'socialism-the-better'.

What neither seem to understand is that extreme right and extreme left end up the same – Dictatorship.

In fact, most non-European countries are dominated by dictators. Like left-wingers in Cuba, Russia & China. And right wingers in Asia, Africa and throughout South/Central America.

What do they all have in common?

The ruling elite have 'Free Speech' their people do not.

That is the most important difference between 'Us & Them'

As I See It, it IS censorship if a GOVERNMENT goes after a private citizen at any time, in any way, for any reason.

But an American can advocate violence, bigotry, sexism, xenophobia, homophobia or racism, and any other American has the right to an opposing view - don't they?

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## PUBLISHER'S NOTES



### Civil War:

Last month I wrote how Civil Wars begin. The information I received was from the web about the writings of Jack Minzey who died this year. He studied the subject for many of years and wrote a number of books on the subject. History tells us what happened. The social and political behavior today fits that mold. Hatred and social disorder is out of control. We need more love and respect. If not love and if not respect, then tolerance. No matter who wins the election I would never try to unseat a president that was voted into office. In today's society most people have guns because they feel they need to protect themselves and their families. THEY DO! Today if you don't agree with your neighbor they get violent and verbally abusive. Right now I have someone verbally abusing me over this very story from last month. He says

I have the right to my opinion but don't have the right to my own facts. These facts were not mine. They were a matter of facts in history! No one wants a civil war. Well no law abiding citizen wants civil war but there might be a faction out there that does. When hatred runs so deep that you start hurting others it's too late for that person. They need to go to jail and spend some time thinking about what they have done wrong.

### Education:

Some ten years ago I recognized the fact that the goals for education had gone too far. It was not broken but the politicians said it needed to be fixed. Back in the old days if you wanted to go to college you would take certain classes that would prepare you for college and if you were not going to college there were courses possibly to help you make up your mind what kind of job you wanted to pursue. When it was fixed by the politicians, every student was taking college preparatory courses which are a little harder. Then that caused the dropout rate to increase

and they were leaving many children behind. Remember the political arena created the problem. Now the school system recognizes the fact that it is leaving too many children behind, which means they were not doing their job. Students get out of college with no skills and now our largest need is for skills. I said many years ago we need to teach our children it's OK to be a welder, a truck driver, a painter, a roofer, a plumber etc. Teach them to be the best at what they do! Teach to apply themselves and to speak up without getting mad. Stand for something and be tolerant of others! Save money!

### Choosing your career:

When I was nine I did not like the clothes my dad was buying for me and I told him about it. He said "earn your own money and choose your own clothes". That year I had met the Ft Lauderdale News circulation director who lived in our neighborhood. I ask him if he had a job for me. He looked at me and asked "how old are you boy?" I said almost 10. He asked "what does your dad think about you getting a job?" I said he told me to get a job and earn my own money. His name was Gene Kenny. He talked to my dad and they figured out how I could sell newspapers at the old Draw Bridge on Dania Beach (Florida). On the intercostal the

sightseeing boats would come through and they would open the drawbridge 6 or 8 times every afternoon. It would take about 10 to 15 minutes each time. I would sell papers down the row of cars that would line up. I did very well, made good money for a little boy. Next to the bridge was Wentworth's Realty. My dad and Gene Kenny ask them if I could hang out there. They said it was fine. Many years later I worked for the Hollywood Sun Tattler and Mr. Wentworth son was the editor. Anyway by my 10th birthday I was buying my own clothes and had a mason jar full of money. So I guess you could say I started my newspaper career when I was nine.

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## DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Friends,  
It is a great day to live in America! This week, across the State of Florida, school has begun again. There is much anticipation and excitement from students, parents and teachers. Excited

about the opportunities that lie ahead, and that we live in a great country where anything is possible. A country where a young man who got his start washing cars at Hiers funeral home, could go to school, get a degree and one day become the principle of that company. That same man is now your State Senator, and it is an honor and privilege to serve you in Tallahassee. This is the final column of a short series that has highlighted many of our accomplishments since joining the Senate in 2016.

Last year, your Senator was awarded an "A" by the Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida (ICUF) in recognition of our continued support for higher education in the 2018 legislative session. The ICUF is a diverse association of 29 private, not-for-profit, educational institutions based in Florida that serve more than 130,000 students.

