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Election 2002: Letters to the editor

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Bank on nasty traffic

Editor, Naples Daily News:

Citizens of Naples, Collier County and visitors:

Do you realize that a two-story, possibly 35-foot-high building with a "depository" bank facility — whatever that means — and an estimated 468 cars a day dumping onto 13th and 14th avenues north, has just been given the go-ahead by the county commissioners?

They have allowed the property to be rezoned from residential to commercial (C-2). This is the property just north of the post office. Does anyone besides the people back on these dead-end roads leading out to Goodlette-Frank Road think it is a horrible idea?

The traffic is already terrible at this location and this will only make it worse. We think that traffic will come to a standstill. You will have trouble getting to and from the day-care facility, school, chiropractic office, Conservancy, residences and also the post office.


Why should the citizens of Collier County have the hardship of stalled traffic just so a developer can build a bank?

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Calm down

Editor, Naples Daily News:

Kudos to Bill E. Branscum, for his letter responding to the poorly written and inflammatory letter from the public information officer (PIO) at the Sheriff's Office.

I was aghast at the PIO's response that suggested that questioning tactics employed by the Sheriff's Office would equal support for terrorist activities. It was petty and mean-spirited of the Sheriff's Office to respond to Mr. Branscum's legitimate questions by questioning his loyalty.

It appears to me that Mr. Branscum was doing what all true Americans should be doing, especially in these difficult times: questioning and, armed with full information, deciding for ourselves where the truth lies. As Thomas Paine said, "(G)overnment even in its best state is but a necessary evil."

A government or an agency of that government can have no power that is not a delegation from the natural rights of its citizens, and that government or agency is nothing more than an agent of its citizens. "Reason obeys itself; and ignorance submits to whatever is dictated to it," Paine said.

I too would like to have specific responses to the questions raised by Mr.

Branscum's letter. If PIO Tina Osceola cannot respond without baiting or obfuscating, perhaps someone else at the Sheriff's Office is up to the task.

Melinda Riddle, Attorney at law/Naples

Stan Challenge-owski

Editor, Naples Daily News:

The continuing dispute between local creationists and evolutionists makes interesting reading, but the creationists need some practical advice. They cannot argue successfully against letter writer Stan Chrzanowski unless they become better informed. He is too intelligent and knowledgeable.

To avoid further embarrassment, the creationists should ask themselves these questions:

1. Have I read "The Origin of Species?" If I haven't, how do I know it's contents?