

For what it's worth...

By: Erika Insko

icy parking lots not only problem

This weekend brought us a lot of cold weather, snow and ice. Myself, I don't particularly like the snow when it comes to getting out and...

Unfortunately, the paper calls me to get out and get pictures during a snow day. So at one point during this weekend my son and I had to get out and see how people in the county were dealing with all the weather.

I read several times to get out Saturday but since the parking lot at the apartment complex is never cleaned during a snow weekend it took me until 4:30 that afternoon before I even got my car out. I have kept an eye out all weekend and not once did I see someone trying to clean up the lot other than the people who live up there showing the sidewalks just to get to the mailbox and their apartments.

I have lived at Nicholas Square for about two years and the city has never kept the parking lot up and I believe I have asked before and was told that it is not in the city's duties to maintain the parking lot, so the problem doesn't lie with me.

The problem is the people that own this complex do not live around here and they don't see how the apartments and the grounds are being maintained. They also tell me that there needs to be at least four inches to have the lot cleared.

I know that these apartments are income based and some people live there for a little of nothing. That is no excuse, for in the summer time I can't even allow my son to play outside for the grass is so tall in just minutes he is cut up by bugs.

At some point last summer I saw people mowing their own yards. I didn't because it is not in my lease that I have to keep up the grounds. There are a select few up there that have to pay high dollar for these apartments and in return they get tall grass, windows that...

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Viewpoint



Letter to the Editor

God should not be credited for election

Dear Editor: It seems to me that I hear there are actually people who credit Bush's victory to God, people who truly believe Bush's campaign was designated by God.

You've got to be kidding. I want a particular candidate in office, he should win by a landslide, not by losing the popular vote by hundreds of thousands of votes. If I was

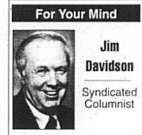
Bush, and God was my campaign manager, I'd fire him. I certainly wouldn't use him in my re-election bid, if this was the best he could do. If God determines that I becomes president, then I

guess God must love Bill Clinton. He elected him twice. James L. Hartley 1223 Clay Street Henderson, KY

A few dollars and a dream

When our forefathers were establishing this nation, they never intended we should all be equal. Rather, their goal was for every individual to have equal opportunity. This simple philosophy or concept has produced more "rags to riches" success stories than any other economic system in the history of the world. If we don't see opportunity all around us, in most cases it's not because it is not there; it's because we cannot see it. Do you have any idea what it takes to get ahead financially in this country? Well, I can answer this question in just six words: a few dollars and a dream.

There is a story behind these six words that has given them a very special meaning and I believe it will also give you something worthwhile to think about. When the United States of America was celebrating the 100th birthday of the Statue of Liberty, the true life stories came to light about people who had come to the Statue with little money and then the shirts on their backs, but over the years they had become highly successful. The story I mentioned is



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strength and courage and before many years had passed, he had saved enough money to go into business for himself. Today, if you go to the Terminal Building in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, you will find Casey Rowe and his family hard at work in the produce business — at 4 a.m., and the whole family have returned home broke and discouraged, while others stay but have to struggle to survive.

It's easy for the casual observer to say, "Oh, these people are hard workers" or "They had money to begin with" or "They inherited the business." For people who have never achieved financial success, they either don't want it or haven't been willing to pay the price for it. The saddest part of all is that there are millions of people who have opportunity all around them, but have never been able to see it or develop a sufficient belief in themselves to go after it.

The fact that Casey Rowe came from another country may have been an asset, because life where he came from may have been harder than it is here. On the other hand, we know of thousands of people who came from other countries who don't achieve financial success. Many of these people have returned home broke and discouraged, while others stay but have to struggle to survive.

The message of Casey Rowe's story is simple. If you want to achieve greater financial success, all you need is a few dollars and a dream, and then be willing to work hard for the next ten to twenty years to make your dream come true. As Elbert Hubbard once said, "Success is the realization of the estimate which you place upon yourself."

