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Dear Sir

We were bewildered when we read the newrelease concerning the dictates of an inmate at the William P Clements Unit, located at Amarillo Texas, bemoaning the fact that due to the increased crime rate we were having to expand the facilities to accomodate more of his soul mates and in doing so we disrupted his SOFTBALL FIELD and Federal Judge W W Justice appointed a special master to conduct an independent investigation of the complaint. We are in a sorry state of affairs when the Penal Institutions are run according to the dictates of the inmates. Where in the entire course of Criminal Justice does it say that once you are caught, tried, and convicted of a crime that the taxpayers must provide you with a SOFTBALL FIELD for your entertainment.

We protest this extravagant expenditure of our tax money. Criminals are suppose to be retained as punishment for crimes they committed, not to be entertained by our tax dollars. We are losing our perspective as far as crime, criminals, and punishment are concerned. We are so sensitive as to the criminals every need and want that we are losing our common sense. The Criminals are no long punished for their deeds, but are rewarded. Once in jail they get food, board, education, medical attention, conjugal rights, early release and we even pay them a little boot for have attended. The thought of a criminal actually being punished for their crimes in now considered Neanderthal thinking.

If the protest of a convicted felon is being addressed by a U S District Judge then we want our concerns in this matter addressed also. It being we do not want our tax dollars going for a SOFTBALL FIELD for the convicted felons entertainment. The purpose of jail time should be for the rehabilitation of criminals not for their entertainment at our expense. If the present laws do not uphold this fact then the present laws need to be rewritten.

Sincerely

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