

“I won’t eat animals,” little girl tells her mother. Zada’s mind is made up.

PATRICE GREANVILLE—The American experience with slavery is a harsh reminder that no matter how awful a custom may be, whether political, religious or economic (always a reflection of the political and vice versa), or one whose origins are lost in the mist of history, it takes a great deal of effort and pain to eliminate it. Humans are animals of habit. And often the problem is deeply embedded in the culture because a strong or dominant segment benefits directly from it.