Also in 2018, the Florida Chamber of Commerce recognized your Senator with a Distinguished Advocate award and an honor roll "A" rating. The Florida Chamber's Distinguished Advocate award recognizes lawmakers who fought tirelessly for the

passage of pro-business legislation. This award was given in recognition of an amendment that we championed in the Senate that would promote transparency in the collective bargaining process. It is important for our education professionals to have legitimacy in negotiations when represented in collective bargaining. This amendment will help to provide that legitimacy.

Just last week, The Florida Rehabilitation Council awarded your Senator the Stephen R. Wise Advocacy Award in recognition of our legislative leadership and commitment to create and promote meaningful employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. This past legislative Session we sponsored and passed HB 1437, which provides state-paid Workers' Compensation coverage for customers of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Division of Blind Services to enhance their work experience activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the Florida Senate. I hope these last few columns have given you better insight into some of the important things that we work on in your Legislature. Nothing is ever complete in Tallahassee, but with your help, we can continue to protect faith, family, freedom and opportunity for everyone in the State of Florida and Senate District 12.

Onward & Upward,  
Dennis Baxley



## Hearing-Impaired Driver Program

### MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INTRODUCES NEW PROGRAM FOR HEARING-IMPAIRED DRIVERS

MARION COUNTY, Florida (August 24, 2018) - The Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) has just introduced a new program designed to assist hearing-impaired drivers interact with our deputies. Statistics show that nearly 3 million Floridians have some form of hearing loss. Realizing the potential for miscommunication during a traffic stop between the deputy and the driver, MCSO has designed a communication card to assist with this.

The program works as follows: MCSO provides the hearing-impaired driver with a special sticker to place on the rear of their vehicle which alerts the deputy to the fact that the driver is hearing-impaired. A visor card is also provided for the driver to keep in the car with them to present to the deputy during a traffic stop. This visor card uses pictures and phrases that both the deputy and the driver may point to in order to better communicate with each other. This will help ensure that the driver knows the reason for the traffic stop and will ensure that the deputy knows how best to help the driver.

Citizens may pick up these cards at any one of our district offices. Marion County Sheriff, Billy Woods said, "My goal is the safety of both my deputies and the citizens we serve. I love Marion County and, I believe this is just one more way to ensure that we provide our citizens with the best service and quality of life they deserve".

## Hemp Benefits for Pets

(NAPSI)—NaturVet's veterinarian-formulated pet supplements have progressed over the last 25 years to keep up with the ever-changing needs of pet parents. NaturVet's newest Hemp for Health product line includes four top products—Allergy, Calming, Immune and Joint—that are now available enhanced with Hemp Seed Oil and Hemp Seed Powder, sharing the same great original base formulas that pet parents have relied on for years.

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### RISK PROTECTION ORDER : AN IMPORTANT NEW TOOL FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Lake County and all of Florida are safer today thanks to a new state law that gives law enforcement a valuable tool to prevent gun violence by helping keep firearms out of the hands of individuals who demonstrate an obvious threat to themselves or others.

Florida joined a handful of states earlier this year when it passed the Risk Protection Order Act (RPO), or red flag law, spurred to much-needed action in response to the tragedy in Parkland, Florida. This important law, passed with bipartisan support in the state legislature, allows law enforcement to remove firearms and ammunition from violent or mentally ill individuals while affording citizens their due process.

The process for obtaining an RPO is straightforward and puts the decision to remove guns in the hands of a judge. First, law enforcement files a petition listing the statement, actions or facts which give rise to a reasonable fear of significant dangerous acts by respondent. The petition is heard by a Judge within 24 hours to determine if there is reasonable cause to believe the respondent poses a significant danger of

causing personal injury to themselves or others in the near future by having in their custody any firearm or ammunition. If granted, the respondent is served with the temporary order, and they must immediately surrender their firearms, ammunition and concealed weapons license pending a final hearing.

The judge will set the final hearing within 14 days, at which time law enforcement must present clear and convincing evidence that the person poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to themselves or others by having in their custody or control any firearm or ammunition, or by purchasing, possessing or receiving a firearm or ammunition. If granted, the final RPO is valid for one year. In order to extend the order, law enforcement would once again have to present evidence to the court that the person is still a threat to themselves or others.

This law is intended solely to remove firearms from individuals who pose an obvious threat to themselves and others—not from law-abiding citizens. It balances public safety goals with the important rights afforded to citizens by the Second Amendment of the Constitution, as well as the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment right to due process. In fact, even gun rights organizations have voiced their support for these red flag laws.

