

Letter To The Editor

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The Editor
Around Town
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Dear Editor,

Concerning the article "Zoo Bans Children", I would like to express my support for the zoo's decision to ban unattended children. I feel that the arguments of those who oppose the new rule are completely unfounded.

To begin with, the woman you quoted claims that her taxes support the zoo; therefore, she has the right to send her children there. Surely this mother doesn't believe that the zoo is a baby-sitting service!

As for the man who said it is the zookeeper's job to make visitors behave, I believe it is the parent's responsibility to teach their children to respect animals. The zookeepers' job is to care for the animals, not spend their time protecting them from unruly children who tease them and throw garbage onto their cages.

I congratulate the zoo on its decision. I only wish it had come in time to save Lucy, the Chimpanzee who died after swallowing a ball thrown at her by a thoughtless child.

I hope your readers understand the seriousness of this issue!

Yours truly,
Lisa Gordon

Editorial

What is An American?

What is an American? An American is someone who loves their country and the people in it, and believes in bettering their own lives as well as the lives of those around them. Does it really matter that these individuals may be of German or Chinese descent? No, not at all; their ethnic background has nothing to do with being American.

Immigrants are what help make America be America; by being a multicultural society standing united. In today's American society it is not uncommon for there to be families broken up by divorce or other domestic disturbances. However, immigrants seem to have stronger family values. For many immigrants, family comes first over everything. By immigrants coming to America with these types of beliefs and strong traditions it sets good examples for our western civilization.

One of the main arguments against immigration is based on economics. Opponents of immigration say that, "immigration is a threat to our economy." This statement is not accurate. Immigration increases purchasing thereby, increases demand for labor. Immigration not only takes jobs, but also creates them. For instance, a man comes to America from China. This man opens a small Chinese restaurant. Ten years latter this man owns twelve restaurants and employees three hundred Americans. Stories like that happen all the time, which help our economy.

Immigrants are what help America be America. They say that America is just a melting pot. This is what makes our country unique. We have many cultures, many Ideas, and traditions, but all of us have the same dream. That Dream is the American Dream.

