

Take any education

Editor, the Caller:

Olivia Nieto (Letters, Sept. 3) is stumbling over her own assumptions since I do not assume nor do I think that any parent is capable of educating their children at home. This, we all know, takes a trained person and with few exceptions they cannot properly educate children that do not have some help from their home. Since I am not of the gracious type brain-washed Anglo, as Olivia Nieto stated, my charitable feelings are for ones that fall under the category of the needy that are mentally and physically ill and are unable to care for themselves and the aged.

Years ago I heard the knocking and when I opened the door I discovered a school. It was not the newest, prettiest and it was far from being in the best area in the city. But it taught the same reading, writing and arithmetic as the ones with beautiful structures and landscaped grounds. I accepted the education it offered me as my children have done since then, with pride. And I still contend that anyone that takes residence in the United States, citizen or not, should be forced to learn the English language. It happens to be our native language and is fast becoming an international language. Therefore, it stands to reason that if the parents of the minority groups would learn the English language and "speak it in their homes," it would pave the way for a better education for their children. Don't tell me that is an impossibility because of lack of education on the parents part for they learned to speak "Tex Mex" didn't they?

I would like to commend Juan Martinez (Letters, Sept. 7) for his beautiful letter. I would be proud to have a person of his thinking become a citizen of the United States and I hope all the Bonillas, Garcias, Browns and Nietos read his letter. Perhaps, just perhaps, they might see that it is better to disrupt the habits of the minority groups to fit the school system than to disrupt the whole Texas school system to fit the habits of the minority groups.

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