While this law is not the perfect solution

to ending gun violence, it's a good step in the right direction, and we are all safer because of it.

## Efforts To Deny Patients Coverage



### Americans Overwhelmingly Reject Insurers' Efforts To Deny Patients Coverage

(NAPSI)—A new national poll conducted by YouGov found that 91 percent of Americans believe insurance companies should not be allowed to deny coverage for people with chronic diseases whose premiums are paid by charitable organizations.

Known as “charitable premium assistance,” the federally approved practice of patients applying for and receiving help from charities to pay insurance premiums has long been accepted. Yet recent efforts by insurers to undermine the practice have left many people worried about their insurance coverage. Across the country more than 74,000 dialysis and kidney transplant patients—who are overwhelmingly unable

to work because of their illness—rely on help from the American Kidney Fund (AKF) to afford health insurance premiums.

The poll found that 76 percent of respondents believe insurers want to block charitable premium assistance “to increase the company's profits by not providing coverage for people who are very sick.”

“Consumers overwhelmingly reject efforts by the billion-dollar health insurers, their lobbyists and their legislative patrons to deny charitable assistance that pays patients' health insurance premiums,” said LaVarne A. Burton, president and CEO of AKF. “Consumers are smart enough to see through the insurers' false statements and to recognize insurer efforts to end or limit charitable premium assistance are clear evidence of insurers doing what they do best: trying to find every possible way not to pay for sick people's care,” she said. “The question is whether they've been able to find enough legislators who will take the insurers' side instead of protecting sick patients.”

The poll showed that individuals are not inclined to vote for legislators who side with insurers. A vast majority of respondents (88 percent) are less willing to vote for a politician who supports the industry's efforts.

### What the Survey Shows

Among the findings:

91 percent of respondents felt private insurance companies should not be allowed to kick patients with chronic diseases off their health insurance just because the

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# Algal Blooms

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stop.

"I'm glad that the federal government has finally provided funding to fix the dike, however more must be done. Congress must now approve the EAA Reservoir project. I'm glad to provide this funding to clean up algal blooms and we will keep fighting to make sure that our communities are safe and that our natural resources are protected."

DEP Secretary Noah Valenstein said, "DEP remains committed to looking for opportunities to partner with local communities to address the impacts of algal blooms, now and in the future. We're pleased to provide Lee County this grant funding, and encourage other local counties to work with us to take advantage of this grant funding and to help us move forward with long-term solutions, including the EAA reservoir and rehabilitation of the Herbert Hoover Dike."

Col. Jason Kirk, Commander of Jacksonville District said, "The signing of this additional agreement truly exemplifies the strength of our federal-state partnership and our collective dedication to expediting rehabilitation efforts of the Herbert Hoover Dike and more broadly our ongoing collaboration on the restoration of America's Everglades."

Last year, during the Special Legislative Session, Governor Scott fought for and secured \$50 million in state funding to speed up repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike – becoming the first Florida governor to invest state dollars to expedite repairs to this

federal project. Together with this fiscal year's funding, Florida has now committed a historic \$100 million in state funding to ensure critical repairs to this federally operated dike are made to protect the state's unique environment.

DEP's grant funding is provided to help communities provide targeted clean-up efforts to quickly reduce and address impacts to significantly impacted areas, such as marinas, boat ramps and other public access areas. Funding from this grant program can be used for services including containment, removal, cleanup, elimination, transportation and disposal of harmful algal blooms in key areas identified by local governments.

Last month, following a tour of the Caloosahatchee River, Governor Scott issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency in Glades, Hendry, Lee, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach and St. Lucie Counties to help combat algal blooms caused by the harmful federal water releases from Lake Okeechobee. More information on the emergency order can be found at <https://www.flgov.com/2018/07/09/gov-scott-issues-emergency-order-to-combat-algal-blooms-in-south-florida/>. Also, in June, Governor Scott visited the South Florida Water Management District and ordered DEP to take emergency actions to redirect the flow of water out of Lake Okeechobee to the south.



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## Political PAC

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of a politician's aspirations for leadership positions in Congress or for higher office."

