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Poor drivers are killing wildlife

I live in a nice 55-plus community in West Melbourne and I am disgusted with either the ignorance of or the lack of sympathy that these neighbors have for the wildlife that live in this park.

You can drive through here on any given day and see dead squirrels or ducks that these idiots would rather run over than stop for!

If they can't see they absolutely do not need to be driving and if they are just cold-hearted. I hope that they get what's coming to them. They should be ashamed of themselves.

Orange growers should stop whining about lack of relief

I was reading the newspaper today and there was an issue with the orange growers whining about not getting any relief from taxpayers, also known as the government.

I thought there was crop insurance available. After all, we are living in a hurricane-prone state.

Shouldn't they be responsible for their own fate instead of me or you?

I can't wait to leave Brevard County

I just realized why all the lawn care workers use my brand new driveway as a turning lane.

The reason is all my fat and lazy neighbors either do not work, or they are retired.

Their cars sit in front of their homes all day long, while their women go work at their nursing home or hospice care jobs. So their driveways are not driven into by others. Yes, every day, this private

property is used as a turning lane.

I was sent a letter to cut my grass while one of my neighbors has a huge pile of wood in front of his home, even before Irma came through. So, I am the one who gets a letter about the length of my grass, while most of the homes on this disgusting block in an unincorporated part of Palm Bay need to be bulldozed.

I pray every day that I leave this cesspool of a county.

Thanks to fire departments for help after I fell twice

I want to thank the Cocoa Fire & Rescue for the prompt and professional way they helped me after falling at the Cocoa Hyundai on Oct. 12.

They treated me with respect and helped me without making me feel uncomfortable.

Also, I want to thank the Titusville Fire & Rescue for coming to my aid at home on the same day, when I once again fell due to a bad left knee. My wife couldn't lift me so she called and they came right away, and were very courteous. They said anytime something like that happened to be sure and call them.

It means a lot to me and my wife to know if something like that happens again we can call them and will be treated with kindness and respect.

Outlawing opioids is not the answer

President Trump spoke about the opioid crisis.

Which is the crisis? I just want to point out that outlawing opioids would be ridiculous because there are plenty of

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Launching into the future



Alex Schierholtz/staff photographer

Beachgoers watch as SpaceX launches its 16th rocket this year from Pad 39A on Oct. 30. The Falcon 9 lifted off at 3:34 p.m., carrying a KoreaSat-5A into orbit.

A friendly tip

When I first started doing the radio show in 2000, I said that if I had a good tip to pass on to my listeners, I would do just that.

The same applies to newspaper readers.

Since there are so many seniors in Brevard, including me, the tip for today is information about purchasing a 10 motor massage mat with heat. For me it is important to have both massage and heat when my fibromyalgia is at its worst. The large vibration surface really relieves my aches and pains, helps me relax when I am tense, and just makes me feel better.

Massage pads have been around for many years, but my personal research has shown this is the best one for me, and that is why I decided to write my column on this product. I am receiving no remuneration from the company for talking about this product, I just want you to know about something that can make you relax and feel better. They do



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wear out (I am on my fourth or fifth such device), but the cost is well worth the benefit received.

Imagine sitting in your favorite chair on the massager and having your upper back, mid back, lower back/lumbar, and legs massaged all at the same time, with heat if you so desire – which is really nice on cooler days.

There is a built-in timer that deactivates the cushion after 30 minutes to protect the user.

The product is available online at www.comfortproducts.net for about \$54 including shipping. It is well worth the price as it has brought me many hours of

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Seniors

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relief from my ailments.

We are prone to taking medications and trying acupuncture and other methods of pain relief, some of which are very

costly. But one day we must think about ways to relieve pain without using prescription drugs. Massage is becoming a more common form of treatment and does have many benefits: It is affordable, readily available, and not habit forming or addictive. So why not give it a chance?

I have found that use of the massager in conjunction with some of my medica-

tions has enabled me to do a better job of treating my own pain. Best of all, the massager can be used in the privacy of your own home and is available 24 hours a day.

A review of the Internet and local stores will show similar type devices available, but I wanted you to know about the one I use and have found most suitable for me.

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. Contact him at: info@helpingseniorsbrevard, or calling: 321-473-7770.

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people who have had car accidents and injuries who will need them to recover.

And as John Morgan has pointed out, marijuana can be used in place of an opiate for various things. But this state doesn't want to investigate that, for some reason.

Another thing I wanted to say is it was on Gov. Scott's watch that opiate train was going up I-95 and I-75 and the DEA had asked a long time ago tap into the database in Florida so we can try to put a stop to it.

And I do remember that Gov. Scott pretty much didn't want that to happen, so it pretty much was forced upon him.

God bless anybody who has a situation that they have to take the opioid. Be

careful. Deal with a legitimate doctor, not a drug-dealing doctor.

We definitely need more DEA agents and definitely need to reexamine medical marijuana, recreational marijuana as well as an herb that Dr. Gupta on CNN has talked about for treating heroin addicts.

It may happen in other states, but I doubt Florida will follow any of that.

Hope for the best.

Why do we have so many troops in other countries?

We have 270,000 active-duty troops in more than 170 countries.

I wish somebody could tell me how did we become the world's policemen? It makes absolutely no sense in putting all these kids in harm's way for some wretched little country.

I just will never understand it.

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SUNDAY, NOV. 5

Pastel painting class: A pastel painting class is from 10 a.m. to noon Sundays and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Art Gallery of Viera, 2201 Town Center Drive, Suite 111, Viera.

Participants can learn about painting wildlife, animals and pets, naturescapes,

still life, portraits and abstracts.

Cost is \$25 per class or \$85 for four classes. To register, call Debi Pettigrew at (321) 749-1153 or dpettigrew@cfl.rr.com

Symphony salutes veterans: The Space Coast Symphony Orchestra presents "Home of the Brave" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Scott Center for the Performing Arts at Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy, 5625 Holy Trinity Drive, Melbourne.

The concert, a patriotic showcase of American music, will combine the talents of the orchestra, along with the Melbourne

Community Orchestra, Indialantic Chamber Singers, Melbourne Municipal Band, Brevard Chorale, Quartet Movement, Space Coast Highlanders and the Swingtime Jazz Band.

Audience members are asked to wear red, white and blue.

Tickets are required for the free Home of the Brave concert and can be reserved online at www.SpaceCoastSymphony.org. Donations will be accepted at Home of the Brave for the Wounded Warrior Project and local veterans charities.

For more information, call toll-free 855-252-7276.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7

FIT, EFSC women clash: Florida Tech Women's Basketball plays Eastern Florida State College at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, at the Clemente Center on the Florida Tech campus, 150 W. University Blvd., Melbourne.

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