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Agriculture Stockyard Report

Federal-State Market News Monday, January 15 Farmers Markets Flemingsburg

Cattle Receipts: 484: Total receipts for the week: 1055: (Compared to last week) Slaughter cows and bulls 2.0-3.0 lower, feeder steers and heifers steady. Slaughter Cows Breakers- 80-85 1070-1400 lbs. 38.50-42.00, Lean- 85-90 70-1325 lbs. 30.50-34.75.

Slaughter Bulls: individual yield grade 1 1810 lbs. indicating 92 carcass boning percent 52.00, yield grade 2 1600-1790 lbs. indicating 77-79 percent 46.50-50.50.

Feeder Steers: medium and large frame #1 300-400 lbs. 115.00-122.00, 400-500 lbs. 99.00-115.00, individual 415 lbs. 118.00, 500-600 lbs. 89.50-99.00, 600-700 lbs. 83.00-87.50, includes 8 head black 659 lbs. 87.50, and 9 head Limousin 671 lbs. 85.00, few 705-770 lbs. 81.00-82.25, 828-870 lbs. 79.00-80.50, small frame #2 400-500 lbs. 92.00-112.00, 500-600 lbs. 85.00-93.00, 600-700 lbs. 82.00-89.00, 815-940 lbs. 75.75-77.25, large frame #3 (Holsteins) 465-560 lbs. 71.00-76.00, 600-700 lbs. 67.00-73.50, medium and large frame #1-2 (bull calves) 300-400 lbs. 112.00-118.00, 400-500 lbs. 94.00-112.00, 500-600 lbs. 83.50-97.50, 600-700 lbs. 77.00-84.00, few 730-735 lbs. 71.25-72.50.

Feeder Heifers: medium and large frame #1 300-400 lbs. 94.00-107.00, 400-500 lbs. 83.00-90.00, 500-600 lbs. 80.00-84.50, 600-700 lbs. 79.00-85.25, includes 5 head black 612 lbs. 83.25, and 9 head black 621 lbs. 82.00-87.00, 500-600 lbs. 75.00-80.00, medium and large frame #

Federal State Market News Tuesday, January 16 New OK Stockyards Maysville

Cattle Receipts: 846: Total receipts for the week: 1112: (Compared to last week) Slaughter cows 1.00-2.00 lower, slaughter bulls 2.00-3.00 lower, feeder steers under 600 lbs. 2.00-5.00 higher, over 600 lbs. steady to 1.00 higher.

Slaughter Cows: Breakers- 75-80 1100-1650 lbs. 37.00-44.00, Bone- 80-85 1025-1450 lbs. 38.00-41.50, Lean- 85-90 850-1300 lbs. 33.00-38.00, Lean- 85-90 850-1100 lbs. 27.80-30.00.

Slaughter Bulls: individual yield grade 1 1470 lbs. indicating 80 carcass boning percent 49.00, yield grade 2 1185-1335 lbs. indicating 75-78 percent 42.50-44.50.

Feeder Steers: medium & large frame #1 300-400 lbs. 113.00-130.00, 400-500 lbs. 94.50-113.00, 500-600 lbs. 87.00-94.50, 600-700 lbs. 80.00-87.00, includes 27 head black & Charolais cross 683 lbs. 85.25, 700-800 lbs. 79.50-87.95, includes 52 head black & smokes (Angus Certified Program) 731 lbs. 87.95, 800-900 lbs. 77.00-80.50, package 923 lbs. 74.00, small frame #1 300-400 lbs. 95.00-113.00, 400-500 lbs. 80.00-96.00, 500-600 lbs. 83.00-90.00, medium & large frame #2 400-500 lbs. 91.50-105.00, 500-600 lbs. 80.00-92.00, 600-700 lbs. 79.75-85.00, 700-800 lbs. 75.00-80.00, 800-915 lbs. 73.00-76.00, large frame #3 (Holsteins) 8 head 313 lbs. 89.00, 4 head 606 lbs. 79.00-82.33 lbs. 82.50, small frame #1 300-400 lbs.

