

# VIEWPOINT

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## Rants & Raves

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### The need for speed

For the drivers on Wickham Road between Parkway and Post, slow down and realize you are not on the Daytona track.

These drivers are driving way to fast, way to distracted, way to reckless, way to selfish.

We need speed enforcement out there.

### Reply to the 'un-American people'

The writer of the xenophobic rant in your April 28 edition lacks an awareness of what's happening in the rest of the world. This could be the most "un-American" piece of ignorance that you have published in some time.

Many countries have opened their borders to refugees from the war-torn regions of the Middle East. France, which gave us the Statue of Liberty, is one of these countries. Others include Germany, England and the countries of Scandanavia.

"Un-American people" have been coming here ever since Jamestown. They work hard. They contribute to our economy. And they enrich our culture as a nation. Closing our borders to people who seek a better life will close our economy to one of its most important sources of renewal and growth.

She may have a tear in her eye, but let's keep the Statue of Liberty. We can control our borders and keep the country safe without shutting down immigration.

### Be more like the older drivers

I would rather deal with an older driver on the road who is not narcissistic speeding down the road.

I would rather deal with people who do

the speed limit.

Wickham Road has become a raceway. I am not begging law enforcement, both from the Melbourne Police Department and the [Brevard County] Sheriff's Department, to hand out tickets. Imagine all the revenue they could collect there.

People, slow down. Cars can be weapons, and people could get hurt.

Get off your phones. Become patient and stop being narcissistic. This goes for 20-year-old drivers, 30-year-old drivers, 40-year-old drivers, etc. Stop.

### Some people believe this stuff

If the rant blaming government for causing the weather and the floods was meant to be funny, it sure missed the mark.

Printing such barnyard litter will actually be believed by a certain segment of our society, especially those who read the supermarket tabloids, like the Enquirer and are devoted watchers of Fox News.

There is enough non-factual garbage found on the Internet. Give us a break on the Hometown News.

### The May 6 march

I was so happy to read about a "March for Immigrants" that took place May 6.

It is high time that we celebrate the legal immigrants who work hard and wait patiently to enter this country legally and become Americans.

Oh wait, on second read, the article states that the event is to show support for the "freedom, equality and support of all people." Hmm - so this is supporting people entering the country illegally, people overstaying their visas and who knows what else is included in "all people."

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## Way to go, graduate!



Alex Schierholtz/staff photographer

Julia Hutchins of Rockledge, shakes the hand of Eastern Florida State College President Dr. James Richey, as she receives her diploma during the college's spring commencement ceremony Thursday, May 11 at the Maxwell C. King Center in Melbourne.

## The value of information

For many years, my articles have been published in *Hometown News*.

I am aware that these articles have been of assistance to many, and that is why we do this work.

Recently, I was reviewing a full-page spread in Florida Today that we did in 1994 while I was the Executive Director of Brevard Alzheimer's Foundation. The ad was publicizing our car raffle with A.J. Hiers of Boniface Hiers Automotive Group, as well as itemizing the services that the Foundation provided to Brevard County. These services were needed, much publicized, and widely used.

There are many wonderful resources for seniors in Brevard, but people have to know what is available in order to use them.

That is the purpose of Helping Seniors: to educate seniors about local programs and link them to the services they need. Since we began in 2011, *Hometown News* has fully supported our efforts to keep the people of Brevard as informed as possible.

A recent *Hometown News* article prompted a local businessman to call



HELPING SENIORS OF BREVARD  
JOE STECKLER

me and inquire how he might get published in community news outlets. I talked to him about our efforts to line up local businesses to join our service provider network. One benefit of being in the network is getting published in the Helping Seniors newsletter, which is distributed through *Senior Scene Magazine* and read by about 40,000 in Brevard. This is one way to let many seniors in Brevard know about available services.

This particular caller had picked up the *Hometown News* in a doctor's office, read it and saw the Helping Seniors column. His business has to do with insurance, and with all the recent insurance changes, he is concerned that people get the best information possible so they can select the insurance product

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# Seniors

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that best suits their needs. When run properly, service networks can help everyone involved.

*Hometown News* addresses local needs. The Helping Seniors articles inform readers about the “happenings” in Brevard and help connect seniors to available resources.

The caller recognized the value in these articles and wanted to determine how he might become a part of this network. Hopefully, I was able to make him aware

of the many ways in which he could help.

To the readers of *Hometown News*, I would ask that you share the contents of the papers you read with others so that we keep the awareness chain intact. Education and information are valuable resources to seniors, and *Hometown News* has a readership that needs such an asset.

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I hope to see some photos and names of the misguided snowflakes who showed up for this “event.”

I won't be there. I'll be home re-reading the constitution.

## One hundred days in

President (Donald) Trump seems to be big on signing executive orders, since that's the easy way out - without getting approval. He used to criticize (former President Barack) Obama for doing this, but now he already surpassed (President) Obama's total. No real legislation has yet been passed.

He has wasted more time rolling back anything good from the previous administration.

One hundred days in and we have not heard a single word about a jobs bill from (President) Trump. The rules had to be changed to vote in the new SCOTUS, which was a seat that belonged to (President) Obama's choosing. Maybe they too should have changed to rules. Then we would have Judge (Merrick) Garland.

Big thanks to President Obama for handing over a solid economy - we had 211,000 jobs added in April carried over from (President) Obama. President Obama set historical records as a job creator.

To those crediting (President) Trump for the recent jobs report, unemployment is a lagging indicator. It reflects where the economy was 12-plus months ago. No credit goes to (President) Trump for this. Feel free to look it up. Real facts are important.

## Let us play golf

Why do people compare how much (President Donald) Trump golfs to how much (Former President Barack) Obama golfs?

Because (Donald) Trump made this an issue, criticizing (President) Obama for golfing too much - just one example of his hypocrisy.

A more important question: why is it costing us taxpayers so much in security

for trips to Florida and the entire Trump family vacations? Each trip to Florida costs us \$3.3 million. Ivanka Trump's family ski trip cost United States taxpayers \$65,000 for Secret Service protection.

Why is (President) Trump a part-time president with a first lady who lives in another state, then only shows up for an occasion dinner - \$1 million a day to keep Melania (Trump) in New York.

All children of past presidents were moved into the White House and had to switch schools. (President) Trump's lifestyle is too expensive for taxpayers; he has the option of staying in the White House full-time to live and work. It's obvious he does not care what he is costing us. He should be held accountable before he bankrupts West Palm Beach.

## Drivers and accidents

My rant is about drivers who drive while being distracted, and my request is if you witness an accident, please stay and tell the police what you saw.

On Wednesday, March 29, my husband and I were involved in a bad accident at the corner of East Olmstead Drive and U.S. 1 in Titusville. We were going east on Olmstead Drive through a green light. Cars were stopped in both southbound lanes of U.S. 1 and also the inside lane of the northbound lane of U.S. 1.

As we approached the outside northbound lane, a lady did not stop for her red light and hit us. Our car is totaled, and we have bumps and bruises; and (I) am still healing, but lucky to be alive.

People stopped to see how we were doing, and a lady who was right behind us said she saw everything. I asked her to stay and talk to the police, but the police said that there were no witnesses.

Unfortunately, the lady who went through the red light told the police that her light was green, so it is now a case of “she said, he said.”

There were several witnesses; and if any of them are reading this, would you please call the Titusville police at (321) 264-7800 and give them case #1703-00015854 and tell them what you saw.

Also, please call Grant Rhode at State Farm Insurance Company at (844) 292-8615, ext. 301, and give him claim #59-

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