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He is trying to keep us safe

President (Donald) Trump said before he was elected that he was going to put a stop on all, a lot of immigration countries. Well, that is what he is doing, and some kind of Nazi storm trooper protesters out there are going against what the president is saying.

Who are these people who don't want America kept safe? Cause that is all Donald Trump is trying to do is keep our borders safe and all of us United States citizens safe.

Who are these people who are marching who don't want our borders safe? No wall, no way. We are going to have a wall, and we are going to have a lot better borders, too, thanks to Donald J. Trump.

Help our seniors

Bright House is now Spectrum, but the name change is not the only thing they changed. Their monthly service fee increased by 30 percent each month.

This only hurts seniors living on low income from Social Security.

I contacted Spectrum to object to the 30-percent fee increase that it will affect seniors the most. They stated that seniors are not in their discount schedule, only new customers are.

I contacted other network providers who offered a lower monthly service fee that could help low-income and seniors both.

What do they know and feel?

While I was getting a coffee, I overheard eight young people - 22-26 years old, four male, four female - who have been protesting in downtown the last two nights.

I told them I was doing research and asked nicely if they would answer some questions. They were cool with it, so I sat down and went for it.

- Three voted. Of the five who didn't, none was registered to vote.

- None of them researched independently either candidate.

- All were for Hillary (Clinton) but preferred Bernie (Sanders).

- Why the Democratic candidate?

- "More things are taken care of."

- "Time to have a woman president."

- "Democrats aren't sexist or racist."

- Six of them live at home.

- All are under their parents insurance.

- Two have "real" jobs

- Four aren't working, nor are they trying hard to find a job either.

- Parents pay for everything in their life or subsidize it.

- Six get money from Mom or Dad every month.

- Three have been on unemployment for 6-plus months.

- One is at the state university, doesn't work and parents pay for everything.

- All eight said (Donald) Trump is a racist/sexist. I asked to cite proof ... "That tape, man!"

- When I asked, as a man myself, "Have you ever said anything like that when you've been hanging out with your buddies? All four males said "Yes."

- Would you say it if you knew you were on tape? All four answered "No."

- What's the difference? I asked. "You've all said bad stuff like that. Does that mean you hate women and are a sexual predator?" Nothing. No answer.

- None could tell me how our government works. They didn't know how laws are passed, how the House of Representatives or the Senate work.

- None could explain how a bill is

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Alex Schierholtz/staff photographer

Lorie Heinlen, of Melbourne, Kate Heinlen, of Oklahoma City, and Carol Knell, of Indialantic, climb up an obstacle during the 'Insane Inflatable 5K' Saturday, Feb. 24 at Wickham Park in Melbourne.

The importance of senior leadership

One of the fastest growing segments in our global population is the elderly. This is a known fact. What is not known is whether or not seniors understand their need to become actively involved and have a say in what happens to them.

While population aging is a problem of worldwide significance, my concern is for the 245,000 seniors in Brevard County. Over the next several months, I will focus on the need for senior leadership, what we can do to achieve that and potential problem areas.

For many years, I have worked to develop elder care programs, educate and inform seniors and ensure provision of needed services. As one delves into the intricacies of elder care funding at the local, state and national level, the need to be informed becomes clear. Senior care is a business. How we direct the nonprofit and for-profit elements in the system is often misunderstood. In my series on this subject, I hope to clarify the many forces at play, especially



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OF BREVARD
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the role of senior leadership in advocating for seniors. I believe a better understanding of the need for senior leadership will benefit both for-profit and nonprofit sectors.

As an example, a large local medical organization proposed creation of a television show that would highlight the many nonprofits in Brevard that assist seniors. Different businesses could then play this show for customers waiting for service. This would help people understand what is available to seniors and those who care for them. It would be an excellent way to disseminate needed information at a very low cost,

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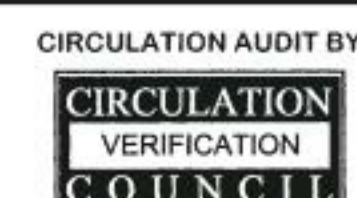
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enabling many to be better informed on ways to age with dignity. The organization came to me with this idea because Helping Seniors is already producing such shows for television. Currently, 15 shows a week regarding elder care and information about aging are aired on the Space Coast government channel 499. These shows contain a wealth of information for seniors and those who care for them.

Understanding the benefits that many non-profit organizations bring to those in need is part of the role of senior leadership. Who is responsible for organizing senior leadership? Who

should have primary responsibility for developing funding resources? Who is willing to step forward and say we lack leadership? Who would be willing to step forward in a senior leadership role? I hope my columns will help create a dialogue and educate us all about these critical questions. The entire series will be posted on Helpingseniorsofbrevard.org. You can also visit our website or call (321) 473-7770 to let us know your comments or requests for information.

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passed.

- Only one could tell me the difference between legal and illegal immigration. One of them said, "Legal immigration is when you immigrate legally." Seriously.

- None could explain the purpose of the Electoral College or how it works. In 10 minutes they felt they had explained everything. Nice kids ... but so ignorant.

I know some awesome, phenomenal young adults; but I'm afraid the majority are like this group. Too many participation trophies, too much coddling by par-

ents and teachers.

In 1944, 18-year-olds stormed the beach at Normandy into almost certain death.

In 2016, 18-year-olds feel unsafe because words hurt their feelings.

This country is in deep something.

Old people and old cars on the road

I'm going to start by saying no one wants their license to drive taken away just for getting old.

Here are the facts as I see them,
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