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The weather and the floods

To the person ranting about the floods in California and how it was an act of mother nature and (that President Donald) Trump is ignoring it.

Well, how would you feel if you learned that most all weather these days is controlled and manufactured by psychopaths who are at a much higher level than (President) Trump?

It's been going on since 2008, and not a single person in government at any level will ever speak about it. It's began under (former President Barack) Obama, and they have pretty much mastered it. It was done in Vietnam (as) "Operation Popeye," and the technology that goes into it is mind boggling.

The problem with it is that the substances that they use to create clouds contain very harmful substances, and I'll just leave it at that.

The state leaders know damn-well that the weather is controlled, as they work directly with those responsible. States need disasters and state of emergencies to get federal funds. This is what they do, at the public's expense.

They do it in Florida all the time, declaring small storms hurricanes to get federal money. You can research this on your own, or you can roll your eyes and call me crazy, but I have worked for the DOD and NASA for more than 20 years and it's all 100-percent fact.

The public has no clue about what is really going on in all aspects of their life, and most everything you hear on the main stream media news is lies.

Manufactured shootings and tragedies, most all involving guns, day in and day out, to brainwash and prime the public for what is next to come.

They create the drought, and they created that storm. It's child's play. Look up once in awhile and observe what is going

on in your skies. Google HAARP and chemtrails.

Stop calling the pot black

Months ago, the state of Florida voted to legalize medical marijuana consumption. Now, our state says it won't be available for another year. That has to be unconstitutional - to delay a law that has been voted on and passed.

I want to know why our country's lawmakers in Washington, D.C., are now able to vote and allow the consumption of marijuana without the fear of incarceration in their town of Washington, D.C., but refuse to make it legal for the rest of our United States of America. I did say "United" States of America.

What is good for one is good for all. And it is not right, and it is not fair.

Legalize it, finally, now - for everyone, not just for special lawmakers up in Washington, D.C. How dare they just make it legal for them and few other states in this country? But they made it legal for themselves, where they pass the laws. That is just not right.

Help, President Trump.

Leave, if you don't like it

I am sick and tired of you all ranting, raving and whining about Donald Trump being president.

The man was duly elected, and I think he has a good chance of straightening this country out. You all need to get a grip, get a life and support your president. If you are unhappy with this, you can join the bandwagon of Hollywood stars and move out of the country.

Kissing your bumpers

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Atlas V lifts off



Alex Schierholtz/staff photographer

The United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket carrying a payload to the International Space Station blasts off Tuesday, April 18 from Space Launch Complex 41 in Cape Canaveral. The payload contained 7,600 pounds of cargo-food, scientific experiments, 38 Cube Satellites and supplies to the astronauts aboard the International Space Station.

Community based funds for nonprofits

Several articles have been published lately about the use of taxpayer money to support nonprofit organizations. You may have read that we have only about \$220 million out of a budget of \$1 billion to use for all programs not already earmarked for funding. You may have also read that these scarce funds are being adversely impacted by our spending on nonprofit organizations. Is that true? If so, how did we arrive at such a predicament?

County government, like its federal counterpart, has gotten itself into debt. This debt must be paid annually and therefore affects how much of the budget can be used for general revenue spending. In other words, previous commissioners have put the current commissioners in a situation that requires infrastructure spending to catch up with already degraded



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situations such as the state of road repair in Brevard County.

Now, we must prioritize available funds to get as much bang for the buck as possible. A simplified comment but very true.

However, there is a way to pay for roads and still maintain nonprofit funding. Several commissioners hit the nail squarely on the head when expressing doubt about the manner in which CBO funds are adjudicated by Brevard's Housing and Human Services Department.

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We could streamline the process by trimming certain sections of county government. For instance, if unfilled but funded county staff positions were eliminated, the recouped funds could increase nonprofit funding instead of taking it away.

The bottom line is that we need more, not less, funding for our nonprofits. These organizations do the work in Brevard that elsewhere is performed by county staffers. They also leverage federal monies, volunteer work and in-kind support to match CBO funding.

I have long campaigned to increase CBO funds. At one point we were able to expand funds to \$1 million, but have since regressed to \$510,000. There is not enough funding to manage all county programs; and while the elderly seem to be the main recipients of CBO money, that also is not true. The real problem is that we do not have a county aging plan

so it is impossible for the commissioners to know the needs of the elderly.

Understanding the root cause for our current mess is the issue. Can it be corrected? The answer is "YES." To do so will require tough decisions by the commissioners, development of an aging plan and better understanding about the needs in the county.

The last effective workshop to develop this information was conducted in 1996! Helping Seniors did a county-wide survey in 2015 and found that senior needs today are the same as they were 20 years ago. Positive change is possible, but it will require senior leadership, county funding to develop and implement an aging plan and a county staff capable of getting the job done. Let your commissioners know you support helping seniors and the CBO funds for nonprofits.

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This is about the cars that are almost on top of the other car in front of them.

And they keep braking, and they keep braking and they keep braking. They put

their foot on the brake.

Now, I don't know what is wrong with these drivers, but you know that there is a distance you are supposed to stay back from the car in front of you. Read your manual.

If you didn't follow the car so close, you would not be braking so much.

It is like these cars just want to go through the car in front of them.

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