



# *Today's News*

## **Education**

Among things President Obama discussed in his State of the Union address was our educational system and how it is lagging behind some other nations. The question is: How can the greatest nation on the face of the earth become so complacent when it comes to our children's education?

Could it be that one of the problems is the home and absence of father and mother in their rightful role of backing their children up by insisting on their attendance, study, striving for excellence in grades, etc.? Did the parents model this by going to college to have the advantages not given to high school dropouts?

This is not to say that those without a formal education could not succeed, for many famous individuals excelled due to their natural abilities and intellect, such as Einstein, Abe Lincoln and others who through hard work and tenacity rose to the top.

In these days of mass communication and modern technology, education to excel in these fields requires a degree in their special field. That is the way of now and the future. We need to get behind our children and grandchildren to encourage them to reach their full potential in education and life.