Personally I don't like the word PAC and don't think people should organize one for political purposes. I would recommend that if you are the victim of a radical acting person in a political election, file a complaint with law enforcement. Also file a complaint with the Supervisor of Elections, make them earn their pay. Law enforcement very rarely gets involved, but if they do, make sure you praise them and thank them, because it is unusual. If you are a voter and see it going on, report it and vote accordingly.

## Patients' Claims

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patients' premiums are paid by an organization such as a nonprofit charity.

87 percent of consumers support the government's current position of letting private charities help patients pay their insurance premiums, co-pays, and out-of-pocket costs when the patient suffers from a debilitating illness such as kidney failure.

71 percent of respondents think patients with a chronic disease should be able to choose their health insurance plan. This number dramatically exceeds those who think state and federal governments (17 percent) or health insurance companies (13 percent) should choose which health insurance a patient with a chronic disease can have.

Concluded AKF's Burton, "I believe people inherently understand that if insurers

are successful in their campaign against people with kidney disease, people with other chronic diseases will be easy next targets. We'll continue to protect patients by working with legislators and regulators at the national and state levels."

As the nation's leading independent nonprofit working on behalf of the 30 million Americans with kidney disease, AKF is dedicated to ensuring that every kidney patient has access to health care and that every person at risk for kidney disease is empowered to prevent it. AKF provides a complete spectrum of programs and services: prevention outreach, top-rated health educational resources, and direct financial assistance enabling one in five U.S. dialysis patients to access lifesaving medical care, including dialysis and transplantation.

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# Attorney General Bondi's Briefing



August 24, 2018

Last Sunday, Clay County Deputy Ben Zirbel sustained critical injuries from a motorcycle accident. Just three days later, we learned that he passed away from those injuries. Every time I hear about a brave law enforcement officer getting critically injured while protecting our communities, it takes my breath away. My deepest sympathies go out to Deputy Zirbel's family, friends and the entire Clay County law enforcement community.

May you rest in peace deputy.

This week, we filed legal action against a Florida travel agency that collected millions from consumers, then failed to provide promised vacations. Legendary Journeys, a now-shuttered Sarasota-based travel

agency, still owes customers nationwide more than \$3 million in refunds.

According to our legal complaint, Legendary Journeys and two of the company's officers misappropriated company assets for personal benefit before closing, then filed an assignment for the benefit of creditors—a legal proceeding similar to bankruptcy. The defendants took money paid by consumers for vacation packages and used it to pay personal expenses and make extra payroll distributions.

Consumers nationwide made more than 800 claims against Legendary Journeys, totaling more than \$3 million. The company promised to refund consumers, but assets are estimated at this time to be insufficient to pay creditors in full.

This is unacceptable. People plan and save for years in order to take a family vacation and it is disgraceful that anyone would take their hard-earned money and then ruin their plans. My office is seeking permanent injunctive relief, restitution and the imposition of civil penalties and fees against the defendants. We will not allow anyone to rip off travelers and ruin family vacations.

## Urgent Airbag Safety Recall

**Recalled Airbags Can Kill Or Seriously Injure You And Your Passengers**

(NAPSI)—Vehicle manufacturers are conducting the largest safety recall in U.S. history to replace defective airbags, but need YOUR help to repair YOUR vehicle to help avoid the risk that a defective airbag could kill or seriously injure you and your passengers. Authorized dealerships and stores in your area are replacing defective

airbags for FREE.

**What You Should Do**

**Check your VIN:**

Find your 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) located on the bottom driver's side corner of your windshield.

Check to see if you have an airbag recall at [NHTSA.gov/recalls](http://NHTSA.gov/recalls) or [AirbagRecall.com](http://AirbagRecall.com) (for Sterling Bullet only, refer to the manufacturer website).

**Schedule your FREE Urgent Repair:**

Call your nearest local dealership or store to schedule a FREE repair.

Alternate transportation may be available for FREE.

Your safety is important to every vehicle manufacturer! Contact your vehicle manufacturer from the table if you require any assistance.

**SEE PAGE 13 FOR LIST OF MANUFACTURER PHONE NUMBERS**

## Your Hurricane Prep Plan



**Make Your Health Part of Your Hurricane Prep Plan**

(NAPSI)—The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicts there may be an above average hurricane season

this year. Across the state, many will stock batteries, flashlights and bottles of water, but some may neglect the importance of having a plan in place if a family member gets sick during a natural disaster.

