

Editorial on immigration didn't address real concern

To the Editor:
Your editorial of April 6 (Fear of immigration really fear of unknown) did not address the real concern: illegal immigration vs. legal immigration. Webster's Dictionary defines the word "illegal" to mean "not lawful; against the law or against the rules."
If any immigrants cross our borders legally, they should be welcomed and invited to take part in any legal activities of our country.
Three million illegal immigrants crossing our southern border alone is too many, as this puts too much pressure on the taxpayers. Cheap labor for the benefit of the rich and greedy is way too much, in my belief.
With wide-open borders, we are inviting anyone and everyone into our country, including terrorists. I would have to admit that a terrorist attack on northwest Kansas would be very unlikely. What would they

hit, a jackrabbit or a rattlesnake?
I don't know why you mention outsourcing and importing and still have jobs that go begging. Are you contending that American people are lazy and afraid of getting their lily-white hands dirty? I don't believe that is true. I think it would be a matter of making a decent wage in order to make a living. Slave labor was ended many years ago.
I think that our country is being run by low-life, blood-sucking lobbyists who are corrupting the politicians in Washington and getting rich while doing so.
It seems as though all the politicians worry about is getting re-elected and getting their pockets stuffed. This is both sides of the fence, Democrats as well as Republicans.
I fully believe that it is way past time for the American people to stand up and say, "Enough!" The politicians are supposed to represent

the people, not themselves. They need to get busy and do their jobs.
Are "we the people" so blind and ignorant as to not see what is going on? There are several people out there trying to warn us of these issues that are facing the American people. One of these people is Lou Dobbs on CNN.
Many of these issues will not affect me much, as they will be covering me with dirt before the full effect hits. I do have children and grandchildren who will have to suffer the consequences. Washington is going so far backwards that it is unrealistic.
It seems as though good old American greed is running our country, a very dangerous course to be on.
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Letters to the Editor

Reader remembers lodge and appreciates story

To the Editor:
I'm the Skubal family historian and a life-long ZCBJ member, so I read your article on the old ZCBJ lodge in Jennings with great interest. The article contains some great historical information, and brings back fond memories of dinners and dances I attended with my grandparents at the old hall.
A couple of observations: The "Western Bohemian Fraternal Association" was originally founded in 1897 for the descendants of Bohemians. The Czechoslovak Republic wasn't founded until 1919, and included Bohemia, Moravia, Silesia, Slovakia, and Ruthenia — a union that was not popular with Bohemian-Americans. And it happened long after the early lodge members and/or their parents had left Bohemia (the Skubals left in 1867, Vaclav Flaska about 1882, the Petraskes in 1874, and the Petraceks

in 1879). Wilhelm Heilman, his wife Kate and son William F. were Prussian.
I'm curious about the fifty-year ZCBJ lodge members listed as honorees in 1980. Many of the people listed died before 1980. My grandmother Sophia was living and a 60-year member (the Skubals joined in 1919) as well as Anna Petracek, and great-uncle Julius Petracek didn't die until August 1980. But great-aunt Nettie died in 1973, my grandfather Vencil in 1977, cousin Joseph Petracek in 1976, Emil Petracek in 1975, and cousin Oliva Petracek in 1978.
Your article provides great in-

sight into the founding of the Jennings ZCBJ lodge, and the cooperative and fun-loving spirit of my relatives. Many of the families mentioned have lived in the area since the 1870s, and it's wonderful to see such a nice tribute to our Bohemian ancestry.
Pat Demaree
Antelope, Calif.
Editor's note: All of the information for the story was taken from newspaper articles and other information in scrapbooks of the ZCBJ Lodge. It would appear that those mentioned who were recognized at the 50th anniversary were honored in 1955, not 1980 as stated.

Oberlin resident questions paper's story and photo policy

To the Editor:
It seems every 30 years or so, I write a letter to our newspaper.
My last installment was about a lucrative money-making idea that I gave to the city. Someone dropped the ball on that deal....
The topic this time around is, well, actually two topics.
My first observation concerns the story last week on the Jennings school closing in 2006.
I was reading along about how the school had 79 students in the 2002-2003 school year, then it dropped to 61 students in 2003-2004, reflecting a downsizing of other schools in the area. Oh, don't forget that the custodian molested a student in 2003-2004.
Whoa! Back up a little. Did I miss something? What did that have to do with the school closing? I mean, that was news when it happened, but what did that have to do with the story?
If it was included in this story be-


cause it happened at the Jennings School, then why wasn't the 1962-1963 football team in the story? They went 8-0 and were league champs under Milt Tenoper. Wasn't that just as newsworthy? It happened at the school, didn't it?
Did I miss something, or is it just me?
Second, I was over at a friend's house last week reading a newspaper from a town about 30 miles to our north.
Looking at the sports page, imagine my surprise to find not one, not two, but three pictures of women's softball teams, with all of their members in the picture. I was shocked. I mean, hasn't anyone told this upstart rag that proper newspaper policy is to not take team pictures? What are they trying to do, create community spirit or some other satanic idea or thought? How dare they.
Someone should form a committee to notify this newspaper. Continuing to print team photos and the

like could jeopardize their future in the newspaper business. After all, they've only been around since 1911.
Or is it just me?
Dwight Stateham
Oberlin
Drivers waste gas at stoplight
To the Editor:
I have conducted my own very accurate survey and subjected the results to a correct scientific analysis.
Every year, Oberlin motorists waste \$9 million in gasoline while waiting for a redundant stoplight to change.
Arthur Shelton
Oberlin

Director deserves thanks

To the Editor:
Thank you, Neal Russell, for your leadership and devotion of so much time and effort in organizing an area concert band.
It is not surprising that there was good support from both the elementary and high school instrumental instructors. Encouraging adults to join the group has caused a number of people to clean the cobwebs off their horns, etc., and enjoy the participation.
The concert last week was definitely a crowd pleaser.
Rachel Wurm
Oberlin

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