

Viewpoint

For what it's worth...

By: Elicha Insko

Why all the mischief?

I am appalled at the way people act these days. Why do people do the things they do?

On Friday evening I was away from my home, with my only main worries being the coming of Santa Claus. Little did I know upon arriving back home I found that Santa hadn't been there to leave me a present but someone had broken into my home.

I walked in and saw that someone had been in my home and had entered through the window. Most usually you would think that if you take a chance in breaking into someone's home you would at least take something and make it worthwhile.

Apparently, I didn't have anything that interested any one. Other than eating my food and just trashing the place no items have been missed, yet.

This type of person that if I knew someone was cold or hungry I would offer anything I have.

I'm not sure who or why someone does this to me but I will get to the bottom of this incident. I am tired of people in this town being allowed to run around and do what ever it is they please. The funny part is that I live around several people and the city police patrol the area at all times.

I did call the police and had a report done. Finger prints were taken and much to my dismay the city police do not own a camera to take pictures. I will have to say that the officer that assisted me did the best job he could with what he had and that I am grateful.

It would be nice if I could get a police department started around here.

Imagine the dollars spent in gas money for the cruisers that patrol through Nicholas Square at least 50 times a day, but no money being spent on a camera.

Carlisle is very small and I'm sure I know the person who does this. I am also sure that if we wait long enough someone will talk. I would like it to be stated that I will press charges to the fullest extent of the law — no matter who it may be.

It is very disturbing when you sit here and type the court news and the same people appear over and over every week. This, in my opinion, is the very reason why things like my apartment and the drug

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Professional athletes overpaid

Head of the Holler



Guest Columnist

A quarter of a billion dollars for 10 years of a shortstop's services seems, to me, just a little bit of blatant excess.

Of course, my shortstop does indeed decades ago, way back before the obsolescence of professional athletes' current salaries.

The contract signed by the Texas Rangers with 25 year old Alex Rodriguez is just the same dollar amount George W. Bush got when he sold the entire team a few years back.

It's a bit more than George W. will get for his four years as president.

But, to be honest, Bush does not seem to have much of an arm, and he probably can't hit the hard slider.

And the people who pay to see the US president don't buy their tickets openly. They make contributions, usually much larger than even the price of admission to a sporting event, and they expect more in return than an evening's entertainment.

I always remember, during the annual free agent madness, what Charles Barkley said a few years ago when a 20 year old seven footer pulled down a contract for \$20 million or so. "Wonder how much they'd pay him," mused Sir Charles. "If he could play basketball!"

He must have been paid a Johnny Bench got paid? Joe Morgan? Pete Rose?

Or, the heavens to dollars, Willie Mays?

As shortstops go, how much would they pay Pee Wee Reese?

These days, compensation seems unrelated to

help fund the salaries of two or three pitchers so well have a chance to win games.

Michael Jordan is still the only superior athlete who was worth for more than he was paid, as evidenced by all those championships and the fact that Nike still pays Mike \$1 million a year just to put his name on their over-priced shoes.

Tiger Woods carries his millions by being the best, maybe the best that ever was, and he deserves every penny.

The rest?

Joe Smith? A loser who averages 10 points a game can earn \$10 or \$12 million in the NBA. Correct that: A loser who averages 10 points a

game can get paid that much.

He does not, by any measurement, earn it.

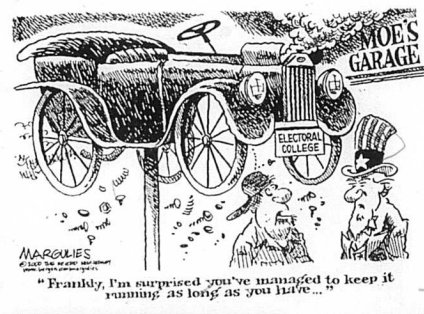
And I'm really not picking on the real Joe Smith, though he does pretty well fit the description, but he's also cursed with the most generic of names.

