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Regarding "**Immigration**: Gingrich forgets his own lessons about civil rights": I wonder whether columnist Jay Bookman has stopped to consider that **illegal** immigrants have broken the law and violated the sovereign borders of the United States. They had a choice to enter legally or illegally, and these people willfully chose to break our laws. They are criminals who do not deserve the same benefits enjoyed by immigrants who chose to enter legally. This is the point that Newt Gingrich is trying to make.

The reward of hard work

DAN PIERCE, Alpharetta

In his column "Doing something, being someone," Leonard Pitts advanced the tired argument that any response other than tears of sympathy for jobless people in this oppressive and terrible society makes you a monster ---and Pitts a saint, I suppose. He said we cannot call people lazy just because they get up in the morning, meet their jobless friends and do nothing all day long. What, then, is laziness?

His main point centered on the feeling one gets earning a living from having built a solid reputation doing something one likes to do. This is a very difficult thing to achieve even by those of us who work hard every day. It is a reward, not a right.

Apply **immigration** laws

DAVID B. PRISER, Fayetteville

Perhaps Jay Bookman and others do not realize that the poor immigrants' children he is worried about are **illegal** immigrants. Not only should they not be allowed to use our limited school resources, but they also should be deported, with their families, to their country of origin, as provided by law.

I admire their determination to better themselves, and applaud their choice of the United States as a worthy destination. However, they are **illegal** immigrants and are breaking the law. Our efforts should not be to attempt to integrate them into our society, but to return them to their own so they can properly apply to be here.

Either we have rule of law or we do not.

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Bush saved lives in war

ROBERT BROWN, Peachtree City

The writer of the **letter** "Bush's Gulf blunder" has a poor understanding of recent history. President George Bush did a magnificent job gaining a U.N. mandate and congressional support (with much opposition from the liberal side) to reverse Iraqi aggression against Kuwait. He then put together an unprecedented military coalition of Arab and Western countries to force out Saddam Hussein's forces when sanctions did not work. Although the overthrow of Saddam would have been a desirable outcome, the coalition had no mandate to go into Baghdad and forcibly remove him.

The writer blamed lives lost since the Persian Gulf War on Bush. The blame lies with Saddam. Blaming Bush is akin to blaming a policeman for the actions of a murderer. The number of American lives lost since the Gulf War is small compared with the potential losses we would have incurred had we forced the Republican Guard into fighting.

Put the blame where it belongs ---not on a president who did a superb job under the circumstances.

Free to read

LOREEN NIEWENHUIS, Atlanta

When a reader, referring to the Ponce de Leon public library, wrote in "Arenas get more respect than libraries do" that she would "be glad to pay for a library card in order to have a clean library, free of bums, where my grandchildren could browse through the books," she was being elitist. I am glad that I can take my kids to a library that allows all segments of society free access to information.

I often go to that branch with my kids, and the gentlemen from the shelters on Ponce have never interfered with our enjoyment of the library. The writer should consider one of the fine bookstores or coffee houses in Atlanta where you can pay to enjoy the books.

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