

For what it's worth...

By Erika Insko

Do away with it completely...

I believe that in the past I have written on the little league situation and all the ignorance that goes along with it. I really don't have a part in it and I don't go to many of the ball games. I have been questioned numerous times on an incident that has just happened this week with the little league program. I'm really not the little league program thinking that I am a part of that program as corrupt as it has turned out to be. Some of the parents don't help out any, they act awful. I definitely don't belong in the same category as these people. Maybe I should say children, since that's how they act. Believe it or not, the children that participate in this program tend to act more like adults than the adults.

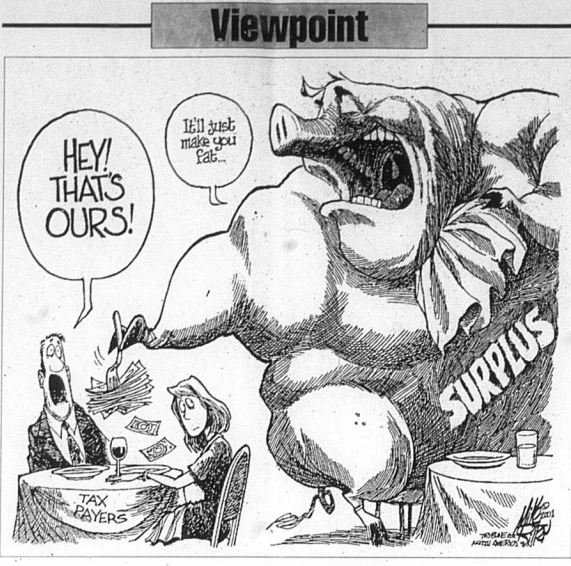
I have said it before and will say it again, the little league program is about learning and having fun.

Unfortunately for the children, the parents know exactly how to take the fun out of it. It's a shame I don't have a part in on the little league because I sure would set a lot of people straight. The parents are carrying on an ignorant that the children are getting punished for it. That is one reason why I have chosen not to print too much in the paper on the little league; someone would be dissatisfied and nothing would be done right.

Every day I am at the school doing something, and every day I see the peer pressure that goes on and the children making fun of each other. There is enough conflict going on between these children as it is, I don't understand why parents want to add fuel to the fire.

The best thing that could be done with the whole program is to do away with it. Sad for the children, once again, they would be punished. So why not do away with the competition every year at the end of the season?

So my final two cents... Things better change before my son ever competes in the program or I'll just take him to the boys club in Mayville and not deal with all the ignorance.



Letter to the Editor

### Presidential election finally settled.....

Dear Editor: The manner in which the Presidential election was finally settled, and the vocal calls in some quarters to abolish the Electoral College is a manifestation that practically all who are part of this period have been mis-educated about the proper form of our government. There are deeper issues involved, and tampering with the procedures laid down in the Constitution always places our Republic (and our freedom) in jeopardy. Why do we defend the Electoral College, and what does it have to do with American Freedom? America's founders established a Republic, a government not run directly by the whole body of the people, although the people, quite providentially, approve of the new government. Records of the 1787 Convention tell us a great deal about the founders' determination to restrain the chief executive from expanding his power in demagogic fashion by appealing directly to the whims and passions of the masses. If he were elected by direct popular vote, and the framers feared he would likely overstep his authority and increase his power by persuasions and promises aimed at the lowest level of society. Throughout history, this has been the customary pattern of democracies and the most cunning route to dictatorship.

### A fair weather friend

The late Dale Carnegie, founder of the internationally famous course on public speaking and human relations, once said, "You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you." It has often been said that we all need friends, and I personally know this is true. While some people are loners and may not have any friends at all, to my way of thinking, they are missing one of the greatest blessings in life. We all need friends and perhaps even more importantly, friends need us. Now here is an important question you may wish to consider: Do you have even one really true friend? That is, one who really needs your help, someone you can count on and someone you know for certain that would not let you down? I have several friends that I believe I can count on, however, until they are put to the test, I won't really know for sure, will I? It has been my experience over the past several years that when I've been down and needed help, I've had a lot of people who I thought were my friends, desert me. On the other hand, I've had people who I don't know were my friends, right there when I needed them most. Have you also found this to be true in your life? A conversation I had some time back is what brought these thoughts to mind. One day while having lunch with my wife at the Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock, I met a lady by the name of Mildred Ward. Somehow we got to talking about friends and Mildred told me about a woman she knows who complained to her about not having any friends, and she went on to tell me this was true. One morning about two a.m., this woman's telephone rang and on the other end of the line was an elderly lady who had fallen in her home and couldn't get up. So, she called her friend (at least someone she thought was her friend), and asked her to come to her home and help her. Now, do you think she went?