"Those in the path of a natural disaster are often so focused on other priorities that it's easy to forget that everyday life, including general illness, doesn't stop when serious storms are forecasted," said Dr. Zaid Fadul, a board-certified family physician and flight surgeon for the U.S. Air Force. "Having a hurricane plan must include planning for how you and your loved ones will receive general medical care for children's fevers, upper respiratory infections and other illnesses that may still occur."

Fortunately, there are steps you can take to prioritize your family's health regardless of the weather. We asked Dr. Fadul for the top five ways to take care of your family's health before, during and after a storm. Here's what he said:

- 1. Mind Your Medications.** In the event of a hurricane or other disaster, getting to your local pharmacy may be impossible, if it's open at all. Work with your treating physician or virtual care service to make sure your medications are stocked prior to an event and that you have a pharmacy locator in case of evacuation.
- 2. Check Your First-Aid Kit.** First-aid kits are rarely thought about until they are absolutely needed. Make sure you have an ample supply of bandages, alcohol swabs, pain relievers, etc., to manage everything from cuts and scrapes to headaches. Keep dust masks nearby and even a whistle in case you need to signal for help.
- 3. Download The Right Apps.** Get information from trusted sources like the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A letter from Ted:

Dear Ted: I will try to address each thing you said but pardon me if it does not make sense to you.

YOU SAY:

Ted: how dare you presume!

Ted: You have a lot of gall to attack me

Ted: You actually sound like Trump

TomL: I said I am a patriot!

Ted: You say you are a patriot, but what exactly makes you a patriot?

TomL: I believe in Family, God, and Country. I believe in the laws of our country and the laws say Donald Trump won. If it had been Hillary I would have waited till the next election and voted her out. I would not try to take out a sitting president that won the election!

Ted: Would Jesus have torn babies out of their mother's arms.

TomL: I think Jesus would have told the mother not to break the law and put her child in harm's way.

TomL: You call me a fool. That is your opinion. I'm not going to start name calling with you - that's not my style. Trump won by the electoral vote and that is the law of the land. Get over it!

Ted you slammed me about sharing info from the internet and accused me of wanting a Civil War. I would never want a Civil War but as old as I am, I will stand my ground for what I believe, just like you are doing right now with what you believe, only I would not be so brash. I did not attack you first! Start your own newspaper and print your opinion or I will print your opinion for you, that's my job. Thanks for being a reader!

TomL

Dear Editor:

When you run out of other people's money Socialism stops working. It happens every time it is tried. Why do idiots think they can come up with a different outcome?

If Capitalism is off track, how can it be fixed? Maybe capitalism with a small c is worth a try. Put brakes on corrupt practices. Legal plunder.

In 1856 Bastiat gave us the answer. Legal plunder. Where policies that are criminal should not be made legal by lobbyists. My pet legal plunder schemes are derivatives, and hedge funds. There are probably a dozen others by now. What is a Bitcom? Know the definition, but do not grasp the advantage of the thing. Hedge funds and derivatives should be made illegal. The only things backing them are computer entries or, tiny bits of paper, no assets.

The corrupt always dream up schemes that benefit themselves. This was the premier concern of the founding fathers. They used every trick in the book to try to forestall the

corrupt. The founders obsessed over the topic. Franklin gave us a caution: "A republic if you can keep it." Too bad we have not been vigilant enough. The Republic is under siege from the corrupt. We have failed. Have citizens become so corrupt that legal plunder has become acceptable?

If anyone has an idea how to save our republic, and thinks it is worth saving, please speak up, NOW.

One voice crying in the wilderness is NOT going to do it.

D.I.L.

Dear Editor,

Well, the primaries in Florida are over and hopefully we will see an end to the demagoguing of the FAIRtax. In order to gain a political advantage over Ron DeSantis, a PAC for Adam Putnam published a video denigrating DeSantis for his support of the FAIRtax. According to the 30 second ad, the FAIRtax, HR 25, would be the end of life as we know it in Florida. Never mind that Vice President Pence was a cosponsor of the FAIRtax all the while he served in the US House of Representatives.

And you were supposed to ignore the fact that the Florida legislature went on record as endorsing the FAIRtax by adopting Senate Memorial 118 which included the following sentence: "This Memorial urges Congress to repeal all taxes on income and enact a national retail sales tax as specified in H. R. 25, the Fair Tax Act of 2013."

