

# VIEWPOINT

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## Rants & Raves

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#### Another complaint about animal abuse

In our neighborhood, there is a dog that is chained 24/7 in this 98-degree - heat index 104-degree - weather.

The poor dog wonders why it is being punished like this.

I bet the owners would not like to be treated this way.

This dog would be much better off at the ASPCA in an air-conditioned building in a cage with soft blankets, getting food and freshwater and exercise.

It would be adopted by a loving family.

**NOTE:** The Brevard County Sheriff's Office is concerned about the well-being of our four-legged friends. If you suspect animal abuse and/or neglect, please contact the Brevard County Sheriff's Office Animal Services unit at (321) 633-2024. You may also submit your concern online at [www.brevardsheriff.com](http://www.brevardsheriff.com). Click on the

link to Animals Services and then click the Enforcement tab. Please note that the online reporting is for NON-Emergency requests only. If your need for assistance is urgent, please call Animal Enforcement dispatch at (321) 264-5100 and select Option 4.

Lt. Byron Keck  
Animal Services Enforcement

#### Raves for the Girl Scouts

Raves for Girl Scouts Troops 983 and 2189, who renovated the butterfly garden at Turkey Creek Sanctuary Park. Their names are listed on the bench beside the colorful flowers: Emily, Kathryn, Ciara, Cypi, Meghan, Delaney, Corrin, Falyann and Amanda.

I'm sure the many butterflies attracted there enjoy the garden as much as I do.

#### You cannot license one group of people and have criminal laws against the rest of us doing the same thing

So, six of your (friends) and (Florida) Gov. Rick Scott's friends legally can grow MILLIONS of cannabis plants, while the civilian citizen peasantry, which I am one, cannot grow one little plant. If we peasants try we will face five years in jail and our lives destroyed.

So, I heard your allowing a medical marijuana dispensary to open in Tallahassee?

This is just like Washington, D.C., can have medical marijuana, while the DEA runs rampant in our state, arresting people for medical cannabis.

I decided to look into this.

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## Over the top and beyond



Alex Schierholtz/staff photographer

Jacob Sweeney, 7, and Madison Carter, 7, both of Melbourne, climb over an obstacle during the 'Kid-A-Palooza Mud Run' Saturday, July 30 at Wickham Park in Melbourne.

## Help us to continue Helping Seniors

For five years, Helping Seniors of Brevard has taken a lead role in informing, educating and connecting seniors and those who care for them to needed resources.

Public response to our radio, television and printed media has been overwhelmingly positive. That there is a great need for what we bring to the senior population is evidenced by your response. We believe that nothing is more important than making good programs available to assist seniors.

In last month's column, I talked about the many resources we have in Brevard County to assist those in need. The office received many calls, as did I at home. These calls confirmed my belief that programs like Helping Seniors, North Brevard Sharing Center, our food banks and others must be funded because they are a lifeline to many in need. Unfortunately, there is not enough government funding available to assist everyone. Government programs and organizations cannot



HELPING SENIORS  
JOE STECKLER

meet all the needs of our senior population.

Helping Seniors does not receive government aid, but we do have a business plan to help fund our work. Ever since our founding in 2011, I have donated my time to develop the organization.

But as I approach my 83rd birthday, it is time to hire an understudy to take my place. In order to raise money, we are raffling a donated 1992 V12 XJS Jaguar. If you want to help us promote this raffle or make a donation for tickets on a very beautiful car, I ask you to call Kay at (321) 473-7770. She will give you information about how to join this

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## Seniors

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effort to earn our own way and help all in Brevard County.

Senior care, and all that it entails, is a unique topic that can be addressed in a myriad of ways. But perhaps the best way to help our elder citizens is to increase their knowledge. Kay, our information specialist, has guided more than 1,100 people to the resources they need to improve their quality of life. Whatever the issue, be it insurance, health care, homes aides, estate planning, grab bars, senior housing, transportation or veterans' benefits, we do our best to listen and provide answers.

Since it is so important to focus on what we need to know to help us age, the question then becomes, "What is it we do not know?" Believe it or not, almost any situation can be resolved to some

extent if we talk about it. Note that I say "resolved," but maybe not to the extent you desire. In the living of life, we must make compromises, and that perhaps is the most difficult of all lessons to accept.

I realize this is not an ordinary column for me to write, but I assure you that your help now is vital to our continued ability to serve this community. With the wide dissemination of this article in our many written media resources, I pray for your support. If we did not need your help, I would not seek it. Please call (321) 473-7770 or go to [www.helpingseniorsofbrevard.org](http://www.helpingseniorsofbrevard.org) to help or donate. We will appreciate it.

*Joe Steckler is the president of Helping Seniors of Brevard, a nonprofit organization designed to advocate, educate and fundraise on behalf of Brevard's senior citizens. Feel free to contact us at [info@helpingseniorsofbrevard.org](mailto:info@helpingseniorsofbrevard.org) or calling (321) 473-7770.*

## Rants

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I discovered exactly what I thought I would: sloth, avarice, greed and corruption.

So, I went to the compassionate care website (at) [Flheath.gov/ocu](http://Flheath.gov/ocu).

I had help discovering where the list of physicians licensed to dispense marijuana was.

I also was told I had to be a patient of

one of these doctors for three months before I could get a prescription, and only for CBD. So why not wait until November when we may finally have true freedom?

I looked down the list and called the number and was told he no longer works there. He now works for the Veterans Administration.

We both know a doctor working for the Veterans Administration cannot

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## Adoptable Pet of the Week



**Bogie**

is a 1 year old mixed breed

To meet Bogie, visit the  
Brevard County Sheriff's Office  
South Animal Care Center  
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**Location:** 624 Barnes Blvd., Rockledge

**Operations Manager:** Kale J. Little

**Phone:** (321) 265-5867

**Website:** [www.Skyzonespacecoast.com](http://www.Skyzonespacecoast.com)

**Hours of Operation:** Monday-Thursday 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday 1 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**What separates your business from its competition in the county?** We are the first indoor trampoline park in all of Brevard County and a unique indoor activity that combines maximum fun and an active lifestyle!

**Why did you open your business?** We are so excited to be a part of Brevard County and the surrounding areas, and our main goal is to provide awesome, healthy fun to all of our guests.

**What are your top-selling items/services?** Our jump time of course! Sixty and 120-minute options are the most popular and with all the different attractions in our park, we highly recommend 90 minutes and higher. You also have to try a blue raspberry slushy from our Fuel Zone.

**For those who have not done business with you, why should they?** Anybody



looking for an indoor entertainment, Sky Zone is the place to come! We are also a great destination for birthday parties, as well. Everything is handled for you from beginning to end, invitations, guest list, check-in and you have a dedicated party host with you the entire time!