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'FEED YOUR CHILDREN WELL'

It's up to individuals to control what goes in their mouth and whether to go outside for a walk. No one else can do it for you.

DEBORAH DINZES, SEATTLE, WASH.

As a former fat person, I am not surprised that many fat kids are stigmatized and suffer from low self-esteem. The same is probably true of many gay kids. In both cases, low self-esteem arises from the stigma itself. Want to raise fat kids' self-esteem? Stop dumping on them. Stop pressuring them to reform themselves.

FELICIA NIMUE ACKERMANE, PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Michelle Obama is correct when she says that kids don't make themselves obese. We would suggest that most families don't either. The scourge of childhood obesity falls disproportionately on children in poverty, who often live in neighborhoods lacking full-service supermarkets and safe recreational opportunities. Let's hold families responsible for making the right choices to keep their kids healthy by giving them the means to do so.

ELIZABETH CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

'VOICE OF THE MIDDLE CLASS'

Elizabeth Warren has the courage to speak out and try to change things for the better. The sad part is there isn't an argument against what she's trying to accomplish. Why not put terms and conditions in plain English? Why not have overdraft

warnings? Makes too much sense, so it does not stand a chance.

JOSEPH YANICAK, CHARLOTTE, N.C.

'ICEBERG AHEAD'

"Iceberg Ahead" (March 1) focuses inordinately on my "hockey stick" work reconstructing temperature changes in past centuries, as if it were the primary pillar for climate change. While the attention is flattering, the article is misleading. Paleoclimate data provide just one line of evidence for the reality of human-caused climate change. Moreover, the National Academy of Sciences and numerous studies affirm our decade-old original conclusion that modern warming is anomalous in a long-term, millennial context. The most recent report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change affirmed and strengthened our conclusion.

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'THE WORLD'S MOST SUCCESSFUL FAILURE'

In your recent profile of deCODE genetics (Feb. 22), you state that a national medical-records database that we were licensed to put together in Iceland a decade ago was "ruled unconstitutional." This is incorrect. Although the project has never been realized, the legislation enabling it still stands. In the intervening years, we have assembled formidable collections

of genetic as well as medical data contributed by hundreds of thousands of participants in our research. But the ability to assemble longitudinal, population-based medical information would undoubtedly be a unique and powerful resource.

EDWARD FARMER, VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, DECODE GENETICS, REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

CORRECTION In "Learning to Love Lindsey" (March 15), we reported that Lindsey Graham had been censured by the South Carolina Republican Party. In fact, he was censured by two congressional GOP organizations in South Carolina. NEWSWEEK regrets the error.

YOUR THOUGHTS ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY

IN SIX WORDS

Ominous harbinger of things to come.
LAURIE ESPINOSA, LA CRESCENTA, LA

Quit feeding your kids fast food.
STEVE NIXON, CINCINNATI, OH

Let them go outside and play!
ALLEN LEHMAN, ODESSA, MO

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