Many people in Florida have studied and support H.R. 25 because they have learned that it will:

- rid us of the federal income tax and all its complexity
- rid us of the IRS, the most abusive agency in Washington
- free individuals of all the record keeping and federal tax returns
- greatly reduce the cost of doing business which in turn will create more business and more jobs
- restore the Bill of Rights when it comes to dealing with the federal tax system.

These are "The True Facts about the FAIRtax." Here in Florida we can help the volunteers of the Florida FairTax Educational Association by going to the website: [flfairtax.org](http://flfairtax.org). Learn More. Get Involved. Make It Happen!

Ron Maiellaro

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Letter to the Editor

Who is Jack Minzey?

Jack Minzey was truly an educator at Eastern Michigan University and he did pass away in April 2018. However, the essay attributed to Minzey is actually a shortened version of a speech delivered by Daniel Greenfield (a conservative author whose work can be found in publications such as FrontPageMag.com) at the South Carolina Tea Party Coalition Convention in January 2018:

"This is a civil war.

There aren't any soldiers marching on Charleston... or Myrtle Beach. Nobody's getting shot in the streets. Except in Chicago... and Baltimore, Detroit and Washington D.C.

But that's not a civil war. It's just what happens when Democrats run a city into the ground. And then they dig a hole in the ground so they can bury it even deeper.

If you look deep enough into that great big Democrat hole, you might even see

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where Jimmy Hoffa is buried.  
But it's not guns that make a civil war. It's politics. Guns are how a civil war ends. Politics is how it begins.

How do civil wars happen?  
Two or more sides disagree on who runs the country. And they can't settle the question through elections because they don't even agree that elections are how you decide who's in charge.

That's the basic issue here. Who decides who runs the country? When you hate each other but accept the election results, you have a country. When you stop accepting election results, you have a countdown to a civil war."

The piece can be read in its entirety at <https://sultanknish.blogspot.com/2018/01/his-civil-war-my-south-carolina-tea.html?m=1>. A video of Greenfield's speech can be viewed <https://youtu.be/8pNImbXnIn4>.  
Warm regards,  
KRS

Hurricane Prep

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Red Cross. Download the Red Cross mobile app at [www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/mobile-apps](http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/mobile-apps) to monitor more than 35 different emergency alerts and to help you find a shelter where food, beds and access to virtual health care are readily available.

4. Be Smart About Stress. Feeling anxious during an emergency is practically inevitable, but there are ways to manage stress and stay focused. Try breathing exercises (concentrate on just breathing for

five minutes), tackling one item at a time on a to-do list, or even taking short breaks. When stress and anxiety are high, consider talking to a psychologist or therapist during the stressful days before, during or after a hurricane. Many are using telebehavioral health services like BetterHelp (BetterHelp.com) to seek professional help regardless of time of day or location.

5. Use Virtual Care. A child's fever or stomachache, or an adult's respiratory infection, is not going to wait for the storm to pass and may very well get worse if you do wait. In many areas, physicians will also have evacuated or care will be harder to access. This is where virtual care is a powerful resource for so many. Find out before a storm hits if you have access to virtual care services like Teladoc, by visiting [Teladoc.com/DisasterPrep](http://Teladoc.com/DisasterPrep). Teladoc has thousands of board-certified physicians across the country who are ready to provide care. For emergencies, call 911, but for nonemergency illnesses, virtual care is a smart option to get quality treatment in a timely manner, even during a hurricane. "While it's so important to prepare for storm damage, limited resources, and evacuation, it's also vital that every person in the path of a natural disaster prepare for health-related concerns. Advancements in technology, particularly with virtual care, have helped to remove barriers to care during a storm. Know your virtual care options and use them," added Dr. Fadul.

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Living Your Best Life After 50



(NAPSI)—For many people, navigating life and love as they get older can be challenging. Adjusting to change, seeking a new partner, or simply breaking out of a rut may feel overwhelming. In the hilarious hit comedy “Book Club,” four mature women in different circumstances discover that you're never too old to enjoy life or pursue love. That's a message author and newspaper columnist Tom Blake agrees with wholeheartedly. Blake has written more than 4,000 articles and newsletters on the topic and offers this advice, which is reflected in the movie:

- 1. Give love a chance in later years: Put yourself out there; everyone deserves love.
- 2. Don't worry about what others think: Do what's right for you.
- 3. Loosen up: Don't be too set in your ways.
- 4. Change your routine: Be open to new experiences.
- 5. Don't let your children make decisions for you: No one knows you better than you.
- 6. Have fun: Don't stop living before you stop living!

