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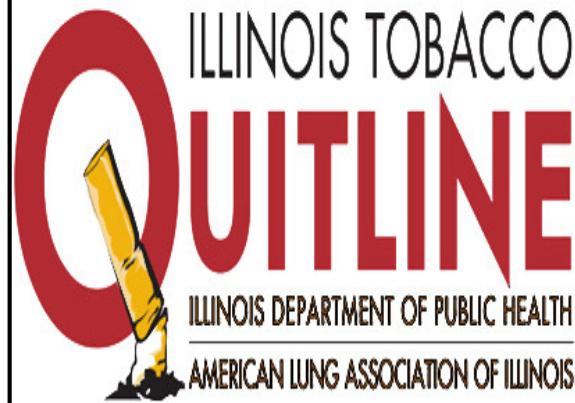
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Letters to the Editor



Our government and immigration

Last month we observed the independence of our nation. We became an independent nation because we did not want to pay undue taxes nor be governed by foreign rule. Now we pay taxes for pork barrel spending and are ruled by big business, lobbyist, and special interest groups. Also waiting in the wings is that country just south of us, Mexico.

Our ancestors' left many countries to become citizens of this nation (the melting pot), and they agreed and pledged to accept and obey all the rules and laws established by this nation. Now we are invaded by people that illegally enter this country, and they do not accept or obey our rules or laws? By just entering our country these illegal aliens are breaking the law? We should not be surprised when they continue to break the law and become hard core criminals, requiring much attention from our law enforcement agencies, and causing our prisons to become over crowded.

In our country's history those immigrants arriving from foreign countries to become citizens of this country, have been welcomed with open arms, and after having gone through proper orientation, they are given the right to pledge allegiance to our nation, and are sworn in as citizens. At the same time, integration with citizens from other nations was widely encouraged, as well as communication in one language (English).

Two groups of people; Latin Americans and Mexican Americans have continually wanted to remain segregated and persist in communicating in their native language only. If people from all nationalities in this country stayed within their own group and spoke only their own native language, it would be total confusion here. If you need an example of what could happen, just look at present day Russia, Iraq, and many other countries

throughout the world. The whole idea of a United States is the idea of a united people. One people, one loyalty, not divided.

The 2007 estimate of this nations population is 301,000,000. Of this total number it is estimated that 12,000,000 or more are illegal aliens? The 2000 Field Report of the U.S. Citizens & Immigration Service estimated that there were 6,900,000 illegal aliens in this country, of which 432,000 lived in the state of Illinois. That made Illinois the fourth highest state in illegal alien population behind California, New York, and Texas. So you can see the issue of illegal aliens should be very important to us. These illegal aliens have a direct effect on our state and national economy, health care, and our education system? They don't add anything to our economy, but they sure do tax our economy.

Why does President Calderon and the Mexican government encourage Mexican citizens to become illegal aliens and cross our borders? He does not want them to become American citizens, as a matter of fact it is widely known that he considers all Mexicans living in our country as Mexican citizens, and he expects them to keep full allegiance to Mexico.

He has no intention to try to discourage them from entering our country, because these people are the poorest people living in Mexico, and they would revolt against his government if he did so. These people send back millions of dollars to family members, and only the sale of oil has a bigger influence on the Mexican economy. Mexico got its independence from Spain in 1821, and in that 186 years they have never had a government that was successful in bringing the majority of its people out of poverty.

Recently the U. S. Senate failed to pass a new immi-
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Police News

Donald E. Underwood Jr., 22, of 827 E. Seminary was arrested after an incident at 6:13 p.m. Saturday in the 800 block of East Seminary. He was charged with residential burglary on a complaint from a 59-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Underwood took a computer and other items from his home.

Underwood was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

An unidentified seven-year-old boy was treated and released from Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital after a vehicle/bicycle accident.

Police said the boy was riding his bicycle southbound on Fifth St. crossing the intersection at East Washington when he was struck by a 1999 Buick driven by Nellie Ludwig, 90, of Hoopeston, who was eastbound.

The youngster was taken to the hospital by his father.

Ludwig was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

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gration bill that would have allowed amnesty to all illegal aliens in our country right now? The main reason this bill did not pass is because the American people flooded their representatives with phone calls, letters, and emails to let them know the majority of its citizens did not want to allow criminals to become citizens of this country. A lot of our legislators were surprised with this outcry. They don't seem to be turning out government leaders these days, like they used to, that understand what democracy is.

Isn't democracy supposed to be a government of the people, by the people, and for the people? President Abe Lincoln made specific reference to this in his Gettysburg Address, because the people had forgotten what is in the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution? Shouldn't the people you elect convey the feeling and wishes of the majority of their constituency, not big business and special interest groups that lobby them? Do you believe your elected officials are speaking for you?

How can 12,000,000 illegal aliens become more important and influence our leader than the 290,000,000 American citizens?

Briefly

Prayers, cards requested

Ben Taylor, 13, of Layton Utah, was seriously injured in a Zip Line accident on Saturday, Aug. 4. He fell off the Zip Line about 15 feet above the ground, going 30-35 m.p.h.

Ben is great nephew of Tom and Edye Bookwalter, grandson of Judy and Marvin Rethellford and great-grandson of Jessie Lynch.

Cards may be sent to him care of Primary Children's Medical Center, 100 N. Medical Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84113-1100.

New Books at the Library

Fiction

Little Rat Makes Music by Monika Bang-Campbell
The Berenstain Bears and the Spelling Bee by Stan Berenstain
Arthur's Classroom Fib by Marc Brown
Dogku by Andrew Clements

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 88. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 66. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 93, low 68.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Lake City, Utah 84113-1100.

Email may be sent to https://intermountainhealthcare.org/xp/secure/forms/pcmc_emailpat/

Home Run Derby

A Homerun Derby will be held Saturday, Aug. 18 at Vermilion Fields, Hoopeston. The event is a fundraiser for a new concessions stand for the field.

The derby is open to ages six to adult. Entry fee is \$5 per person. Sign-in will be held from 8-9 a.m.

For more information or to pre-register, send name, age and birthday to rika-rew@yahoo.com

Meetings

- Grant Township Board of Trustees, 4 p.m. Tuesday, township office
- Hoopeston Area School Board, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, high school library.

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