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Letters to the editor

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Letter of the Day — Is there a better way?

Editor, Naples Daily News:

Why aren't funeral processions more clearly marked or assisted at intersections?

On Saturday, I was in the lane to turn left onto U.S. 41 and had a red light.

While I was waiting for the light to change a funeral procession was heading west on Immokalee Road. It was led by a car from the funeral home. All the other cars had their headlights on.

When the light turned green for my lane to turn, the cars behind me started to blow their horns. I waited for the entire funeral procession to go by. I feel there should be some way that the cars in a funeral procession could be identified or have the last car in the procession identified.

I feel that this situation could have caused an accident.

— Norene Jordan/Naples

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Editor, Naples Daily News:

This information was taken from the Florida Drivers Handbook by the Division of Driver Licenses.

Under the heading of "reduced visibility" it reads:

"You must turn on your low beam (dim) headlights when driving between sunset and sunrise, including the twilight hours between sunset and sunrise or between full night and sunrise.

You must also use these lights during any rain or smoke or fog. Parking lights do not meet requirements of this law."

— Terry Clark/Naples

The good, caring fight

Editor, Naples Daily News:

In reply to Barbara Seibert's letter, she does not have to "put up" with the treatment she is getting.

I have recently been diagnosed with lung cancer and am two weeks into radiation and chemotherapy. All of my caregivers, physicians, nurses, technicians, receptionists, everyone involved in my care, have been most supportive and caring.

We need this as much as we need the treatments. We are individual and unique and coping with a devastating illness, each with our own special needs. You deserve the very best.

I live in gratitude and wonder every day, for I know that my health-care givers are there for me. If you are not happy with your care, go get it from someone else.

Right here in Naples there are many excellent cancer treatment centers, careful monitoring by trained oncology professionals, along with the love and support of your family and friends, good nutrition and a deep faith in God.

You should not have to go through this without all of the above.

Fight, Barbara!

— Betty Salem/Naples

This is my country

Editor, Naples Daily News:

I wish to reply to the Collier County Sheriff's Office's response to my prior letter, especially the assertion that I "believe the existence of a terrorist cell in my community is a civil right."

I am an American citizen and a resident of Collier County. I own my home, I am the father of four children, I have no criminal record and your agency has neither right, nor reason, to propose that I am some sort of terrorist sympathizer just because I express concern that you may have lied to me.

I want to know if these were really "potential terrorists" trying to buy "fake" licenses as was represented, or illegal immigrants trying to buy or renew real licenses that they needed in order to live and work, but cannot get following 9-11.

I want to know if you really busted a terrorist operation involving fake licenses to be used for phony IDs as you represented, or staged an operation where immigrants were led to believe that they could buy real, valid driver licenses under the table from someone who worked for Department of Motor Vehicles?

I want to know if you really struck a blow for Truth, Justice and the American Way, or set up desperate immigrants who wanted nothing more than to be allowed to drive? I want know if you really seized terrorist funds, or set up a scam to seize money that laborers worked brutally hard for and were told to bring?

I want to know if my government took some of God's "tired, poor, huddled masses yearning to breathe free" and entrapped them, betrayed them and destroyed them. I want to know if these people, their families and their dreams were deliberately destroyed for the sake of a headline and a photo op.

This is my country, I want to know, and I suspect that probably does make me about as much a terrorist as they were.

— **Bill E. Branscum/Naples**

What's to fear?

Editor, Naples Daily News:

Re: Susan Vitte's letter, "I cannot believe."

This is America and we speak many languages but our first language is English. I lived in Miami when the great influx of Cubans arrived and believe me there was confusion. These people floated across 90 miles of