In “Book Club,” legendary actresses Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen and Mary Steenburgen star respectively as a widow, single, divorcée and long-married woman who hilariously shake up their lives by diving into the infamous book “Fifty Shades of Grey.” From discovering new romance to rekindling old flames, the lifelong friends inspire each other to make their next chapter the best chapter.

“‘Book Club’ has wonderful messages about never giving up on life or love no matter how old you are,” said Blake. “Good things can happen when you venture out and meet new people.”

To liven up your life, check out “Book Club” on DVD, Blu-ray or iTunes and go to [www.FindingLoveAfter50.com](http://www.FindingLoveAfter50.com) for more tips from Blake.

Caregiver For Your Parents

Choosing the Right Caregiver For Your Parents

(NAPSI)—According to Pew Research, every day, 10,000 Americans turn 65 years old. And that will continue for the next 12 years, reaching 18 percent of the population by 2030. Americans 85 and older will triple in population by 2050.

With a rapidly aging population living longer than past generations, caregivers are in high demand. A cost of care study by Genworth forecasts that there will be a shortage of more than 3 million home care aides in the next decade. To meet this demand, over the years there has been an explosion of home care franchises and independent home care agencies across the country. Yet, as many families discover,

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


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 CHEVROLET	1-800-630-2438	my.gm.com/recalls
DAIMLER Sterling Bullet	1-800-385-4357	alliancetruckparts.com/sterling (select "Vehicle Recall Lookup")
DAIMLER Vans	1-877-762-8267	freightlinersprinterusa.com/freightliner/ owners-resources/recall mbvans.com/sprinter/owners-resources/ recall
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# Caregiver

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finding the right caregiver to meet your family's specific needs can be a challenge.

One innovator looking to solve the caregiver gap is a San Francisco-based company focused on modernizing and improving home care for older adults. By professionalizing its caregiver workforce and developing technology to improve efficiencies, it's able to deliver more consistent and reliable care. Through its Honor Care Network, the company partners with home care agencies in multiple states, making quality care more accessible to more families.

Called Honor, the firm suggests five things that families should consider when hiring a caregiver to ensure a safe and optimal care experience for their parents or loved ones:

## Important Questions to Ask Your Home Care Agency

**1. How do you screen your caregivers for safety?** A responsible, credible home care agency in California always conducts a thorough screening and background check of its caregivers before sending them into a client's home. In addition to Home Care Aide (HCA) mandated certification and Department of Justice fingerprinting and background checks, the best home care agencies go further by screening for DMV driving records, drug testing, and abiding by strict minimum-age requirements.

**2. How do you train your caregivers and verify their skills?** Caregivers should have a solid foundation of training, such as how to use mechanical lifting equipment, basic knowledge of how to support clients living with Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease, and how to assist with daily living activities such as bathing, grooming and

hygiene. Ask if the caregivers are tested on scenario-based skills and if any personality tests are conducted to check for temperament under stress or condition-related situations, such as "sundowning."

**3. What is your performance record for on-time arrivals and no-shows? How promptly do you communicate schedule changes to your clients?** Ask the agency how it manages late arrivals and last-minute cancellations by caregivers. Does it guarantee a replacement? How does it communicate with clients and how often? What is its policy if there's an ongoing tardiness issue?

**4. How do you manage caregiver performance?** Ask how the agency motivates caregivers to provide the best care and client experience. Does it value and know its caregivers' track record and does it continually train caregivers to ensure it has the best talent? Assessing personality and chemistry with clients is also important.

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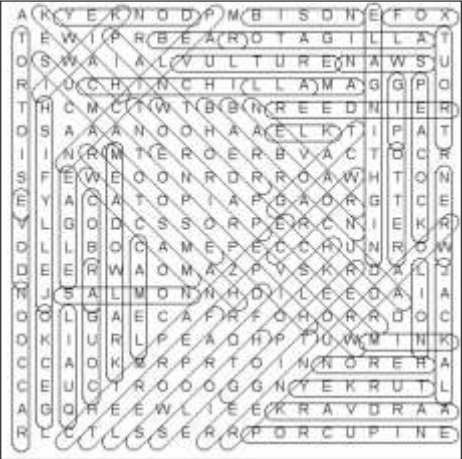
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