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### Local student has role in American Classic at Centre College

David Flora of Carlisle is in the cast of Centre College's winter production, The Glass Menagerie. Flora plays the role of Jim O'Connor. It will be performed on February 7-10 in Weisiger Theatre. Written by one of America's best known playwrights, Tennessee Williams, The Glass Menagerie, tells the story of the Wingfield Family in 1930's St. Louis. This semi-autobiographical tale revolves around the family's struggle to escape the past, the oppressive present, and the uncertain future. It opened on Broadway in 1945 to critical acclaim. Guest artist Paul LaRiss from New York City is directing the Drama Centre of SUNY New Paltz and has directed plays for the national tour for Broadway

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- Elementary School Breakfast: Monday, February 12 - scrambled eggs, cinnamon toast, cereal, jelly, juice, milk; Tuesday, February 13 - breakfast pizza, toast, cereal, jelly, juice, milk; Wednesday, February 14 - sausage/biscuit, cereal/biscuit, jelly, juice, milk; Thursday, February 15 - bacon/cheese biscuit, cereal, toast, milk; Friday, February 16 - no school
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- Lunch: Monday, February 12 - hot dogs on bun, french fries, pork-n-beans, peanut butter bars, pears, milk; Tuesday, February 13 - ham roast, green beans, mashed potatoes, slice bread, applesauce, milk; Wednesday, February 14 - pizza, tossed salad, corn, pears, sweetheat cake, milk; Thursday, February 15 - sloppy joe on bun, french fries, tossed salad, jello cup, fruit, milk; Friday, February 16 - no school
- Lunch: Monday, February 12 - vegetable soup, grilled cheese, pickle spears, fruit, milk, tea, lemonade; Tuesday, February 13 - mini corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, peas, fruit, milk, tea, lemonade; Wednesday, February 14 - chicken patty on bun, cheesy potatoes, green beans, fruit, birthday cake, milk, tea, lemonade; Thursday, February 15 - pizza, corn, tossed salad, fruit, milk, tea, lemonade; Friday, February 16 - no school

### Local student named to 'B' Honor Roll at Georgetown College

Christopher Lindley Kelley of Carlisle, Kentucky has been named to the "B" Honor Roll at Georgetown College for the 2000 - 2001 semester. announced Provost/Dean of the College, Dr. William Pollard. Students named to the "B" Honor Roll must earn 12 semester hours and have a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.74. Located 12 miles from Lexington, Kentucky, in the heart of the Bluegrass, Georgetown College is a four-year, private liberal arts institution affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The college has been named by U.S. News and World Reports as one of the top 159 national liberal arts colleges and was recently named one of America's 100 Best College Buys. Founded in 1787, the

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Well, the answer is 'no'. It was too far. At least that's what she told her. When this woman complained to Mildred about not having any friends, Mildred said, "I told her to her face, the reason you don't have any friends is because you don't know how to be a friend. You are a 'fair weather' friend." When you stop and think about it, this is so true. Most of us can be a friend as long as the sun is shining and it doesn't cost us anything, but when friendship begins to cost us something, it has a way of setting the record straight. At this point the truth is revealed and we are either a true friend or a fair weather friend. With this thought in mind it might be well to share an old German Proverb that says: "There are three kinds of friends: those who love you, those who hate you and those who care nothing about you." A few days ago I received a phone call from a lady who was not even a close friend, and she said, "Bill and I have had an accident, can you come get us?" She then told me where they were. Myie I was motivated because I had just written this column, but at this point I don't care any questions, but said, "I will be there as quickly as I can get there." The point I'm trying to make is simply this: if we want to have some true friends, we must be there when someone who calls us "friend" really and truly needs us.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conroy, AR 72032. Never bear more than one trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds-all they have had, all they have now, and all they expect to have. -Edward Everett Hale

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