Feeder Heifers: medium & large frame #1 300-400 lbs. 95.00-104.00, 400-500 lbs. 85.50-97.00, 5 head black 442 lbs. 98.25, 500-600 lbs. 80.00-86.50, includes 6 head Charolais cross 307 lbs. 86.50, 600-700 lbs. 75.00-82.75, includes 15 head Charolais cross 626 lbs. 82.75, 700-800 lbs. 75.00-78.50, small frame #1 400-500 lbs. 83.00-88.00, 500-600 lbs. 79.50-83.00, medium & large frame #2 300-400 lbs. 86.00-92.00, 400-500 lbs. 82.50-88.00, 500-600 lbs. 80.50-84.00, 600-700 lbs. 76.00-79.75, medium & large frame #3 300-500 lbs. 75.50-81.50, 500-600 lbs. 71.00-75.00.

Federal-State Market News Wednesday, January 17 New Gateway Livestock Auction Mt. Sterling

Cattle Receipts: 760: Total receipts for the week: 1526: (Compared to last week) Slaughter cows steady, slaughter bulls 2.00-3.00 higher, feeder steers and heifers steady to 2.00 lower. Feeder quality not near as attractive as last week's offerings.

Slaughter Cows: Breakers 75-80 1060-1800 lbs. 38.00-42.00, Bone- 80-85 1025-1360 lbs. 39.00-43.00, Lean- 85-90 980-1180 lbs. 35.00-39.00, Lean- 85-90 850-1095 lbs. 30.00-35.00.

Slaughter Bulls: yield grade 1 1765-2110 lbs. indicating 80-83 carcass boning percent 45.50-55.00, yield grade 1-2 1670-1710 lbs. indicating 75-79 percent 43.00-47.00.

Feeder Steers: medium and large frame #1 300-400 lbs. 113.00-125.00, 400-500 lbs. 96.00-108.00, 500-600 lbs. 86.00-98.00, includes 14 head black 586 lbs. 98.00, 600-700 lbs. 82.50-85.00, 700-800 lbs. 78.00-85.00, small frame #1 300-400 lbs.

95.00-113.00, 400-500 lbs. 92.00-103.00, 500-600 lbs. 83.00-92.00, 685-815 lbs. 70.00-75.00, medium and large frame #2 500-600 lbs. 84.00-91.00, 600-700 lbs. 80.00-85.00, 700-760 lbs. 76.00-80.00, small frame #2 450-550 lbs. 83.50-86.50, includes 21 head Charolais cross 460 lbs. 87.00, 500-600 lbs. 80.00-84.50, 600-700 lbs. 77.50-82.00, 700-800 lbs. 71.50-76.00, package 864 lbs. 67.00, 19 head medium and small frame #1 black 603 lbs. 80.50, small frame #1 350-500 lbs. 83.00-93.50, 500-600 lbs. 77.00-83.00, medium and large frame #2 300-400 lbs. 90.00-96.00, 400-500 lbs. 82.00-89.00, 500-600 lbs. 78.00, 82.00, 600-700 lbs. 75.00-79.00, small frame #2 425-575 lbs. 79.00-82.00, 600-700 lbs. 76.00-83.50, medium and large frame #3 400-600 lbs. 72.50-75.00.

Stock Cows and Calves: medium and large frame #1, indicating 4-8 years of age with 125-275 lb. calves at feet, 825.00-950.00 per pair. Medium and small frame #1-2, indicating 5-10 years of age, 535.00-750.00 per pair.

Stock Cows: medium and large frame #1, indicating 3-8 years of age and bred 5-8 months, 600.00-825.00 per head. Medium and small frame #1-2, indicating 5-10 years of age and bred 4-8 months, 550.00-610.00 per head.

Federal-State Market News Thursday, January 18 Paris Stockyards - Paris

Cattle Receipts: 929: Total receipts for the week: 1041: (Compared to last week) Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 higher, slaughter steers steady to 1.00 higher, most

Stock Cows: few medium and small frame #1-2, indicating 3-10 years of age and bred 4-9 months, 510.00-720.00.

Baby Calves: couple 210.00-240.00 per head.

Stock Cows and Calves: few medium and small frame #1-2, indicating 5-10 years of age with 125-250 lb. calves at feet 550.00-800.00 per pair.

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