I do not, for one second, blame the young jocks for taking all they can get.

I do it too.

What I won't do, though, is pay admission or extra TV charges to watch the young millionaires play.

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Saltwell News

By: Mrs. Jeff Mattox

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady were among the large crowd who enjoyed Christmas supper and exchanging gifts at the Brady family get together at the home of Fred and Maxine Whitson in Cynthiana on Saturday night.

Also Phyllis and Bobby Brady enjoyed Christmas gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyle and their entire family for supper and gift exchanging on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyle and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady enjoyed their big family Christmas dinner held at the Southside School, Cynthiana, on Christmas Day. Phyllis gave the devotional and David Keith Doyle gave the blessing. A very large crowd enjoyed the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holler entertained with a Christmas dinner on Monday for the following family members: Mr. and Mrs. Bill George, Mr. and Mrs. Skell, and Mrs. Samantha, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Holler, Layne Holler, Lois Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Allison and John Lee, and Chris Holler.

In the Military

Jason A. McCray

Air Force Airman Jason A. McCray has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

McCray is the son of Tom and Arlene McCray, 200 Rural Route 2, Ewing, Kentucky.

The airman is a 2000 graduate of Fleming County High School, Flemingsburg, Kentucky.

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Abundant Life has New year's services

Reverend Carter will be at Abundant Life Worship Center on December 31, 2000 for two great New Year's Eve services. The morning service will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the evening Watch Night service will begin at 7:00 p.m. and continue until after midnight. In addition to the ministry of the Carvers, there will be Communion, a Candle Light service and refreshments during the evening.

Pastor Dennis Peace states, "We are really looking forward to these services with the New Year's Eve services. We just concluded a month long revival with Don Payton Ministries. Our church is still hungry for more of the presence of God."

For more information about these New Year's Eve services or the church, contact Pastor Dennis Peace at 887-2573.

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buckets by Josh Shroat and Blake Ingram just 50 seconds into the third quarter.

Nicholas County senior Jay Grant connected at 6:07 on a jumper out of the paint to put his club up by two. Seconds later a double-fool was whistled, and then another, forcing the officials to call the halt in action. After the no more if instructions from the guys in black-and-white, the Jackets romped.

From inside, from outside, off fast breaks and courtesy of Menifee County turnovers, Nicholas County poured in the points and was up 22-35 at the end of the third quarter. The Jacket defense held the Cats scoreless for the final 6:30 of the period.

"I thought we responded a lot better to that than they did," Nicholas County Head Coach Bobby Storie said of the officials' tongue-lashing. "I got us a little mad at ourselves because we had been a little lethargic - when we set it up and make a few passes we do all right. When we run good offense and play together we can win games."

Menifee County whittled the Jackets' lead down to eight points (on a three-pointer and a steal-in by senior John Lawson) at 2:03 to give the game.

But following a timeout by Storie, Grant got a friendly rind and senior Forrest Hunt scored the old-fashioned three-point play (basket and free throw) to stretch it back out to 13.

Nicholas County's B.J. Tischer and Leslie Eastwyne combined for four from the stripe in the game's final seconds to give it the final, 73-57.

"We didn't play too well mentally," Hunt said. "We got too lackadaisical and let them back into the game."

Hunt led all scoring with an 8-for-10 shooting performance and 22 points. Seth Saunders added a season-best 15. Tischer and Josh Fryman each had nine.

Grant was back into a Nicholas County uniform for the first time this season breaking his shooting hand in preseason practice. He misfired early but came up with eight points and a night-best six assists.

"I'm really just getting used to the taping job," Grant said lifting his still sore hand. "I've got to get my forearm strength back."

"I missed some shots back."

The Nicholas County Education Program classes are held on Monday and Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Community Action Center.

To enroll in classes in Nicholas County, please call 859-289-7172.

Do you want to change your life?

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