

Do you know these faces?

1. Japan's Emperor Hirohito, who is 86 years old, is the world's longest reigning monarch. He has been ruling Japan since 1926.
2. Jennifer Graham, the 15-year-old from Victorville, California, protested her school's rule that she must dissect a frog. School officials decided she can stay in the class, but her grades will show she didn't complete all the work.
3. Bozo the Clown, or Larry Harman, will be holding auditions this summer for a new Bozo.
4. John Griesemer, chairman of the Postal Board of Governors, who gave the U.S. Postal Service permission to raise the price of a first-class stamp to 25 cents next year.
5. Actress Michelle Phillips demonstrated against Lazer Tag and other war toys.



United States welcomes residents

The next time you go looking for a job, you may need your birth certificate — not to prove your age but to prove you are a U.S. citizen.

Because of new rules created by the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, all U.S. workers must prove their citizenship to their employers. They can do this with a birth certificate, U.S. passport or other citizenship papers.

Immigrants are people from a foreign country who have come to live and work in the United States. The new rules are trying to stop people from coming to the United States illegally. They also will help the immigrants who are already here to become citizens.

Illegal immigrants, sometimes called illegals, who can prove they have lived and worked in the United States since before January 1, 1982, have been offered amnesty. That means the U.S. government will ignore the fact that they lived and worked in this country illegally and allow them to become legal residents. If they do not come forward, they will not be able to find a new job anywhere in the United States. Companies who hire illegal aliens will have to pay heavy fines — up to \$2,000 — for every illegal they hire.

Two days after the rules went into effect, more than 60,000 amnesty applications went out. Over 550 people applied for residency on the first day.



Candelaria Lopez of Los Angeles, CA, shows her new identity card.

Some illegal immigrants welcome the chance to become U.S. citizens, but many are worried. They may not be able to prove they have lived here for six years. Because they have been in hiding, they avoided tax forms, rent receipts and pay slips which would prove they had lived in the United States. Now it may be difficult for them to come up with proof of their years spent here.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates between three and five million illegal aliens live in the United States. The new law should help about half of them become legal residents.

AT ISSUE

Do you think you are in good shape?



Kevin Ribary, 12
North Bend, WA

Yes, I am. I always ride my bicycle, and at school we do exercises in P.E. Plus, I have weights at home and spend about half an hour every night lifting weights. I want to build up my muscles so I can do better freestyle tricks on my bike. I ride about three hours every day, except when it rains. I don't really like any other sports. I just ride my bike. I don't want to get fat. My dad wants me to walk and ride my bike so I stay slim. My parents make sure I eat good foods.



Courtney Shaw, 11
Kenilworth, IL

I think fitness is important because you have to get in shape. You look better and you can fit into good clothes. You also look better in bathing suits. I play a lot of tennis and do a lot of sports so I think I'm in decent shape. I also run. I don't like to run, but I do it to stay healthy. I think my parents are in good shape because they play a lot of sports, too. Exercise is more important than diet to me. If you go on a diet, there's no point in it unless you exercise, too. You need to do both.



Erin Oliver, 9
Portland, OR

Yes, I think I am in good shape. There are some kids who are in better shape than me. I take swimming lessons, but during the winter I get out of shape because I can't go outside and play. Playing some games keeps you in shape, like tag and kickball. It feels good to be in shape because when you are not, you can pull muscles. My parents want me to be in shape. That's why I'm in swimming. My parents are in good shape — my mom swims and my dad runs and hikes.



Paul Albright Jr., 14
Martinez, CA

Yeah, I'm in good shape because I play a lot of sports, like baseball, basketball and football. When I work out, I usually jog between two and three miles. I think it's important to be in shape because I feel better and act better toward friends. And my friends are in shape for the same reasons. I'm not as conscious of eating good foods as I am of working out. My parents are somewhat in good shape, but I don't know if they're in shape for their age. I spend hours working out.



Danny Hassard, 12
North Bend, WA

Yes, I want to stay in good shape because you are healthier and live longer. I stay in shape by freestyle bike riding, lifting weights and jogging three miles every day. When I exercise, I take it seriously and want to have a good workout. I play football every year. I used to play baseball and soccer. I ride my bike for more than an hour every day. I get a lot of bruises trying the tricks and get frustrated, but I keep trying. Fitness is important to my parents, too. They are fit.